

HE IS
THE HEAD OF THE BODY,
THE CHURCH

Colossians 1:18

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song “Jesus, Be with Us”

We prepare for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we fail to believe Your goodness.

ALL: When we are suffering, when pain and troubles are constant, we doubt You. We ask, “How could a perfectly good God let this happen to me?”

PASTOR: In those moments, we forget that You’re not the problem. Our world is broken. People are sinful. Evil exists, and death haunts us daily.

ALL: And when we forget that and blame You, we are also adding to the problems of this world.

PASTOR: But God came to free You from that. This pain and these troubles are temporary, because the LORD is offering to free You. That’s why He came as Jesus Christ, why He died on the cross to win the forgiveness of our sins, and its why He returned to life three days later, promising the same for you, promising to take everyone who knows and loves Him from this broken world into His heavenly Kingdom. And that is why we worship the LORD God today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, we question Your character. Help us instead to see the truth, to know Your love deeply, and for it to change us, bringing us out of our depression and anxiety and into Your prefect peace. We pray this, both now and forever! Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Praise and Thanksgiving”

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First Reading

Habakkuk 2:4

Psalm 119:25, 27-31

READER: 25 I lie in the dust, O LORD;
revive me by Your Word!

**ALL: 27 Help me understand Your commandments,
and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.**

READER: 28 I weep with sorrow;
encourage me with Your Word.

**ALL: 29 Keep me from lying to myself;
give me the privilege of knowing Your instructions.**

READER: 30 I have chosen to be faithful;
I have determined to live by Your regulations.

**ALL: 31 I cling to Your laws.
LORD, don't let me be put to shame!**

Second Reading

Romans 12:3-8

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 25:14-19

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 "Do You Have a Hidden Talent?"

♪ Our Offering of Worship

"Lord, You are More Precious than Silver"

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 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

#760 WOV

Sending Song "I Love You, Lord"

Postlude

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

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, Heather Marcyes, Linda Maus, the McBroom’s grandson, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, and Sharon Wiegers.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Bob & Tammie Chapin in memory of their parents. 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.

Bible Readings for Next Week: October 2, 2022

Deuteronomy 31:6 Romans 10:13-15

Psalms 96:1-6 Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Title: “Missionary Dwight Hazard”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ethan Barthel

Deacon: Blain Hall

Reader: Liza Hasse



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 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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Needs: 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: 100

General Fund receipts for last two weeks: \$6,202.55

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 18th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$25,517.82 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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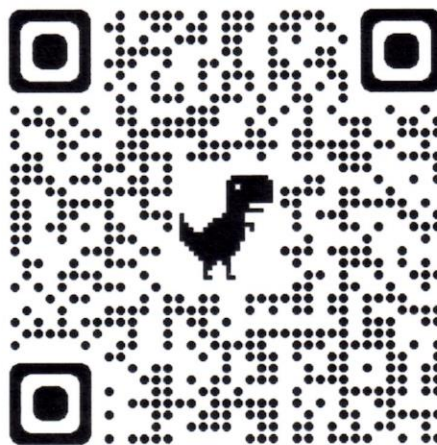
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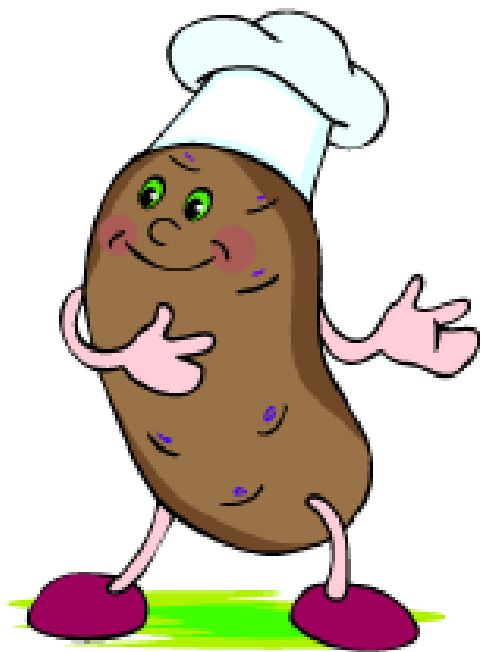
MATTHEW 5: 13-16

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





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. 25th** **9:00 am Worship Service**
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am Sunday School
- Mon. Sep. 26th** **5:30 pm** Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
- Tue. Sep. 27th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Sep. 28th** **5:30 pm Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Sun. Oct. 2nd** **9:00 am Worship Service with Communion and
Dwight Hazzard Mission Report**
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.