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**Protect
us by Thy
might,
Great God
our King!**

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American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Marvelous Light”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we have all taken a wrong turn. You wanted us to climb higher, to do the greatest possible good, but instead we have fallen down.

ALL: Now I am lost in the dark. Like a shadowy beast, it eagerly opened its mouth to swallow me down into death.

PASTOR: We therefore have no hope but You, O LORD. Only You can save us from this terrible fate!

ALL: Only You can change me to save me.

PASTOR: God came down to us as Jesus Christ for that very reason. His death on the cross miraculously forgives our faults and failures, and His return to life three days later promises you a new a never-ending life in God’s heavenly Kingdom. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

A Paraphrase of Jonah 2:1-9

ALL: When I was in trouble, I cried out to You, O LORD. You answered! I was drowning, the waves crashing over me. But as I sank down, down, to the very depths, You snatched me from that watery grave. Now, I will forever sing Your praises, keeping my promises to You as You have always kept Yours to me. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Here I Am To Worship”

First Reading

Jonah 1:17; 2:1-3, 9-10

Psalm 124:1-6a, 7b, 8

READER: 01 What if the LORD had not been on our side?

ALL: Let all Israel repeat:

02 **What if the LORD had not been on our side
when people attacked us?**

READER: 03 They would have swallowed us alive
in their burning anger!

**ALL: 04 The waters would have engulfed us;
a torrent would have overwhelmed us!**

READER: 05 Yes, the raging waters of their fury
would have overwhelmed our very lives.

ALL: 06a But praise the LORD!

07b **The trap is broken, and we are free.**

READER: 08 Our help is from the LORD,
the One who made heaven and earth!

Second Reading

Romans 6:5-8

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 12:38-41

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 "Pigeon 3: Jonah Rescued"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Abide With Me"

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

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 "Trading My Sorrows"

Sending Song "Turn Your Eyes"

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, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson), and the family of Lou Gramsey.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Dean & Julie Schultes in honor of their 45th 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: July 10, 2022

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 2 Chronicles 7:14
Psalm 69:9-13, 15 Matthew 11:20-24
Sermon Title: “Pigeon 4: Jonah Overturned”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver Acolyte: Ellianna Young
Deacon: Larry Adamek Reader: Deb Adamek
Ushers: The Dave Hasse family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Commemorative Kitchen Towels for our American Lutheran Church 90th Anniversary may be ordered by signing up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please leave payment of \$15 each with Lori in the office. The deadline for ordering towels is July 24th.

The July issue of The Daily Walk and copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

The American Lutheran Church Choir will be practicing this summer on August 10th and August 24th at 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in any way to promote 2022 New2U ALCW fund raiser sale! The Lord bless you for your kind service!
Deb for ALCW

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 July is our local outreach, Long Prairie missions. Spanish language bibles are purchased and distributed at the food shelf and fair stand. Coburns gift cards have been given out to people coming to the church in crisis.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 45

General Fund receipts for last week: \$1,881.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 5/31/22:

Budgeted needs: \$99,466.62

Receipts: \$88,994.42

Actual expenses: \$87,882.89

As of June 26, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$17,840.20 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Online Donations: [on Website](#)

Facebook Page: [American Lutheran Church](#)

Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

YOUTH & FAMILY

July 3rd, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

July 13th: Mission Trip Training 3:00-7:30pm
July 24th: Mission Trip Commissioning Service

Summer Dates to Remember!

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"



JOIN THE FUN!

VBS 2022

JULY 17TH – 21ST

5:00 – 7:30PM

SUPPER PROVIDED

AGES 4 YEARS – 5TH GRADE

REGISTER HERE!

OR CALL 320-732-2932



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

215 9TH ST SE, LONG PRAIRIE MN, 56347

VBS NEEDS YOU!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

PARADE FLOAT PARTICIPANTS

- June 11th – meet at church to decorate the float at 4:30pm

KITCHEN HELPERS

- Sign up in the Narthex, July 17th – 21st supper from 5 – 5:30pm

VBS STATION HELPERS

- Adults and children 6th grade and older
- Help our leaders with Greeting, Crafts, Music, Tech, Games, and Shepherding Groups

BIBLICAL TIMES MARKETPLACE DÉCOR

- Wicker baskets, colorful Middle-Eastern looking tapestries, fake foliage, large cardboard pieces that can be turned into cobblestone walls, etc.
- Donated and borrowed items can be given to the church office between now and the beginning of July

Questions? Want to help but don't want to lead?

Can only participate part of the week? No worries – we're flexible!

Talk to Laurie Barthel, Jody Ellingson, Jan Richter, Alyssa Fearing, Celeste Miller, or Pastor Ethan Fearing for more details on how you can help our community with VBS!



90 Exciting Plans

That is a slight exaggeration! There may not be 90 plans on the table, but American Lutheran 90-year church anniversary will be fun and exciting! **AND – WE WANT TO BE SURE YOU** are participating in as many ways as possible. We want to remind you of some responses we want from you!

~ **First** – Tell all your family or friends who have been ALC members about the upcoming celebration. There are “Save the Date” postcards on the table in the narthex which we encourage you to send out.

~ **Please RSVP** to the church at PO Box 119 or phone # 320-732-2932. And, as you rsvp, please let us know how many will be participating in our catered **lunch** and also if you want to be part of a *reunion choir*. **Lunch** will be a 2-meat meal served by Clarissa Ballroom; *reunion choir* will include a short rehearsal sometime early Sunday afternoon

~ **PLEASE search your memory** for your favorite anecdote(s) from your times at ALC. Submit a written copy(ies) to Blanche Tirk at ALC, PO Box 119, ATT: Blanche Tirk **OR** bitlp.tirk@gmail.com so we can compile a fun anniversary booklet which will be distributed to all in attendance

~ **If you have any anniversary suggestions**, please share ideas with Laurie Fevig,

~ **Plan to be here** on Sunday, August 28

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. July 3rd 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Tue. July 5th 9:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed. July 6th 4:00 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting

Sun. July 10th 9:00 am Worship Service
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.