



*Wait on the **LORD:**
be of good courage*

Psalm 27:14

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song “Be Still (Psalm 46)”

We prepare for worship.

Greeting and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You’re always doing miracles. The impossible becomes possible whenever You speak! But even though we believe You can do any and every good thing, we struggle to understand how You can so freely forgive.

ALL: How can it be true? When we offend You, disobey You, or even hate You, how can You still love us?

PASTOR: We sometimes can’t even forgive the people we love most!

ALL: Please change our hard hearts, filling us instead with Your Holy Spirit, and helping us to forgive.

PASTOR: Help us to live as You did when You came as Jesus Christ. It was Your goal to rescue everyone here from the consequence of sin by dying on the cross. Miraculously, You won our forgiveness in that moment, and now You offer us a new and eternal life with You. That, O LORD, is why we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, before I obsess over the faults and failures of others, help me remember that I am no better. I don’t deserve Your forgiveness. Thank You for offering it so freely, and help me to share that same love with everyone I meet! Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-7

Psalm 32:1-5

READER: 01 Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is put out of sight!

**ALL: 02 Yes, what joy for those
whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt,
whose lives are lived in complete honesty!**

READER: 03 When I refused to confess my sin,
my body wasted away,
and I groaned all day long.

**ALL: 04 Day and night Your hand was heavy on me,
Your hand of discipline!**

READER: And my strength evaporated
like water in the summer heat.

**ALL: 05 Finally, I confessed all my sins to You
and stopped trying to hide my guilt.**

READER: I said, “I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.”

ALL: And You forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-15

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 18:21-28

Children’s Sermon

♪ Thanksgiving “The Old Rugged Cross”

Sermon “Forgive, Forget – What’s the Difference?”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Make Me A Servant”

Blessing for Sunday School

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 word of blessing.

♪ Closing “You Never Let Go”

Sending Song “I Can Only Imagine”

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, Elaine Clementson, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, the McBroom’s grandson, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, and LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson), the family of Darlene Germain, and the family of Lyle Lubbers.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by ALCW in honor of all the women who serve. 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: September 18, 2022

1 Kings 17:8-16 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Psalms 36:5-9 Luke 14:1, 15-20

Sermon Title: “Have You RSVPed?”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ellianna Young

Deacon: Blain Hall

Reader: Laurie Fevig



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir practice will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14th.
All are invited to come.

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.

Family Night Suppers will begin at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 21st. Please join us for food and fellowship.

The September, October, November issue of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

For record keeping purposes as per our ALC constitution: Please fill out a communion card once each year. The cards are found in the racks in the pews. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. **THANK YOU!**

All boards and committees, please submit your 2023 budget requests by October 1st so that the Trustees can begin preparing next year's budget.

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 September is Chris Mikkelson Evangelistic Ministries, which seeks to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the most remote and unreached parts of the earth.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 62

General Fund receipts for the last two weeks: \$9,896.60

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 September 4th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$22,677.95 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

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 TO 6TH GRADE. 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN SUNDAY SCHOOL AS A SHEPHERD TO ASSIST WITH THE YOUNGER CHILDREN. CHILDREN AGES 2 AND 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 THROUGH OUR SALT AND LIGHT PROGRAM AND SIGN UP YOUR KIDS (18 AND UNDER) 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



Baby Care Kits Update



Women of American Lutheran Church, we are gearing up to create 150 Baby Care Kits for distribution to babies in need by **Lutheran World Relief!**

Friday, September 23rd, 9 a.m. Set up (in Fellowship Hall)

**Saturday, September 24th, 9 a.m. Assemble and Pack BCKs
11:30 a.m. short ALCW meeting followed by Potluck Lunch**

BABY CARE KITS - Needed Items

BOY'S JACKETS, SWEATER, OR HOODIES SIZES 18 or 24 mo., 2T

MILD BAR SOAP - 4 oz. bars in original wrappers.

JANE OLSON WILL ACCEPT YOUR \$\$ DONATIONS FOR SHIPPING AND PURCHASE NEEDED ITEMS TO COMPLETE THE BABY CARE KITS!

Any questions or if you'd like to help sooner, please call Jane Olson (320-732-6895) or Marlyne Klinder (320-852-7478) or Sue Kaniski (956-272-3456). **Thank you!**

Thrivent has approved this Action Team Project! Come Volunteer and receive a "Live Generously" Thrivent t-shirt!

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Sep. 11th** **9:00 am** Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School Rally Sunday
11:15 am Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting
- Tue. Sep. 13th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
9:30 am Shoebox Workday
- Wed. Sep. 14th** **9:30 am** Esther Circle
6:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- Sun. Sep. 18th** **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
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.