



Ah, Sovereign LORD,
you have made the heavens
and the earth

Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” *We prepare for worship.*

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we struggle to understand why You would love our enemies. And even when we accept the fact that You do, we struggle with You wanting us to love them, too.

ALL: How can we love those who hate us? How can we possibly care for those we despise?

PASTOR: That’s not how human beings are...

ALL: ... which shows our brokenness. It is not natural for us to love.

PASTOR: Good news: the Bible tells us “God is love.” If anyone can fix us, ending our grudges and replacing them with honest love, it is the LORD. That’s why He came to us as Jesus Christ, forgave our every sin at the cross, and rose again to give you a new and eternal life in His heavenly Kingdom. God did all of that so you might learn to forgive as He has forgiven, to love as He loves. 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 “Blessed Assurance”

First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:5

Psalm 103:8-10, 12, 17-18

READER: 08 The LORD is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

**ALL: 09 He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.**

READER: 10 He does not punish us for all our sins;
He does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

**ALL: 12 Instead, He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.**

17 This is how we know the love of the LORD remains forever
with those who respect Him.

**ALL: His salvation extends to the children's children
18 of those who are faithful to His covenant,
of those who obey His commandments!**

Second Reading

Romans 12:14, 17-21

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Luke 6:27-31

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 5: Jonah Forgiven"

♪ Our Offering of Worship
"Jesus Paid It All"

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, 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 "Psalm 23"

Sending Song "Glory to His Name"

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 Wiegers, LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson), and the family of Lou Gramsey.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Jonathan & Joni Young in honor of their 15th 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 24, 2022

Proverbs 4:18-22

James 1:19-25

Psalms 116:1-7

Matthew 13:1-9

Sermon Title: “Do You Have Ears?”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Musician: Ken Howard

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Connor Flan

Deacon and Reader: Deb Fearing



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

90th 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 28th and there will be no charge for this meal.

SARAH CIRCLE'S SPECIAL SUMMER OUTING is tomorrow, July 18! Our hope is that Sarah Circle members have been planning to join our ROAD TRIP to Joann Manlove's home near Hubbard where we will share fellowship, delicious food and our monthly Bible study! Plans are to meet at church tomorrow morning at 8:45 for a brief send-off devotion & prayer. Departure is set for 9 AM. If you could volunteer to drive, please tell Deb Fearing or Blanche Tirk today.

“See our accumulating Treasure” Day on Wednesday July 27. We need to have a fun Shoebox organizing day. You have been so faithfully bringing in gifts all year that we can almost not get into our room! We are NOT complaining! This is a wonderful blessing. However, we do need to start counting and figuring in which areas there is still a need. Anyone who has all or part of the 27th open is invited to come help beginning around 9:30 am throughout the day. There are tasks as simple as counting & unwrapping to be done. Love to see U here!

The August 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.

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: 96

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,618.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 6/30/22:

Budgeted needs: \$117,551.46

Receipts: \$102,012.49

Actual expenses: \$108,790.54

As of July 3rd, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$18,133.62 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

July 17th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

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"





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

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



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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!

