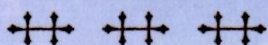


MY SOUL
THIRSTS FOR
YOU...
IN A DRY AND
WEARY LAND.



Psalm 63:1 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Make Room”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You give so freely. We see the good You created for us, every blessing of this world, and we know what You have done for us.

ALL: You forgave us when we wouldn’t forgive ourselves, saving us from sin, from death, and from the devil’s power.

PASTOR: But we still struggle with those enemies. We even fail to follow Your example of generosity.

ALL: Even so, You forgive. As Jesus Christ, Your cross and empty grave give us a new an eternal life, a fresh start each day to share the gifts we have with those who need them.

PASTOR: And that is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, fill us with Your Spirit, guiding us to see the opportunities we have to live justly, to follow Your example of generous love all the days of our lives. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Above All”

First Reading

Joshua 7:16-20

Psalms 112:5, 7-10

READER: ⁰⁵ Good comes to those
who lend money generously,
who conduct their business fairly.

**ALL: ⁰⁷ They do not fear bad news;
they confidently trust the LORD to care for them.**

READER: 08 They are brave and fearless
and can face any foe triumphantly.

**ALL: 09 They share freely and give generously to the needy
Their good deeds will be remembered forever.
They will have influence and honor.**

READER: 10 But the wicked will see this and be infuriated.

**ALL: They will grind their teeth in anger;
they will slink away, their hopes thwarted.**

Second Reading

Acts 5:1-5

“O Jesus, I Have Promised / I Need Thee Every Hour” The Church Choir

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 6:2-5

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

Sermon "Just Before Generous"

♪ Our Offering of Worship
"Revelation Song"

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion
"Hymn of Heaven"

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 "God So Loved"

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, 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 Barb Orr in honor of family who are such a blessing. 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 10, 2022

Proverbs 1:7; 2:6 Acts 17:16-20

Psalms 119:65-68 Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon Title: "A City on a Hill"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Music: Worship Team

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Blain Hall

Ushers: Larry & Deb Adamek

Reader: Kevin Dahl



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.

Please sign up for the Passover Seder Meal on the easel in the narthex by April 4th 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.

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 Aprilis 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: 86

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,873.50

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

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook



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

April 3rd, 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.

Kari Christians (320)533-3021

karichristians@yahoo.com

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. Apr. 3rd **9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study

Tue. Apr. 5th **9:00 am Staff Meeting**
5:30 pm Youth and Family Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Apr. 6th **5:15 pm Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm Lenten Worship Service with “The Raisin” message and music by Keys
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
7:30 pm Deacon Meeting

Sat. Apr. 9th **8:30 am – noon Palm Sunday Brunch Prep Day**

Sun. Apr. 10th **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

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.