



PRAISE OUR GOD,
all ye His servants

REVELATION 19:5

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “O Praise the Name”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we call out to You in these unstable times. Our lives often feel shaky, like we’re standing on unsteady ground.

ALL: But You, O LORD, have promised to be our Rock. You are our solid foundation.

PASTOR: And yet, we often don’t stand on You first. We depend upon our own strength, hoping to withstand the disastrous quaking of this broken life, of this sinful world.

ALL: Which is why we fall; we fail.

PASTOR: But You, LORD God, pull us back to our feet. You came as Jesus Christ to forgive our faults, to save us from our sins. You brought them to the cross to die, but only You returned to life three days later, promising us a new and eternal life with You in Your heavenly Kingdom. That is why we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ALL: Loving God,

Your oath, Your covenant, Your blood

Support me in the whelming flood

When all around my soul gives way

You then are all my Hope and Stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand

All other ground is sinking sand! Amen.

♪ Opening Song “In Christ Alone”

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:2

Psalm 18:2, 4-7, 9a, 13a, 16a, 19a

READER: 02 The LORD is my rock, my fortress,
and my savior.

**ALL: My God is my rock, in Whom I find protection...
He is my place of safety.**

READER: 04 The ropes of death entangled me,
the destructive floods swept over me...

**ALL: 05 ... and the grave wrapped its ropes around me.
Death laid a trap in my path!**

READER: 06 But in my distress I cried out to the LORD...

ALL: ... and my prayer reached His ears.

READER: 07 Then the earth quaked and trembled.

**ALL: The foundations of the mountains shook;
they quaked because of His anger.**

READER: 09a He opened the heavens and came down.

ALL: 13a The LORD thundered from Heaven!

READER: 16a He reached down from Heaven and rescued me;

ALL: 19a ... and He led me to a place of safety.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-6

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

John 21:1-9

The Nicene Creed

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father. Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven; by the
power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered
death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in**

accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bill Bakewicz

Sermon "Living in Today's World as a Believer in Jesus Christ"

♪ Our Offering of Worship

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

♪ The Sung Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever! Amen.

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing "Cornerstone"

Postlude

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

The Mission Statement of American Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
we seek to make the Kingdom of God real and present in our
world through ongoing worship, witness, and service.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Visitors are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, please contact Pastor Ethan or talk to one of the ushers about our American Lutheran Church family!

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Marlys Arenson, Cynthia Arlo, Lou Gramsey, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, JoAnn Schrader, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and the family of Ruth Zinter.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Kali Christensen in memory of Myron & Angie Ohland. Thank you for ensuring God’s Word can reach people over the airwaves!

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$75. Thank you!

Please consider signing up to serve as an usher or greeter. Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. See Blain Hall, Head Usher, with any questions.

Bible Readings for Next Week: April 3, 2022

Joshua 7:16-20 Acts 5:1-5
Psalm 112:5, 7-10 Matthew 6:2-5
Sermon Title: “Just Before Generous”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Music: Worship Team
Altar Guild: Marlyne Klinder	Acolyte: Logan Thom
Deacon: Blanche Tirk	Reader: Julie Schultes
Ushers: Karl & Beth Arenson	



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The April issue of The Daily Walk and copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

March is Food Share Month. The 2021 Food Pantry report is found on page 31 of the Annual Report or on a post on the bulletin board. Contributions are again welcome in 2022. There is a collection box in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Food Pantry treasurer, Julie Schultes. Thanks! Mission Committee

Please sign up for the Passover Seder Meal on the easel in the narthex if you would like to attend. The Seder Meal will be at 5:15 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 14th.

Palm Sunday Brunch sign-up sheets are posted on the easel in the narthex. Help is needed with various items. The brunch will be a fund raiser for our high school youth Summer Mission Trip.

Crocheting “Shoeboxers” – We have been blessed with some great quantities of cotton yarn for **Soap Saver Bags!** This is a fast, easy project which is super helpful for putting bars of soap in our Shoeboxes. I have a pattern (crochet) also which can be completed in 2+ hours! If you are interested, talk to Blanche. We put a bar of soap & a washcloth or soap saver bag in EVERY Shoebox (500+) we send!

OCC Shoebox Central Minnesota Team Meeting on Saturday, March 26th from 10 am to 11:30 am at American Lutheran Church, Long Prairie. Anyone interested in planning or learning more about our area OCC Shoebox project is welcome to attend.

We are in need of people to sign up to bring Easter lilies to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets

posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Be sure to mark how many you will bring and who they are in honor or memory of.

