



*In Him
we live, and move,
and have our being.*

Acts 17:28

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Springtime”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

Based on 1 Peter 2:25, 5:8-9

PASTOR: LORD God, we are often like sheep who wander far from You.

ALL: Without Your guiding hand, I stumble down dangerous paths. I find trouble, I make trouble, and I get lost.

PASTOR: And while we are far from You, our enemy is near. The devil prowls like a roaring lion, looking to devour us!

ALL: Help! Save me! Find and rescue me, LORD God, Shepherd and Guardian of my soul!

PASTOR: God has and continues to save you. That’s why He came to us as Jesus Christ, and it’s why He died on the cross. The miracle of that sacrifice forgives our sins, and God rising again three days later brings us back to Him now and forever. We are destined for His heavenly flock!

ALL: With my faith in the LORD’s strength, the devil is defeated!

PASTOR: And that is why we worship the Good Shepherd today.

Prayer of the Day

Based on Isaiah 40:11

ALL: Loving God, like a herder of sheep, You have promised to feed Your flock. You will carry the lambs in Your arms, holding them close to Your heart. Gently lead us through the wilderness of this broken world, bringing us safely into Your green pasture! Amen.

♪ Opening Song “God So Loved”

First Reading

Jeremiah 50:4-7

Psalm 23

READER: 01 The LORD is my shepherd,
so I have everything I need.

**ALL: 02 He lets me rest in green meadows,
and He leads me beside peaceful streams.**

READER: 03 He renews my strength.
He guides me along the right paths...

ALL: ... which is an honorable credit to His name.

READER: 04 Even when I walk
through the darkest valley...

ALL: I will not be afraid...

READER: ... for You are close beside me.

**ALL: Your rod and Your staff
protect and comfort me.**

READER: 05 You prepare a feast for me
where all my enemies can see.

**ALL: You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings!**

READER: 06 Surely Your goodness and unfailing love
will pursue me all the days of my life...

ALL: ... and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading

James 5:19-20

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Luke 15:1-7

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

Good News from the Mission Field

♪ Our Offering of Worship

“Rest On Us”

“Here Again”

“Battle Belongs”

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 “Graves Into Gardens”

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, Darlene Germain, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, the McBrown's 2-year-old grandson, Karen Ness, Donna Schneekloth, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson), and the family of Dave Zinter.

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Russ & Jean Jacobsen in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary and their 57th year of being members of this church. 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 21, 2022

Nehemiah 1:9 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Psalms 94:17-22 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-20

Sermon Title: "Are We Lost Again?"

Worship Leaders

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| Pastor: Ethan Fearing | Deacon: Blanche Tirk |
| Altar Guild: Betty Oliver | Acolyte: Addison Young |
| Music & Readers: Mission Trip Youth | |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Volunteers needed for Wednesday Night Suppers! Team members are needed for our Wednesday Night supper groups. If you can't help on Wednesdays, we still need people to bring bars and salads. The more people that help, the less work for everyone. Please call, text or email Cassie Katterhagen, 701-866-9957, cassie.katterhagen@gmail.com.

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 24th at 6:30 p.m. and August 28th at 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (reunion choir practice).

We have been asking you for your ALC MEMORIES! You have been responding and that is appreciated. Memories can lead to some very fun conversations! One more easy request – on the bulletin board in the narthex is the beginning of a list of names of some of our members from many decades who have now joined the SAINTS in Glory! If there is a friend or family member you especially remember as an important person in your ALC past, we would like you to add their name to our list. We hope to dedicate the many anecdotes that are shared to these SAINTS!

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 the month of August is our radio broadcast ministry through KEYL. We are thankful for all of you who are willing to support this with your donations.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 59

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,796.00

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 August 7th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$20,972.46 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

YOUTH & FAMILY

August 14th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

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!

Church Drive-In Family Fun Night

6:30 pm Wednesday, August 24th

at the Long Prairie Drive-In



Anniversary Kick-off Bonfire

6:00 pm Saturday, August 27th

at church with hotdogs and s'mores



90th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, August 28th

10:15 am (Following Worship Service)

Fellowship Fun – Games on the Grounds
(or in the Youth Room)





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.

CALLING ALL PEOPLE OF GOD!

9.11.2022

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

TEACHERS WILL TEACH ONCE A MONTH ON A
ROTATION DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.



IF GOD HAS PUT IT ON YOUR HEART TO TEACH,
PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD OF ED MEMBER (JODY ELLINGSON, JAN RICHTER
LAURIE BARTHEL, OR ALYSSA FEARING) OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND



Salt & Light

MATTHEW 5: 13-16

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A CLASS FROM AGE 2 – 18. CHILDREN AGES 2 – 3 SHOULD ATTEND WITH AN ADULT. SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11TH AND WILL RUN FROM 10:15–11:15AM THROUGH MAY.

WE LOVE OUR ALC KIDS! CREATE GODLY COMMUNITY AND SIGN UP YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT TO CONNECT WITH AN ALC MEMBER!

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
SALT & LIGHT BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE WITH YOUR
PHONE'S CAMERA





American Lutheran Church 90th Anniversary Extravaganza Schedule of Events

Saturday, August 27th

6:00 p.m. Kick-off Bonfire with Hotdogs and S'mores Buffet

Sunday, August 28th

8:00 a.m. Reunion Choir Practice

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Fellowship Fun

- Coffee in the Fellowship Hall
- Games on the Grounds (or in the Youth Room)
- Memorabilia Display in the Narthex Gathering Area

12:00 p.m. Catered Lunch

12:30 p.m. Reunion Choir Practice

1:00 p.m. Closing Ceremonies

- Hymn Sing (song requests)
- Sharing of Memories
- Good News: Pastor Bill Bakewicz, Pastor David Sorenson, Pastor Sarah Carlstrom

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Aug. 14th 9:00 am Mission Trip Sharing Worship Service
10:15 am Reception for Kari Christians

Mon. Aug. 15th 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Tue. Aug. 16th 9:00 am Staff Meeting
9:30 am Baby Care Kit Work Day

Wed. Aug. 17th 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due

Thu. Aug. 18th 3:00 pm Board of Education Meeting

**Sun. Aug. 21st 9:00 am Outdoor Worship Service with
Communion**
10:15 am Potluck following worship service
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.