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Send out
thy light
and thy
truth

Psalm 43:3

American Lutheran Church (LCMC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Raise a Hallelujah”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, Your Word says that each of us is “fearfully and wonderfully made”, but it is difficult to see ourselves that way.

ALL: We lean too close to the mirror, focusing on our flaws, our imperfections, our disabilities, weakness, and wrinkles. Our growing pains and aging pains exhaust us.

PASTOR: These are signs of our broken world and symptoms of our dying, of death.

ALL: Help us! Save us! You’re the source of life, so heal us. Restore us!

PASTOR: That is what God promises through Jesus Christ: His death on the cross and return to life offer you a forgiven life now, freedom from sin, but also eternal life in Heaven. Then, we will not know the pain of bodily failure. Then and forever, we will be whole, and that is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day – Psalm 139:13-16a, 17a

ALL: Loving God, You crafted all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is amazing. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born, and every day of my life is recorded in Your book. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God! Amen.

♪ Opening Song “When We Gather”

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 11:8-10

Psalm 73:24-26

READER: ²⁴ You guide me with Your counsel, O God...

ALL: ... leading me to a glorious destiny.

READER: ²⁵ Who do I have in Heaven but You?

ALL: ... I desire You more than anything on earth.

READER: ²⁶ My health may fail,
and my spirit may grow weak...

**ALL: ... but God remains the strength of my heart;
He is mine forever.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1-5

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 10:28-31

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sermon “Some Body to Lean On”

♪ Our Offering of Worship

“There’s Something About That Name/ What a Beautiful Name”

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

♪ The 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 “Joy of the Lord”

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 Harlow, Lee Fearing, Lou Gramsey, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Judy Kennedy, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Celeste Miller, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson), and the family of Frank Barthel.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by the American Lutheran Church Choir in memory and honor of our friend Ruth on her birthday. 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: May 1, 2022

Isaiah 40:28-31 Romans 8:26-28

Psalms 82:1-2, 10-11 Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon Title: “For the Moments I Feel Faint”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Music: Worship Team

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ellianna Young

Deacon and Reader: Blain Hall

Ushers: Al & Melinda Bruder



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE FAIR IS COMING! The Todd County Fair will be July 14-17, 2022. We're already getting started, so check your newsletters and bulletins for more information about the food stand.

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 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: 181

General Fund receipts for last week: \$6,703.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 3/31/22:

Budgeted needs: \$58,775.73

Receipts: \$50,737.01

Actual expenses: \$54,628.02

As of April 17, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$8,294.17 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

April 24th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

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

Quest Kids!

Spring Schedule:

April 27th – 6 pm

May 4th-Family Night-6pm

(Last Quest night!)



Summer dates to remember!

June 10th-12th: Prairie Days

July 14th-17th: Todd County Fair

July 17th-21st: VBS

August 28th: American
Lutheran Church

"90th Anniversary Celebration"

THANK YOU!

The mission team would like to thank all who donated food or financially to our Palm Sunday Brunch. Your generosity has greatly blessed us!

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!

May 1st- Mentors and May Day Baskets

- Sunday School Students as well as Mentors and Mentees involved in "Salt and Light" are invited to join us during Sunday School for a special May Day project
- Mentors: please bring your favorite wrapped treats for our neighborhood basket activity!

May 8th- Last Day of Sunday School

May 15th- Spring Program during Church

- Please sign up in the fellowship hall to bring treats for this end of year celebration!

July 17th-21st- VBS

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Apr. 24th 9:00 am **Worship Service with Baptism**
10:00 am **Prayer at Altar after Service**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
10:15 am “What about ?” **Adult Bible Study**
11:30 am **Mission Committee Meeting**

Tue. Apr. 26th 9:00 am **Staff Meeting**

Wed. Apr. 27th 5:30 pm **Family Night Supper – ALCW Fundraiser**
5:50 pm **Confirmation Class**
6:00 pm **Quest Kids at Baptist Church**
6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thu. Apr. 28th 6:30 pm **Pregnancy Resource Center Fund Raiser at First Baptist Church**

Sun. May 1st 9:00 am **First Communion Worship Service**
10:15 am **Sunday School making May Day Baskets with Salt & Light Mentors**
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.