CHURCH OUTREACH

Missionaries: Dan and Nancy Butkowski; Dwight and Dorothy Hazard; Chris Mikkelson.

Prayer Partners is our confidential chain of prayer. To request a prayer, send an e-mail to prayer@americanlutheranchurch.org. If you would like your name added or removed from the Prayer Partners' e-mail list, contact Patty Ostendorf or Becky Hillig.

Our Mission Focus for March is our Long Prairie Food Shelf.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 109

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,733.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 2/28/22:

Budgeted needs: \$40,690.89

Receipts: \$30,147.94

Actual expenses: \$34,293.84

As of March 20th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$9,597.24 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

On-Line Donations: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHFM>



SALT AND LIGHT

10 WAYS TO REACH OUT AND
CONNECT WITH YOUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIEND

1. PRAY FOR THEM
2. TALK TO THEM AT CHURCH
3. SEND THEM A CARD OR LETTER
4. TALK TO THEM ON THE PHONE
5. READ A BOOK TOGETHER
6. BRING THEM THEIR FAVORITE TREAT
7. TEACH THEM SOMETHING NEW/GIVE THEM ADVICE
8. GO TO THEIR SPORTS GAME AND CHEER THEM ON
9. VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT DURING YOUTH GROUP
10. HAVE LUNCH WITH THEM AT SCHOOL

FOR QUESTIONS, IDEAS, OR CONTACT INFO — TALK TO ALYSSA FEARING

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. MATTHEW 5:16

YOUTH & FAMILY

March 27th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

April 9th: Palm Sunday Brunch Prep Day
April 10th: Palm Sunday Brunch
May 1st: First Communion Sunday
May 15th: Sunday School Program

Making summer plans?



Make plans for bible camp!

*Camp registrations are open
now for summer camps!*

Want a campership? You can go to camp for free by working at the church food stand during the Todd County Fair (July 14-17). Campership forms are on the Youth and Family table or talk with Kari Christians for more info!

Join us for

Palm Sunday Brunch

*Sunday, April 10th at 10:15am
following the 9:00 worship service*

*Serving: Egg Bake
Fresh Fruit
Coffee Cake
Coffee and Juice*

*Free Will Offering will go towards our
2022 Summer Youth Mission Trip to Pine
Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, on
July 29-Aug 6*

How's life? Want to talk about it?

Feel free to contact me.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 - 11:15am

SAVE THE DATES!

March 13th- Singing during Church

April 10th- Singing during Palm Sunday

May 1st- Mentors and May Day Baskets

- Mentors involved in "Salt and Light" are invited to join us during Sunday School for treats and a special May Day project
- Mentors: please bring your favorite wrapped treats for baskets!

May 8th- Last Day of Sunday School

May 15th- Spring Program during Church

July 17th-21st- VBS



FROM ASHES

GOD GROWS BEAUTY

🕒 5:15 P.M. MEAL ▶ 6:00 P.M. MUSIC + MESSAGE

- 🕒▶ **MAR. 02** 'LETTUCE LEAF' WITH THE HOWARDS
- 🕒▶ **MAR. 09** 'JUST A SMALL TOWN GIRL' WITH KYLE WINGE
- 🕒▶ **MAR. 16** 'BURRITO' WITH THE REYNOLDS WORSHIP BAND
- 🕒▶ **MAR. 23** 'TURN, TURN, TURN' WITH HARPIST CHRIS WARD
- 🕒▶ **MAR. 30** 'CLAY POTTER' WITH KEVIN + MIKE
- 🕒▶ **APR. 06** 'THE RAISIN'' WITH KEYS
- 🕒 **APR. 14** PASSOVER SEDER MEAL
- 🕒▶ **APR. 15** GOOD FRIDAY 'BEAUTIFUL THINGS'
- APR. 17** 7:00 AM. EASTER SUNDAY SONRISE WORSHIP

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Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Mar. 27th 9:00 am Worship Service

10:15 am Sunday School

10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study

Mon. Mar. 28th 6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice

Tue. Mar. 29th 9:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Mar. 30th 5:15 pm Family Night Supper

6:00 pm Lenten Worship Service with

**“Turn, Turn, Turn” message and music
by Kevin & Mike**

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sun. Apr. 3rd 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

10:15 am Sunday School

10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study

Sunday worship services are radio broadcast on KEYL 1400 AM and 103.1 FM, live-streamed on Facebook, and posted with video recordings of services later on our website.