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THE LORD is
nigh unto
all them
that call
upon him

PSALM 145:18

American Lutheran Church (ALC) (Lutheran)

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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 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: 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.

♪ Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen" (verses 1-4)

#130 LBW

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.

♪ The Kyrie, a Prayer for Mercy

PASTOR: In peace, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

ALL: Amen!

♪ Hymn of Praise

PASTOR: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

ALL: LORD God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, LORD God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, help me rest. I need to pause, to prioritize recovery so I can return to my busyness, so I can endure and stand tall during life's challenges, so I can face every day with renewed energy. Give me true rest in You, O LORD! Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

Psalm 82:1-2, 10-11

READER: 01 Honor the LORD, you heavenly beings;
honor the LORD for His glory and strength.

**ALL: 02 Honor the LORD for the glory of His name.
Worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.**

READER: 10 The LORD rules over the floodwaters.
The LORD reigns as king forever.

**ALL: 11 The LORD gives His people strength.
The LORD blesses them with peace.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-28

Special Music "Thy Will Be Done"

The Church Choir

✦ 🎵 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 eleventh chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 11:28-30

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "For the Moments I Feel Faint"

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 “Abide with Me” (verses 1-4)

#272 LBW

✦ ♪ 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.

The Words of Institution

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First Communion Blessing

† Cade Baker

† Adeline Ellingson

† Taylor Lubbers

♪ Communion Hymns

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (verses 1-4)

#320 LBW

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

#221 LBW

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.**

Farewell Blessing “Benediction”

The Church Choir

♪ Closing Hymn “What a Fellowship”

#780 WOV

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 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, and LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson).

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Robert Fox in memory of his wife, Norma Fox. 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 8, 2022

Probers 31:25-29 Galatians 5:19-23

Psalms 91:1-3 Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon Title: “No More Mister Nice Guy”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Kari Christians

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Mason Ellingson

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Reader: Jean Jacobsen

Usher: Chuck Eldred



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kensley Faith Gebhardt, the infant daughter of Andrew Gebhardt and Tori Jenkins, was baptized Sunday, March 24th. Her sponsors were Autumn Gothier and Averie Burg.

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! There are sign-up sheets on the easel in the narthex for food stand volunteers. The donation list will be posted after May 10. Check your newsletters and bulletins for more information about the food stand.

Think Baby Care Kits when garage saleing: A collection tote is in the narthex. Save the date: Baby Care Kit assembly, September 23rd and 24th. **Items NEEDED for Baby Care Kits!**

Six 6 months to 2T: ("Gently used" clothing is OK – but no camouflage or "patriotic", Long- or short-sleeve shirts, Pants (NOT onsies or with feet), One-piece sleepers WITHOUT feet, Socks, Jackets or sweaters, Receiving blankets, NEW hand towels (or bath towels big enough to be cut into 2 or more hand towels), Bars of soap (Preferably 4 oz. – NOT "hotel size"), Large or Extra-Large size men's T-shirts (to be made into diapers), Flannel sheets (to be made into diapers)

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 May...is our missionaries Dwight & Dorothy Hazard who serve through SIM (Servants In Mission). They are presently in the United States serving through SIM's headquarters in North Carolina.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 103

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,573.00

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 24, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$10,242.38 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

May 1st, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

May 1st: First Communion Sunday

May 4th: Quest Kids Family Night/2021-2022 Finale!

May 15th: Sunday School Program

May 22nd: Baccalaureate Service

Quest Kids Family Night!

Wednesday May 4th 6-7:30
First Baptist Church

We hope that you can join us as we close out this school year with a celebration! We will gather for a grill out meal (burgers and hot dogs), singing songs, and just spending time together to finish a fantastic year of Quest Kids.

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.

Kari Christians (320)533-3021

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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. 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

Tue. May 3rd **9:00 am Staff Meeting**

Wed. May 4th **5:00 pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting**
5:50 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids Family Night Finale at Baptist Church
7:30 pm Deacon Meeting

Thu. May 5th **Pray the Prairie Event**
6:00 pm National Day of Prayer Worship Service

Sun. May 8th **9:00 am Worship Service**
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study
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.