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A
season
for every
activity
under
heaven

Ecclesiastes
3:1 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALMC)

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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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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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: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

ALL: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: "Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever! Amen." This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia! Alleluia!

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, You created each of us with great care and amazing detail, and You made us to represent You in the world. We don't always live up to that purpose. We even choose to ignore Your hopes and dreams for us, and that rebellion leaves us feeling empty – how depressing! But You, O LORD, do everything possible to rescue us. You restore meaning, so help us to live the new and never-ending lives You have given us through Jesus Christ. Amen!

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-28, 31

Psalm 40:1-4a, 6

READER: 01 I waited patiently for the LORD to help me,
and He turned to me. He listened, hearing my cry.

**ALL: 02 Then He lifted me out of the pit of despair,
out of the mud and the mire.**

**He set my feet on solid ground
and steadied me as I walked along.**

READER: 03 He has given me a new song to sing,
a hymn of praise to our God!

**ALL: Many will see what He has done and be amazed.
They will put their trust in the LORD.**

READER: 04a Oh, the joys of those who trust the LORD!

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:8-10

✦  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 John, the fourteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

John 14:15-19

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Defeating Depression"

✦ The Apostles Creed

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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 "This Is My Father's World"

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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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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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.

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 June 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 14th at 6:30 p.m.

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 June is our Food Stand at the Todd County Fair. Proceeds from the fair help send our youth to summer camp and go on mission trips.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 84

General Fund receipts for last week: \$5,241.07

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 5, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$12,053.57 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

June 12th, 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!



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

Live music, an honest message, and good fellowship!
BRING A CHAIR & WE'LL SEE YOU THERE

All are welcome for

LAKESIDE WORSHIP

June 26, 2022 • 9:00 a.m. • Charlotte Lake
To plan an in-lake baptism, call 320-874-0104



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. June 12th Performing Arts Camp
9:00 am Worship Service
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting

Tue. June 14th **9:00 am** Staff Meeting

Wed. June 15th **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due

Sun. June 19th **9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**
10:30 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.