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The wind blows
wherever it pleases

John 3:8 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.
LBW: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the green hymn book.

Prelude “Goodness of God”

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

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PASTOR: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection.

PASTOR: Most merciful God...

ALL: ...we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Announcement of forgiveness.

PASTOR: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Father God, we eagerly wait for Heaven, for the eternal Paradise life You have promised. But as we wait, inspire us to turn our eagerness into active energy, guiding us by Your Spirit so we can begin living for You here and now. We pray this in the holy name of Christ Jesus. Amen!

♪ Opening Song “Lead Me to the Cross”

First Reading

Isaiah 33:21-22, 24

Psalm 24:1-5, 9-10

READER: 01 The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it.

ALL: The world and all its people belong to Him.

READER: 02 For He laid the earth’s foundation on the seas...

ALL: ... and built it on the ocean depths.

READER: 03 Who may climb the mountain of the LORD?

Who may stand in His holy place?

**ALL: 04 Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,
who do not worship idols
and never tell lies.**

READER: 05 They will receive the LORD’s blessing...

**ALL: ... and have a right relationship with God,
with their Savior.**

READER: 09 Open up, ancient gates!

**ALL: Open up, ancient doors,
and let the King of glory enter!**

READER: 10 And who is the King of glory?

**ALL: The Lord of Heaven’s Armies –
He is the King of glory.**

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

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PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Luke 17:20-27

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Apostles Creed

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ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Already / Not Yet"

♪ Offering Song "Who You Say I Am"

✦ The Words of Institution

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Holy Communion

Song "Build My Life"

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

**ALL: Our Father, who 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever! Amen.**

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing Song "My Lighthouse"

Postlude

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

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, Lou Gramsey, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Benjamin Poegel, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and the family of Ruth Zinter.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Ron Conley in honor of family and friends. 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: March 13, 2022

Isaiah 29:13-14

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Psalms 101:1-7

Matthew 23:1-7

Sermon Title: “The Hip Hypocrites”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Music: Youth Worship Team

Altar Guild: Marlyne Klinder

Acolyte: Hunter Katterhagen

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Reader: Liza Hasse

Ushers: The Young family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 13th.

Baby Bottles 2022 - from 25 of 33 bottles dispensed to ALC members: ALC church people were very generous. These bottles totaled \$978.80. Thank you and praise God for His generosity through His people. Blessings, Peggy Stacey, Director of Pregnancy and Life Resource Center – Medical Center

We are in need of sponsors for our KEYL radio broadcasts for Sundays in 2022. The new sign-up sheet is available in the narthex if you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast. The cost is \$75.00 per Sunday which can be turned in to the church office.

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

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. A box for food donations is in the narthex. Food and money donations are needed. Earmark your monetary gift "Food Shelf" and we'll make sure they get it. March is **Minnesota Food Share** month.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 110

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,052.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 1/31/22:

Budgeted needs: \$22,060.05

Receipts: \$15,405.94

Actual expenses: \$14,247.86

As of February 27th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$10,542.95 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

March 6th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

April 9th: Palm Sunday Brunch Prep Day

April 10th: Palm Sunday Brunch

May 1st: First Communion Sunday

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!

Mission Trippers!



**Dates to
remember:**

**April 9: Palm
Sunday Brunch
prep (8:30-noon)**

**April 10th: Palm
Sunday Brunch
(10:00-noon)**

How's life? Want to talk about it?

Feel free to contact me.

Kari Christians (320)533-3021

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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





SALT AND LIGHT MENTORS: IMPACT THE WORLD RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!

Don't forget to check in with your Sunday school friend! Let them know you are thinking about them and praying for their family. Our Sunday school students love to know that ALC cares!

For questions, ideas, and 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

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. 6th **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study

Tue. Mar. 8th **9:00 am** Staff Meeting

Wed. Mar. 9th **9:30 am** Esther Circle
5:15 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Lenten Worship Service with “Just a Small Town Girl” message by Amy Smith and music by Kyle Winge
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sun. Mar. 13th **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study
11:15 am Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting

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.