

I AM NOT
WHAT I
USED TO BE,
AND BY THE
GRACE OF
GOD, I AM
WHAT I AM.

- JOHN NEWTON



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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 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

#550 LBW

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, You provide every good thing. The world is harsh and cruel, but You give us everything we need to endure, while also promising rest with You when our time here is done. Help us to never be jealous when others also receive these wonderful gifts! You have more than enough, so give us a spirit of celebration whenever and wherever Your love is freely shared. Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 12:24

Psalm 67

READER: ⁰¹ May God be merciful and bless us!

May His face smile with favor on us. *Selah.*

ALL: ⁰² May Your ways, O LORD,

be known throughout the earth,

and Your saving power among people everywhere.

READER: ⁰³ May the nations praise You, O God.

ALL: Yes, may all the nations praise you!

READER: ⁰⁴ Let the whole world sing for joy...

**ALL: ... because You govern the nations with justice,
guiding everyone, everywhere, throughout the world!**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:23-24

✦ 🎵 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 Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 19:23-30

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Who Wants to Be First?"

✦ 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 "Lord, You Give..." (verses 1-3)

#756 WOV

✦ ♪ 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 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

#415 LBW

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 McBroom’s grandson, Karen Ness, Donna Schneekloth, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson).

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Dave & Liza Hasse in honor of Jane’s 80th birthday. 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 11, 2022

Isaiah 55:6-7

Colossians 3:12-15

Psalms 32:1-5

Matthew 18:21-28

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

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: MacKenzie Johnson

Deacon & Reader: Blain Hall



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.

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: 135

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 21st, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$23,812.13 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



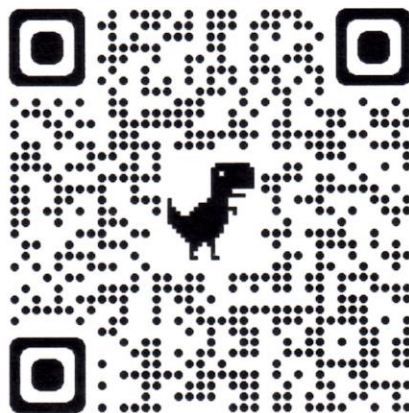
Salt & Light

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 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

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Sep. 4th 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Mon. Sep. 5th Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

**Tue. Sep. 6th 9:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting**

**Wed. Sep. 7th 6:00 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Deacon Meeting**

**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**

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.