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**BLESSED  
IS HE**

*who comes  
in the name  
of the Lord*

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American Lutheran Church (ALC) (LCA)

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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.

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Prelude Music

*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: LORD God, we are not always prepared to welcome You. While You hope to bring us into Your eternal heavenly Kingdom, that very idea somehow offends us.

**ALL: We feel invaded! You want Your way for our lives, but we want ours, and so we rebel. We rebel against Your reign, against Your perfect loving goodness.**

PASTOR: We have, after all, been building our own little kingdoms. In our imagination, we believe ourselves to be in charge. So, while we should greet You with shouts of joy, with the praise the Savior King deserves, we often sneer instead of cheer.

**ALL: But still You came!**

PASTOR: As Jesus Christ, You came to show us the glory of Your Kingdom, but Your mission also brought You to the cross. By dying, and by rising again, You won for us the victory over sin, death, and every power of evil. That is why we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, You come to us as the victorious Savior King. This week, as we reflect on that ultimate triumph, remind us of the riches You have given us as Your heirs, as heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. In You alone, we have faith and forgiveness, hope for eternity, and true and unyielding love! Amen.**

♪ Palm Processional “All Hail King Jesus”

**ALL: All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel:  
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.  
And thro’out eternity I’ll sing His praises,  
And I’ll reign with him thro’out eternity.**

Special Music “Hosanna to the King”

The Church Choir

First Reading

*Proverbs 1:7, 2:6*

Psalm 119:65-68

READER: <sup>65</sup> You have done many good things for me, LORD,  
just as You promised.

**ALL: <sup>66</sup> I believe in living by Your commands;  
now teach me good judgment and knowledge.**

READER: <sup>67</sup> I used to wander off until You disciplined me;  
but now I closely follow Your Word.

**ALL: <sup>68</sup> You are good and do only good,  
so teach me Your decrees!**

Second Reading

*Acts 17:16-20*

✦ ♪ Reading Response

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**ALL: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words  
of eternal life. Alleluia!**

♪ The Gospel, God’s Good News

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PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Matthew 5:13-16*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Special Music “Jesus Loves Me”

The Children’s Choir

Sermon “A City on a Hill”

**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.**

♪ Offering Hymn “All Hail the Power” (verses 1-4)

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✦ ♪ The Offering Response

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**ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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**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 Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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Postlude

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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**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 LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson).

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Gary & Gloria Larsen in honor of their grandchildren. 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 17, 2022**

Isaiah 25:6-9                      1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalms 47:5-8                      John 20:1-2

Sermon Title: “The Call”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Kari Christians

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ronelle Hasse

Deacon: Blain Hall

Reader: Marvin Poegel

Ushers: The Young family



## **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.

**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](mailto: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 the month of April is the Todd County Chaplaincy**, a program designed to develop trusting relationships with law enforcement, emergency personnel and provide intervention for those who are in crisis, and to offer a mentorship that will help them with accountability, making better choices, lending support, and acquiring necessary skills to be productive people. Our Todd County Chaplains act as first responders giving emotional and spiritual help to any agency or corporation where there is a critical incident or an accidental or natural fatality. The chaplains are on call for emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 157

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 27<sup>th</sup>, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$11,244.95 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

## **Contact Information:**

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook



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# YOUTH & FAMILY

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April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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SAVE  
THE  
DATE

April 27<sup>th</sup>: Last Family Night Supper for the season  
May 1<sup>st</sup>: First Communion Sunday  
May 4<sup>th</sup>: Quest Kids Family Night/2021-2022 Finale!  
May 15<sup>th</sup>: Sunday School Program



## Quest Kids!

### *Spring Schedule:*

April 13<sup>th</sup> – 6pm

April 20<sup>th</sup> – 6pm

April 27<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm

May 4<sup>th</sup>-Family Night-6pm

(Last Quest night!)



Summer dates to remember!

**July 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>:** Todd County Fair

**July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>:** VBS

**August 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>:** American

Lutheran Church's

"90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration"

*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



# 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

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

215 9TH STREET SE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

**Please Join Us**

Thursday  
April 28, 2022  
6:30 pm  
First Baptist Church,  
Long Prairie

*Discover the reason  
behind the empty  
chair...*



**Pregnancy and Life**  
Resource Center - Medical Clinic

*you're invited to:*  
**Share in Life  
Celebration**

**Fundraising Gathering**

✱ RSVP ✱  
call or text

(320) 874 0124

email [info@preg-resources.com](mailto:info@preg-resources.com)

**PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING A TABLE**

RESERVATIONS ARE  
NECESSARY  
as there is

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

*Catering by  
Smoke & Motion*



**Vannae Hanzel**  
of  
**Elevate Life**

Elevate Life is a life-affirming, non-profit organization that provides our affiliated network of pregnancy resource centers and clinics the support and services they need to thrive and build up a culture of life in their communities.

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am **Palm Sunday Worship Service**  
10:15 am **Sunday School**  
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study  
10:15 am **Palm Sunday Brunch**  
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting

**Mon. Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice

**Tue. Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am Staff Meeting

**Wed. Apr. 13<sup>h</sup>** 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle  
5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**  
5:50 pm Confirmation Class  
6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**Thu. Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>** 5:15 pm **Maundy Thursday Passover Seder Meal**

**Fri. Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 pm Choir Practice  
6:00 pm **Good Friday Service with “Beautiful Things” Message**

**Sun. Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 am Choir Practice  
7:00 am **Easter Sunrise Worship Service**  
9:00 am **Resurrection Worship Service**

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.