

The LORD your God
will be with you
wherever you go

Joshua 1:9 (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.

♪ 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, it is easy for us to get distracted. You invite us to live, to truly live in Your heavenly Kingdom, but we have other goals. We let this broken world keep us busy. Forgive our excuses when we don't accept Your invitation, giving us joy and eagerness to live with You now and forever! Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 36:5-9

READER: 05 Your unfailing love, O LORD,
is as vast as the heavens;

Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds!

**ALL: 06 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
Your justice like the ocean depths.**

READER: You care for people and animals alike, O LORD!

ALL: 07 How precious is Your unfailing love, O God!

READER: All humanity finds shelter
in the shadow of Your wings.

**ALL: 08 You feed them from Your house's abundance,
letting them drink from Your river of delights.**

READER: 01 For You are the fountain of life,
the light by which we see.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

✦ 🎵 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 fourteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Luke 14:1, 15-20

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

New Bible Dedication

Sermon “Have You RSVPed?”

✦ 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 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

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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!

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, the McBroom's grandson, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, the family of Darlene Germain, and the family of Lyle Lubbers.

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Al & Tami Priebe in honor of family. 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 25, 2022

Habakkuk 2:4

Romans 12:3-8

Psalms 119:25, 27-31

Matthew 25:14-19

Sermon Title: "Do You Have a Hidden Talent?"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Mason Ellingson

Deacon: Blain Hall

Reader: Deb Adamek



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note 4-ounce bars of gentle soap are still needed for the Baby Care Kit project on Friday and Saturday.

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.

Every Shoebox workday just amazes us more! Ten (or more?) people were here this past Tuesday to try to create some "ORDER" in the Shoebox Storage room. But understand, it takes thousands of small items to fill over 600 Shoeboxes! However, we can now list a few items that are most in need to make sure OUR boxes have a wonderful assortment of gifts!

As always: scissors/ pens/ large erasers/ small cars (Hot Wheels/Matchbox-type)/ bars of soap/ clothing (really like flip-flops)/ combs/ **easy** color books especially for 2-4 year olds

\$\$\$ for shipping and “Greatest Journey” costs are a constant need! Checks may be given to Jane Olson or Blanche Tirk or left in the church office. Any check made out to ALCW will be deposited and may be used for the shipping or education needs or to purchase items needed to finish filling a box. Checks made out to “Samaritan’s Purse” will not be sent to them until the middle of November and will go toward shipping/education!

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: 70

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 8/30/22:

Budgeted needs: \$158,242.35

Receipts: \$138,516.24

Actual expenses: \$141,395.81

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 for September



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 PANTS OR SLEEPERS SIZES 18 or 24 mo., 2T

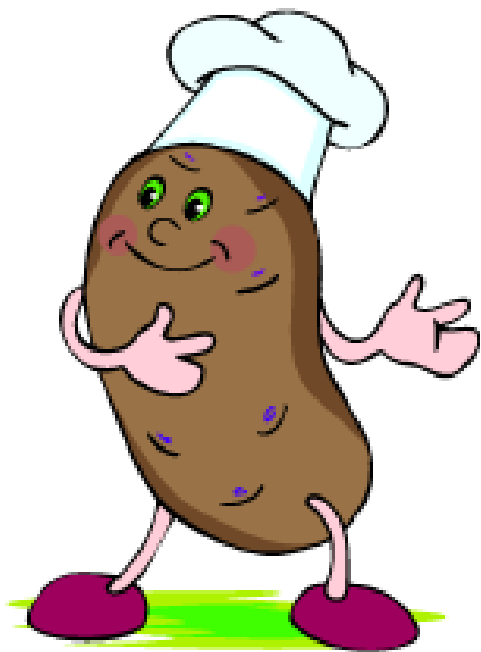
MILD BAR SOAP - 4 oz. bars in original wrappers.

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 Kaneski (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



Sarah S'ircle

Super spud supper

With slatheings!

Wednesday, October 5

5:30 PM

All are welcome

Free will donations for

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Shipping/education/Gospel-sharing



QUEST KIDS 2022 FALL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

September 14 - Quest Kick Off Carnival! @ 6:00 PM

September 21 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

September 28 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

OCTOBER

October 05 - Quest Kids Family Night
Pumpkin Painting/Carving! @ 6:00 PM

October 12 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

October 19 - NO QUEST - MEA Weekend

October 26 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

October 31 - Trunk Or Treat! 5:00-6:30 PM

NOVEMBER

November 02 - Quest Kids Family Night
Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6:00 PM

November 09 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

November 16 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM


November 23 - No Quest - Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

Questions?
Contact Pastor Jackson!
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Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Sep. 18th** **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Missions Committee Meeting
- Mon. Sep. 19th** **7:00 pm** Sarah Circle Bible Study
- Tue. Sep. 20th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Sep. 21st** **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due
5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Fri. Sep. 23rd** **9:00 am** Baby Care Kits Setup
- Sat. Sep. 24th** **9:00 am** Baby Care Kits Assembly and Packing
11:30 am ALCW Meeting
12:00 pm ALCW Potluck
- Sun. Sep. 25^h** **9:00 am** Worship Service
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am Sunday School

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.