

To him who
is thirsty I will
give to drink
without cost
from the
spring of the
water of life

Revelation 21:6 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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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.

**Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to You in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
gather us in – the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
we are the old – who yearn for Your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
gather us in – the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is You.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, lightyears away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in – and hold us forever,
gather us in – and make us your own.
Gather us in – all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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 call You our Heavenly Father, the Father who loves perfectly. Do we act like that is true? No. We distance ourselves from You, we grow selfish, and we fail to live as Your children. Forgive us, Father. Guide us back to You, so we might live in Your house now and forever! Amen.

First Reading

Nehemiah 1:9

Psalm 94:17-22

READER: 17 Unless the LORD had helped me,
I would soon have settled in the silence of the grave.

ALL: 18 I cried out, "I am slipping!"

but your unfailing love, O LORD, supported me.

READER: 19 When doubts filled my mind,
Your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.

ALL: 20 Can unjust leaders claim the same?

**Can the leaders whose decrees permit injustice
claim God is on their side?**

READER: 21 No! They gang up against the righteous
and condemn the innocent to death.

**ALL: 22 But the LORD is my fortress;
my God is the mighty rock where I hide.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

✦ 🎵 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 Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-20

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Are We Lost (Again)?"

✦ 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 "In the Morning When I Rise"

#777 WOV

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

REFRAIN

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

**Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was cry,
dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. REFRAIN**

**Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day, give me Jesus. REFRAIN**

**Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. REFRAIN**

**And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing
and when I want to sing, give me Jesus. REFRAIN**

✦ **♪ 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#439 LBW

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge –
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

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 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 Bob & Tammie Chapin in honor of their 45th 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 28, 2022

1 Samuel 12:24 Colossians 3:23-24

Psalms 67 Matthew 19:23-30

Sermon Title: “Who Wants to Be First?”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ronelle Hasse

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Reader: Janie Thole



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

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: 96

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,058.00

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 14th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$22,435.67 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

YOUTH & FAMILY

August 21st, 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)





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

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



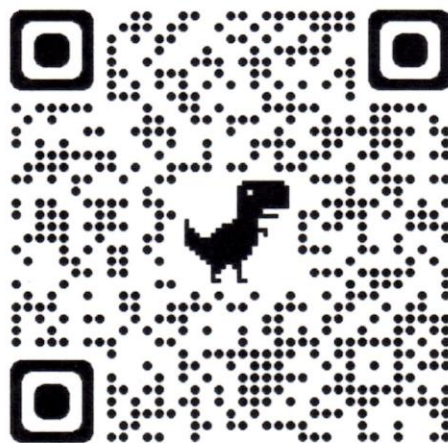
Salt & Light

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



Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Aug. 21st** **9:00 am Outdoor Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am Potluck following worship service
10:30 am Missions Committee Meeting
- Tue. Aug. 23rd** **9:00 am Staff Meeting**
- Wed. Aug. 24th** **6:30 pm Choir Practice**
6:30 pm Drive-In Family Fun Night
- Sat. Aug 27th** **6:00 pm Anniversary Kick-Off Bonfire at church with hotdogs & s'mores buffet**
- Sun. Aug. 28th** **8:00 am Reunion Choir practice**
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am Fellowship Fun
12:00 pm CATERED LUNCH
12:30 pm Reunion Choir practice
1:00 pm Closing Ceremonies

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.