



# God is not a man, that he should lie

Numbers 23:19 (NIV)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Prelude “All Who Are Thirsty”

*We prepare for worship.*

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we are restless!

**ALL: Who can wait for the Paradise of Heaven? We wake up every morning to more pain and suffering, to violence and injustice. When will it end?**

PASTOR: You know the day, O LORD. You know, and that is why You offer us a never-ending life after this broken one. You give us hope for a better tomorrow.

**ALL: But we are impatient! Forgive us, giving us the strength to endure and do the most good with our lives here and now.**

PASTOR: God does forgive You. Though it might seem like we are waiting for Him, the LORD came once and for all as Jesus Christ. He came to save us from our brokenness, especially the sins that would lead to our deaths. On the cross, God died in our place, but rose again three days later to promise you an eternal life in His heavenly Kingdom. And until we join Him there, the LORD sends His Spirit to give us patience, peace, and the strength to endure. That is why we worship Him today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, help me to lean on You. When I do not understand, when all seems lost, and when I have failed, continue to show me where to go, what to do, and when to rest in Your perfect love. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “Holy, Holy, Holy”

First Reading

*Lamentations 3:22-24*

Psalm 16:7-11

READER: <sup>07</sup> I will bless the LORD! He leads me by day...

**ALL: ...and He guides my very soul,  
even through the darkest night.**

READER: <sup>08</sup> I know the LORD is always with me...

**ALL: ...so I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me!**

READER: <sup>09</sup> No wonder my heart is glad!

It's no wonder I rejoice...

**ALL: ...because I know my body can rest safely.**

READER: <sup>10</sup> After all, You will not leave my soul  
among the dead...

**ALL: ...or allow Your holy one to rot in the grave.**

READER: <sup>11</sup> You will show me the way of life!

**ALL: You will grant me the joy of Your presence  
and the pleasures of living with You forever!**

Second Reading

*Galatians 6:7-10*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Luke 18:1-8*

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 "Will You Carry On?"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "All in 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 – Edelweiss

*A song of blessing.*

♪ Closing "Build Your Kingdom Here"

Sending Song "Champion"

Postlude

*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, Donna Schneekloth, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson).

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Jonathan & Joni Young in memory of Glenn Luberts. 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 14, 2022**

Jeremiah 50:4-7                      James 5:19-20

Psalms 23                                Luke 15:1-7

Sermon Title: “Are We Lost?”

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Acolyte: Caden Schultz

Reader: Sue Kaneski



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 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 10<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and August 28<sup>th</sup> 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”.

**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](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 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: 70

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2041.00

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 31<sup>st</sup>, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$20,247.25 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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# YOUTH & FAMILY

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August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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SAVE  
THE  
DATE

**August 14<sup>th</sup>: Mission Trip Sharing Service**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>: Church Family Night at the Drive In**

**August 27<sup>th</sup>: Anniversary Kick-off Bonfire at ALC 6:00pm**

**August 28<sup>th</sup>: Anniversary Worship Service/Games, etc. to follow!**

## **ALC Fishermen Invites Kids**

**Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Meet at 8:30 am at the church. Fishing gear will be provided.



## **Church Drive-In Family Fun Night**

**6:30 pm Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**  
at the Long Prairie Drive-In



## **Anniversary Kick-off Bonfire**

**6:00 pm Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
at church with hotdogs and s'mores



## **90th Anniversary Celebration**

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:15 am (Following Worship Service)**

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





## **90<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Extravaganza Schedule of Events

## **Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**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. 7<sup>th</sup>     9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting**

**Tue. Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>     9:00 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>  9:30 am Esther Circle**  
**6:30 pm Choir Practice**  
**7:30 pm Church Council Meeting**

**Sat. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>    8:30 am ALC Fishermen Invites Kids**

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

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.