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COME UNTO ME...
*and I will
give you rest*

Matthew 11:28

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Turn Your Eyes”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You ask us to come to You with our worries. You ask to be allowed to provide comfort to us.

ALL: But we don’t take those requests seriously. Instead, we try to solve everything ourselves, or we ask advice from those who don’t actually have our best interests at heart.

PASTOR: Yet You continue to promise supernatural peace and clarity to those who depend on You, to those who listen to You, O LORD.

ALL: So forgive us for failing to trust You with our anxieties.

PASTOR: God came as Jesus Christ to win the forgiveness of this and every sin. On that cross, He declared victory through death, and He returned to life three days later to promise you a new and never-ending life with Him in Heaven. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day – “Serenity” by Reinhold Niebuhr

**ALL: Loving God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right**

**if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen!**

♪ Opening Song “New Doxology”

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Psalm 10:4-6, 17

READER: ⁰⁴ The wicked are too proud to seek God.

They seem to think that God is dead.

ALL: ⁰⁵ Yet they succeed in everything they do!

READER: They do not see Your punishment awaiting them.

They sneer at all their enemies.

ALL: ⁰⁶ They think, “Nothing bad will ever happen to us!

We will be free of trouble forever!”

READER: ¹⁷ But LORD, You know the hopes of the helpless.

ALL: Surely You will hear their cries and comfort them.

Second Reading

Jude 1:3-4

Special Music “Light!”

The Church Choir

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 5:17-19

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 "Anxiety"

Offering of Worship "Oceans"

Kari Christians & Lara Drum

Blessing of the Graduates

† Lara Drum † Reilly Jacobsen

The Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion
"Because He Lives"
"The Blessing"

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”

The Church Choir

♪ Closing “Build Your Kingdom Here”

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, Karl Arenson, Marlys Arenson, Lee Fearing, Lou Gramsey, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Judy Kennedy, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson), the family of Cynthia Harlow, and the family of Joan Faust.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Scott & Heather Marcyes in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary. 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 29, 2022

Daniel 12:1-2 Revelation 1:9-13, 17-20

Psalms 119:49-52 Matthew 24:30-31

Sermon Title: “Taking God for Granted”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Worship Team

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Logan Thom

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Reader: Betty Oliver

Usher: Chuck Eldred



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The June 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. There are sign-up sheets on the easel in the narthex for food stand volunteers and donations.

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: 111

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,128.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 4/30/22:

Budgeted needs: \$76,860.57

Receipts: \$69,794.42

Actual expenses: \$71,390.07

As of May 15, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$9,086.01 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

May 22nd, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

June 10-12th: Prairie Days

July 13th: Mission Trip Training 3:00-7:30pm

July 24th: Mission Trip Commissioning Service

Summer Dates to Remember!

June 10th-12th: Prairie Days



July 14th-17th: Todd County Fair

July 17th-21st: VBS



July 29-Aug 6: Youth Mission Trip



August 28th: American
Lutheran Church

"90th Anniversary Celebration"



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



NEW 2 U 2022

Friday, **JUNE** 24th 8-5pm
and Saturday, **JUNE** 25th 8-noon

Dear ALC family: You are invited to fellowship with other members in this project that serves our community and missions projects, etc.,,,

IN-GATHERING: ALCW will be accepting your donation gifts beginning: Friday, JUNE 10 through Thursday, JUNE 16th only! This deadline, 'cut off' date allows for necessary further preparations. **THANK YOU** for understanding and cooperation! The best hours to access the church to drop off your gifts is during office hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays 8a.m to noon and Wednesday's 8-4pm. You are also welcome to call Deb at 320 732 4184 to arrange an alternate time to bring your gifts.

PLEASE remember, we **can't** accept: TVs, electronics, large appliances, etc.. Also, we are **NOT** accepting **BOOKS** this year. [ALCW has great difficulty disposing of these items when left over.] Please put your donations in the designated Sunday School rooms. **NOTE** please: Those rooms will be different than in past years!

SORTING: and other prep work will also happen during the In-Gathering time. [June 10-16]

SET UP for the sale will begin Friday June 17. The entire congregation is welcome to help with this fundraiser. We do need “muscle” power, especially for set up and clean up. So please consider assisting with this project in any way possible.

ORGANIZING and pricing will be ongoing June 17 through 23rd. Our trustees ask that we work in ‘teams’ for safety and liability purposes.

SIGN-UP: Please sign-up to bring BAKED goods for the sale. [Please have at church kitchen by 7:30 a.m. Friday, June 24th. & Sign up to help with CLEAN UP Saturday June 25th beginning at 12:15 p.m. until finished.

Watch for: sign up sheets and further announcements to determine how you can serve the Lord in this event! Many hands make light the work! Blessings and THANK YOU in advance for sharing your time and talents!
Your ALCW

Dear Friends,

The Todd County Farm Bureau along with the Minnesota Farm Bureau would like to invite you an educational & networking dinner to have conversations on the topic of “Rural Resiliency & the Opioid Crisis in Rural America”. During this event we hope to share resources and have real open and raw discussion on this mental health and opioid addictions in our rural/farming communities.

This is a FREE dinner event will be held on June 2nd at 6:00 PM for Social Hour followed at 6:30 - 7:30 PM for a delicious chicken & ham buffet. The event will be held at the Clarissa Ballroom, Clarissa, MN. **You must RSVP to Debra Durham at (320) 766-8113 for meal counts.**

If you are unable to attend, please share with someone who may want to attend! Feel free to hang the attached poster up or pass along to others.

If your organization would like to set up a resource table on these topics, you are welcome to do so! Please let Debra Durham know when you RSVP.

This event is being sponsored by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation and the Todd County Farm Bureau.

We hope to see you there!

Ruth Meirick, MN Farm Bureau Foundation

Debra Durham

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. May 22nd **8:00 am** Board of Education Meeting
 9:00 am **Baccalaureate Worship
 Service**
 10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study

Mon. May 23rd **7:00 pm** Audio-Visual Committee Meeting

Tue. May 24th **9:00 am** Staff Meeting

Wed. May 25th **5:50 pm** Confirmation Class

Sun. May 29th **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**
 10:00 am **Prayer at Altar after Service**
 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.