

*Thy lovingkindness  
is before mine eyes*

Psalm 26:3



*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Gathering Song

*We prepare for worship.*

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, as we journey through life, we choose paths. Some You have planned for us. Other paths You have warned us not to travel, but still we wander them.

**ALL: We lose sight of the good goal You have promised.**

PASTOR: And we lose ourselves, but then You hear our cry.

**ALL: Turn us! Save us! Bring us back to Your perfect plans.**

PASTOR: That's what God came as Jesus Christ to achieve. He turned to the cross to win the forgiveness of every sin, of every wandering. Three days later, He returned to life, a sign that God can always find you and bring you back to life, both now and forever. 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 "Holy is the Lord"

First Reading

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Psalm 69:9-13, 15

READER: 09 Passion for Your [temple – O LORD,  
and a zeal for Your] house – has consumed me...

**ALL: ... but the jeers of those who insult You**

**have also fallen on me.**

READER: <sup>10</sup> When I weep and fast,  
they scoff at me.

**ALL: <sup>11</sup> When I dress in burlap to show sorrow,  
they mock me!**

READER: <sup>12</sup> I am the favorite topic of town gossip,  
and all the drunks sing about me.

**ALL: <sup>13</sup> But I keep praying to You, O Lord,  
hoping You will show me favor.**

READER: In Your unfailing love, O God,  
answer my prayer. Answer by saving me!

**ALL: <sup>15</sup> Don't let the floods overwhelm me,  
or the deep waters swallow me,  
or the pit of death devour me.**

Second Reading

*2 Chronicles 7:14*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Matthew 11:20-24*

♪ The Creed "We Believe"

Children's Sermon "Jesus Loves Me"

Sermon "Pigeon 4: Jonah Turned"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "How Great is Our God"

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

**ALL: ...hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 “Champion”

Sending Song

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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**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 Wiegers, and LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson).

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by LaMoine and Linda Hatton in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> 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 17, 2022**

Jonah 3:10-4:5      Romans 12:14, 17-21

103:8-18      Luke 6:27-31

Sermon Title: “Pigeon 5: Jonah Forgiven”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Blain Hall

Musicians & Readers: Crosswalk

Acolyte: Mason Ellingson



## **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 90<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Lunch Sign-Up sheet** is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign-up so we can get a head count for the caterers. The reunion lunch will be Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and there will be no charge for this meal.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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: 64

General Fund receipts for last week: \$5,131.00

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 \$17,230.41 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

**Contact Information:**

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# YOUTH & FAMILY

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

July 13<sup>th</sup>: Mission Trip Training 3:00-7:30pm

July 24<sup>th</sup>: Mission Trip Commissioning Service

## Summer Dates to Remember!

July 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: Todd County Fair



July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: VBS



July 29-Aug 6: Youth Mission Trip



**August 28<sup>th</sup>**: American  
Lutheran Church  
"90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration"







## *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](mailto: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

# JOIN THE FUN!

## VBS 2022

JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup>

5:00 – 7:30PM

SUPPER PROVIDED

AGES 4 YEARS – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

REGISTER HERE!

OR CALL 320-732-2932



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# VBS NEEDS YOU!

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

### PARADE FLOAT PARTICIPANTS

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

### KITCHEN HELPERS

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

### VBS STATION HELPERS

- Adults and children 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church**

**Sun. July 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service**  
**7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting**

**Mon. July 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Board of Education Meeting**

**Tue. July 12<sup>h</sup> 9:00 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. July 13<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm Mission Trip Training**  
**7:00 pm Church Council Meeting**

**Thu. July 14<sup>th</sup> – Sun. July 17<sup>th</sup> Todd County Fair Stand**

**Sun. July 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**5:00 pm Vacation Bible School**

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.