

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
How I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown*

*O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary*

—George Bennard, 1913



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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.

Welcome to our Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service!

Tenebrae is the Latin word for “shadows,” and this type of worship has been practiced in Christian Church since the fourth century. During the service, our readers will recall the events that led Jesus Christ to the cross, and we will extinguish thirteen candles, one by one, dramatizing His suffering and death. The diminishing light symbolizes the fading devotion of Jesus Christ’s followers – the disciples – and our sins, which add to the world’s brokenness. At the end of the worship service, the sanctuary will be as dark and silent as Christ’s tomb.

The Lighting of Candles

We prepare our hearts for worship.

✦ Prayer of the Day – based on John 1:4b-5, 10-13

ALL: Almighty God, You came to us. When You lived among us as Christ Jesus, Your life was pure light in our dim world, the Light meant to guide us all. That Light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

You entered into the very world You created, but the world did not recognize You. Humanity, Your dearest creation, rejected You. But we have heard the good news: whoever does believe You, whoever accepts You, will become a child of God. We were once children of the darkness, but Your life, death, and return from the grave change us into children of the Light! Amen.

WE HAVE TURNED OUR BACKS ON THE LORD

A Candle is Extinguished

Matthew 26:30-35

A Candle is Extinguished

Mark 14:32-42

♪ Opening Hymn “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

#660 WOV

WE HAVE STRAYED FROM GOD'S PATH

- A Candle is Extinguished *Matthew 26:47-54*
A Candle is Extinguished *Luke 22:51b-53, Matthew 26:56b-58a*
♪ Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (verses 1-2) #109 LBW

WE HAVE DESPISED AND REJECTED HIM

- A Candle is Extinguished *Mark 14:55-65*
A Candle is Extinguished *Luke 22:55b-62*
♪ Hymn "O Sacred Head" (verses 1-2) #117 LBW

HE WAS OPPRESSED AND AFFLICTED FOR US

- A Candle is Extinguished *Matthew 27:1-5, 11-17*
A Candle is Extinguished *Luke 23:18-24*
♪ Hymn "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (verses 1-3) #098 LBW

HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR REBELLION

- A Candle is Extinguished *Matthew 27:26-31*
✦ Procession and Flogging Bell *Jesus was likely whipped 39 times.*
A Candle is Extinguished *Luke 23:32-35*
♪ Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #107 LBW

HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR SINS

- Confession and Forgiveness – based on Isaiah 53:3-12
PASTOR: He was despised and rejected...
ALL: ... a man of sorrows who knew true grief.

PASTOR: We turned our backs on Him, despising and ignoring Him.

ALL: But He still carried our suffering.

PASTOR: We thought His troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for His own sins!

ALL: ...but He was pierced for our rebellion and crushed for our sins.

PASTOR: The punishment we deserved was laid on Him, and so we are healed by His bruises. His sacrifice makes us whole.

ALL: Like sheep, we have all wandered. We have strayed from God's path to follow our own...

PASTOR: ...but the LORD laid that sin on Him. He was oppressed and afflicted...

ALL: ...but He did not protest.

PASTOR: He was led to the slaughter like a lamb...

ALL: ...but He did not protest.

PASTOR: He was taken away and sentenced to death. He was unjustly condemned.

ALL: Who could have imagined His future?

PASTOR: He was cut off from the land of the living.

ALL: And laid in a grave with the wicked.

PASTOR: He was innocent, but it was the LORD's good plan to crush Him with pain.

ALL: His life was offered to defeat sin.

PASTOR: The One who is right and good, the LORD's servant, will make many people righteous by taking their sins...

ALL: ...and they will share in His victory!

PASTOR: He poured Himself out to death, dying like a sinner to carry the sins of many.

ALL: He carried our sin to forgive our sins.

Special Music "Thy Will Be Done"

The Church Choir

A Candle is Extinguished

Luke 23:44-46

A Candle is Extinguished

John 19:38-42

Sermon “Beauty from Ashes”

♪ Hymn “Look, the Sight is Glorious” (verses 1, 4)

#156 LBW

WE SHARE IN HIS VICTORY

✦ 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.**

♪ Closing Hymn “Were You There”

#092 LBW

The Christ Candle is Extinguished

Strepitus *The Bible is slammed shut, reminding us of Christ’s tomb.*

The Days of Darkness

We exit in silence.

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, Karen Ness, JoAnn Schrader, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson), and the family of Frank Barthel.

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 24, 2022

Ecclesiastes 11:8-10 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Psalms 73:24-26 Matthew 10:28-31

Sermon Title: "Some Body to Lean On"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Kari Christians

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Blain Hall

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.

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: 190

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,445.41

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 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

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 HAPIST 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

Pregnancy and Life

Resource Center - Medical Clinic

you're invited to:

Share in Life Celebration Fundraising Gathering

*Catering by
Smoke & Motion*

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



*Vanessa 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.

★ RSVP ★

call or text

(320) 874 0124

email info@preg-resources.com

PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING A TABLE

RESERVATIONS ARE
NECESSARY
as there is

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE



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. 17th** **6:30 am** Choir Practice
 7:00 am **Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Communion**
 9:00 am **Resurrection Worship Service with Communion**
- Mon. Apr. 18th** **5:30 pm** Audio/Video Committee Meeting
 6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice
 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study
- Tue. Apr. 19th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Apr. 20th** **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due
 5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**
 5:50 pm Confirmation Class
 6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church
 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- Sat. Apr. 23rd** **9:00 am – 12:00 pm** First Communion Class
- 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

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.