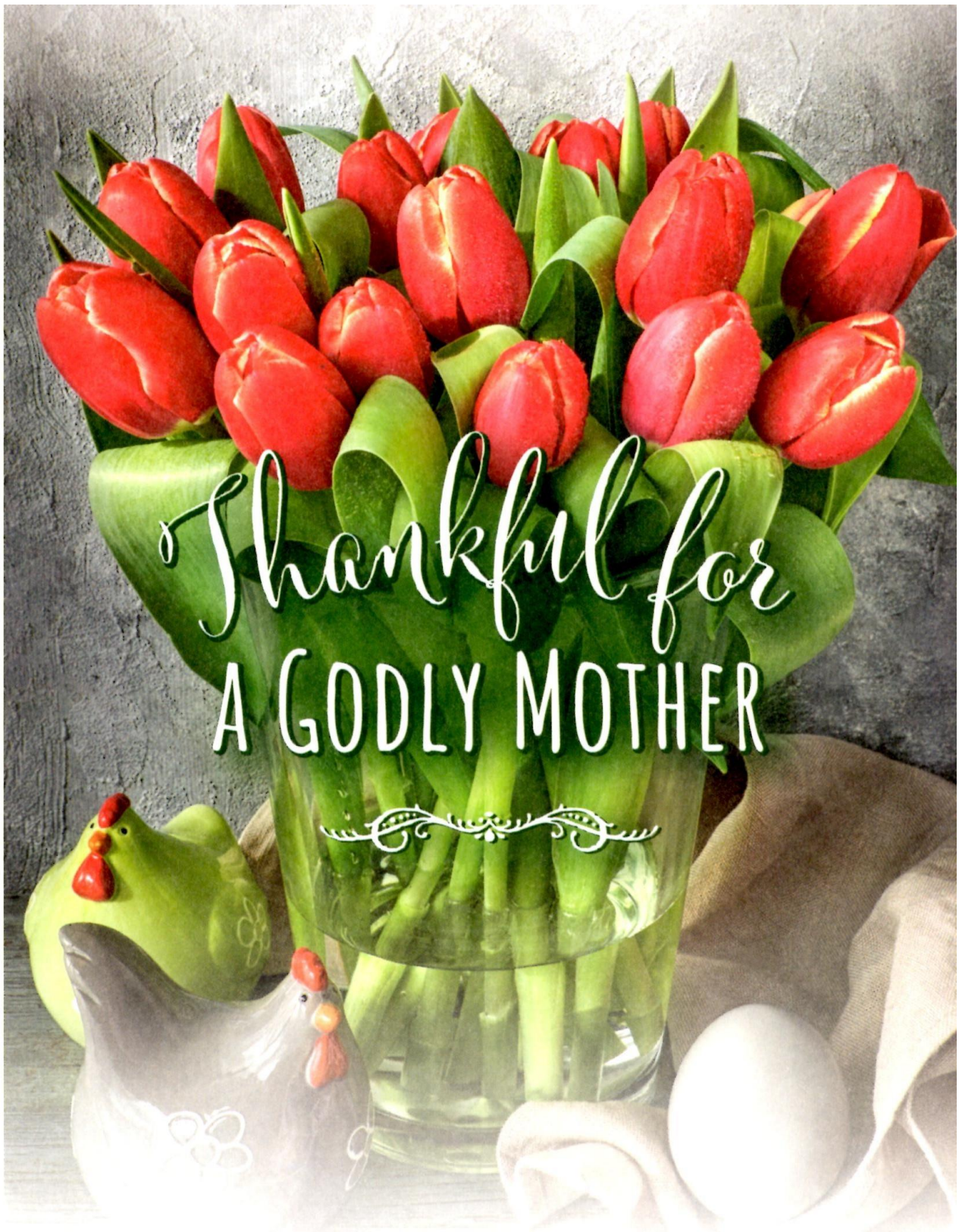


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✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.

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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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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, we want to be likable, to be well-mannered and accepted in this world. You ask even more of us, calling us to become truly good and kind. That isn't easy. Help us as we learn, because we all have difficult growth in our future, but we do want to share Your love with everyone we meet. Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 31:25-29

Psalm 91:1-3

READER: 01 Declare me innocent, O LORD,
for I have acted with integrity...

ALL: I have trusted in You without wavering.

READER: 02 Put me on trial, LORD, and cross-examine me.

ALL: Test my motives and my heart.

READER: 03 For I am always aware of Your unfailing love,

ALL: ... and I have lived according to Your truth.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:19-23

✦ 🎵 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 fifth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 5:43-48

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "No More Mister Nice Guy"

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 “Take My Life” (verses 1-4)

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✦ ♪ 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.

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.

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing Hymn “Lord of the Dance”

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 John & Jane Hasse in memory of their parents. 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 15, 2022

Jeremiah 17:7-8 Philippians 4:6-8

Psalms 94:16-19 Luke 12:22-32

Sermon Title: “Anxiety”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Kari Christians

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Evan Barthel

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Reader: Julie Schultes

Usher: Chuck Eldred



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! 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: 125

General Fund receipts for last week: \$5,294.00

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 May 1, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$9,469.59 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

May 8th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

May 15th: Sunday School Program
May 22nd: Baccalaureate Service

Mission Trip Update:

We received word from Next Step Ministries that the Pine Ridge Reservation will not be accepting visitors this summer. Therefore, our plans have changed and we will be serving the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, which is about 3.5 hours north of Pine Ridge. Nothing else about our trip has changed, and we anticipate the things God is going to do as we serve the people of Cheyenne River.

Thank you for your continued prayers!

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"

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. 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
- Mon. May 9th** **6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice**
- Tue. May 10th** **9:00 am Staff Meeting**
- Wed. May 11th** **9:30 am Esther Circle**
5:50 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- Sun. May 15th** **9:00 am Sunday School Program Worship Service**
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study
11:30 am Missions 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.