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The LORD shall
preserve thee
from all evil

Psalm 121:7

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude Music

We prepare our hearts for worship.

✦ Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

SPEAKER: LORD God, we have so much! Even when our money is stretched or our bank accounts are empty, we are rich.

ALL: We have people who love us, people who would happily help us. We have our talents, our ability to think, and the very life in our bodies. We have every good thing You have given, but we somehow don't think it's enough.

SPEAKER: What an insult to You! We call ourselves poor...

ALL: ...even though You offer us riches beyond gold and silver.

SPEAKER: When God came to us as Jesus Christ, He forgave our selfishness and greed. He took those and every other sin to the cross, and they died with Him there. Then, when He rose again, He promised a never-ending life in His heavenly Kingdom to you. That, along with the daily blessings we often take for granted, is what makes us truly rich.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, this world values stuff and things, but You want us to store up heavenly treasures. Help us to follow Your example of being rich in love. We thank You today for every good gift! Amen.

♪ Opening Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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First Reading

Proverbs 23:4-5

Psalm 137:16-21, 23-24

READER: ¹⁶It is better to be godly and have little

than to be evil and rich.

17 For the strength of the wicked will be shattered,
but the LORD takes care of the godly.

**ALL: 18 Day by day the LORD takes care of the innocent,
and they will receive an inheritance that lasts forever.**

19 **They will not be disgraced in hard times;
even in famine they will have more than enough.**

READER: 20 But the wicked will die.

The LORD's enemies are like flowers in a field –
they will disappear like smoke.

**ALL: 21 The wicked borrow and never repay,
but the godly are generous givers.**

READER: 23 The LORD directs the steps of the godly.
He delights in every detail of their lives.

**ALL: 24 Though they stumble, they will never fall,
for the LORD holds them by the hand.**

Second Reading

James 5:1, 4-6

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Luke 12:13-21

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Kirk Olson

♪ Offering Hymn "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

#783 WOV

✦ Prayers of the People

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 Hymn “Take My Life, that I May Be”

#406 LBW

Postlude Music

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, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, the McBroom’s grandson, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, and the family of Stu Sanders.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Stan & Joanne Hillman in honor of their wedding anniversary. 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 30, 2022

Ecclesiastes 12:13b-14 2 Corinthians 5:2-10

Psalms 96:11-13 Matthew 13:47-51

Sermon Title: “Did You Catch a Keeper?”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Violinist: Jane Olson

Worship Leader: Kirk Olson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Madison Cline

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Reader: Deb Adamek



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation will be Sunday, October 30th during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. There will be a reception following the service.

There will be a full Thanksgiving Dinner served at 5:40 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2nd for our Family Night Supper with the Quest Kids. We will again be packing shoeboxes with the 5-9 age group, following the meal. Any free will donations will go towards the shipping cost of the boxes.

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!**

Todd County Health and Human Services is hosting its second annual Winter Gear Drive now through the end of October. They are asking for donations of new or gently used winter gear items for adults and kids of all sizes; it is preferred that hats are new rather than used for hygiene purposes. Donations can be brought to the Health and Human Services office at 212 2nd Ave S, Long Prairie, or to Prairie Pharmacy at 244 Central Ave, Long Prairie between the hours of 8-430 Monday through Friday. There will be a public distribution of items in early November and the remaining items after this will be distributed throughout the community as needed or kept for next year's event. Please call Brooklyn at 320-732-4449 with any questions. Thank you for your consideration and happy fall!

Shoebox Update: ONE MORE general “organizing” day will be this coming Wednesday, October 26, beginning at 9:30! YOU are welcome, wanted & NEEDED! We find tasks for ALL ages and abilities.

Other upcoming dates to add to your calendar are the Sunday School Packing Party on Sunday, November 6, beginning at 10:15 and the prep for this event on the Saturday before, November 5, at 9:30. If you can help on either of those dates, please contact Blanche Tirk. Please invite children from your extended family, friends’ children and children from your neighborhood! They DO NOT have to be part of the ALC Sunday school classes to participate in this fun time!

ORGANIZING & PACKING FOR EVERYONE will be MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7. ORGANIZING will begin Monday morning at 9:30 & continue until all items are ready to be put in a box! Actual EVERYBODY PACK! will begin that evening at 6:30 & continue until 600+ boxes are packed ready for shipment!

Suggestions: If you still want to “shop,” items for which we are still in greatest need are: 100 bars of soap! / WOW! gifts for older boys (i.e.: tools, fishing items, small flashlights & batteries) & girls (i.e.: jewelry, hair accessories, manicure sets, sewing kits)/ / soccer balls & pumps / combs or hair brushes / a great idea: foldup, small packaged rain ponchos

REMEMBER - \$\$\$ 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!

Watch for any additional announcements regarding our Drop Off service to the area in next week’s bulletin!

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 October is Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 73

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,023.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 9/30/22:

Budgeted needs: \$176,327.19

Receipts: \$152,910.39

Actual expenses: \$158,246.76

As of October 16th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$25,180.66 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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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?
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Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Oct. 23rd 9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School

Wed. Oct. 26th 9:00 am Shoebox Workday
5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Sun. Oct. 30th 9:00 am Confirmation Worship Service with
Communion**
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.