



*GIVE THE WINDS
A MIGHTY VOICE*
JESUS SAVES

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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 "Here in This Place"

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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 don't always value what You value. You treasure the real and true, the lasting, and the good. We are easily tricked to chase after everything that's easily broken and harmful. Save us from becoming kings and queens of garbage piles! Show us what You value and, by Your Holy Spirit, guide us to strive for heavenly treasure. Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 11:1, 4

Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10

READER: 01 How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord of Heaven's Armies!

**ALL: 02 I long – yes – I faint with longing
to enter the courts of the LORD!**

READER: With my whole being, body and soul,
I will shout joyfully to the living God!

**ALL: 04 What joy for those who can live in Your house,
always singing Your praises.**

READER: 10 A single day in Your courts
is better than a thousand anywhere else!

**ALL: I would rather be a gatekeeper in my God's house
than live the good life in the homes of the wicked.**

Second Reading

James 5:1-6

✦ 🎵 Reading Response

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**ALL: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words
of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

🎵 The Gospel, God's Good News

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PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 13:34-35, 44-46

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "What Do You Treasure?"

✦ 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 "What Wondrous Love is This"

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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.

The Words of Institution

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Holy Communion

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 “Rise Up, O Saints of God”

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Postlude

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

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, Karl Arenson, Marlys Arenson, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Donna Schneekloth, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson).

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Sue & Dennis Kanaski in honor of their 20th 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: August 7, 2022

Lamentations 3:22-24 Galatians 6:7-10

Psalm 16:7-11 Luke 18:1-8

Sermon Title: “Can You Continue?”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Musician: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Logan Thom

Deacon & Reader: Blanche Tirk



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fair Stand Board would like to announce: We have left-over food at the fair stand to sell to church members. At the present time we have french fries, onion rings, hamburger buns and a couple packages of hot dog buns. We would like to have this gone by Sunday, so we can clean and close up for the winter. We will be at the fair stand on Sunday, after church. If you're interested, the board will be available to help with sales.

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.

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. and August 28th at 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (reunion choir practice).

Esther Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 10, 9:30 a.m. at the church. We will be starting a new Women of Faith study entitled "Understanding Purpose".

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: 80

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,489.00

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 24th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$17,767.04 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

YOUTH & FAMILY

July 31st, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

August 14th: Mission Trip Sharing Service

August 24th: Church Family Night at the Drive In

August 27th: Anniversary Kick-off Bonfire at ALC 6:00pm

August 28th: Anniversary Worship Service/Games, etc. to follow!

2022 Mission Trip Itinerary

Thank you for "praying through" our trip with us!

Friday, July 29th: Depart ALC at 8:00 AM- Travel day to Rapid City, SD with a few sightseeing stops along the way

Saturday July 30th: Sightseeing around Rapid City: Mount Rushmore, Custer State Park, the Badlands

Sunday July 31st: Church in Rapid City, followed by lunch and then travel to Eagle Butte, SD; home of Cheyenne River Reservation

Monday-Friday August 1-5th: Mission Trip work days on Cheyenne River Reservation through Next Step Ministries

Saturday, August 6th: Travel back to Long Prairie

Sunday, August 14th: Mission Trip Sharing Service

Youth Missionaries: Ashlyn Christians, Sira Christians, Connor Flan, Evan Flan, Gavin Hasse, Ronelle Hasse, Rebekah Hibbs, Ashley Larson, Ayla Larson, Addison Young, Ellianna Young

Trip Leaders: Kari Christians, Sierra Larson, Jonathan Young



90th Anniversary Plans

Time is drawing close for the celebration of 90 years in the life of American Lutheran Church. Many plans are being finalized and many of you have responded. However, IF you have NOT indicated HOW you will participate, PLEASE do that now!

Remember - tell your family and friends who have been ALC members about the celebration. Encourage everyone to be here on August 28!

Sign up or call the church office to indicate how many of you will be here for the noon meal. Lunch will be a 2-meat meal with "fixings" served by Clarissa Ballroom.

Plan to sing in the **reunion choir**. Reunion choir rehearsals will be that day (August 28) at 8 AM & 12:30AM.

And a **FINAL CALL**: PLEASE search your memory **TODAY (by August 1)** for your favorite anecdote(s) from your times at ALC. We also plan to include some photos, so if you have an outstanding "shot" of something that happened here, please include it. We will possibly have to limit the number of photos, but would like to have a varied selection from which to choose!

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. Tell us of your favorite activity or happening, maybe something amusing you remember observing or being a part of, a way in which you might have been moved or blessed by ALC. **WHAT POPS INTO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF ALC?**

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Fri. July 29th – Sat. Aug. 6th Youth Mission Trip

Sun. July 31st **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am Board of Education Meeting

Tue. Aug. 2nd **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Aug. 3rd **5:30 pm** Audio-Visual Committee Meeting

Sun. Aug. 7th **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion
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.