

A large, vibrant yellow sunflower is the central focus, positioned inside a rustic wooden barrel. The barrel is placed on a grassy field. The sunflower's head is cut off and placed inside the barrel, with its stem extending outwards. The background shows a wire fence and some trees under a blue sky with light clouds. The text is printed on the side of the barrel in a white, elegant font.

For the
LORD
*God is a sun and
shield... no good
thing does he
withhold*

Psalm 84:11 (NIV)

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CONFIRMATION DAY

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Each confirmand has been thinking about his relationship with the LORD, each has chosen a favorite Bible verse, and each has written a personal statement as to what it means to be a Christian, a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

STATEMENT OF FAITH
ETHAN BARTHEL

We live by believing and not by seeing.

–**2 Corinthians 5:7**

I believe that Jesus has blessed me from the very beginning. He has blessed me with great parents and a nice house to live in, and I am always comfortable. He has given me talents and a drive to get stuff done. I don't think that life has challenged me much yet because God set me up well. I would enjoy becoming a football coach so I can teach young kids to work through challenges and to be good teammates.

I think to be a good Christian means I should be honest, ask for forgiveness, and know when and how to ask for help. I will try to be a good Christian by trying my best to follow God's rules. I see getting confirmed as a commitment to the Lord.

STATEMENT OF FAITH
EVAN FLAN

[Jesus told His followers,] “Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me. There is more than enough room in My Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”

–**John 14:1-3**

God makes no mistakes. This keeps me going even when it gets tough. I keep pushing through knowing God is there the whole time watching over and keeping us safe. If you are in a bad spot or having a tough time, you should trust it will get better.

Going to church and class helps me to get to know God better and get closer to Him. Also helps me in life. I believe that being Christian isn't just

a thing on Sunday and that church isn't just at the altar. Church and faith can happen anywhere. You can always pray to God no matter where you are.

Through church and experiences, I've learned that helping and serving others makes God happy and is what he wants us to do in life. He wants us to help others that don't have a lot or nothing at all. When I went on my mission trip I realized that I am thankful for so much stuff. I am thankful to be able to help people out when they need it the most.

I have learned Jesus Christ is my lord and savior and He is God of the living world. I believe He voluntarily died for my sin by dying on the cross. I have faith that I will someday be in heaven with everyone I love being all my family and friends.

STATEMENT OF FAITH
LOGAN THOM

*Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with My victorious right hand.*

–Isaiah 41:10

I believe that my confirmation is a reaffirmation of my faith from when I was baptized. This is my way to choose God as my Savior and live out the promises made for me by my baptism. I will trust in God to continue to lead and guide me through all the aspects of my life. With God, all things are possible.

✦ 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

PASTOR: Loving God, we are far from perfect. Our lives are unbalanced, and our growth in goodness is far from complete...

ALL: ... which is why we don't deserve eternal life in Heaven. We are too flawed! Instead, our failures doom us to die.

PASTOR: But we still stand on one truth: that You came to us as Jesus Christ, that You miraculously earned forgiveness for our sins at the cross, and that You returned to life three days later to win access for us to Your heavenly Kingdom.

ALL: This is why thank and praise You, why we call You our "Lord" and "Savior!"

PASTOR: And that is why we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day – Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

ALL: We thank You, heavenly Father – in the name of Your dear Son Jesus Christ – for bringing us safely through the night, for protecting us from all harm and danger. Please also bless this day, shielding us against sin and every evil, so that our every action would be pleasing to You. We trust our lives to You, our bodies and souls – everything! Send Your holy angels to be with us, that the evil enemy would have no power over us. Amen!

♪ Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress"

#229 LBW

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 12:13b-14

Psalm 96:11-13

READER: ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!

Let the sea and everything in it shout God's praise!

ALL: ¹² Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!

READER: Let the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³ before the LORD, for He is coming!

ALL: He is coming to judge the earth.

READER: He will judge the world with justice...

ALL: He will judge the nations with truth!

Special Music "Purified"

The Church Choir

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:2-10

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 13:47-51

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Did You Catch a Keeper?"

♪ Offering Hymn "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" #784 WOV

Confirmation of Faith

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Son?

ALL: 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.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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!

Blessing the Confirmands

† Ethan Barthel

† Evan Flan

† Logan Thom

The Words of Institution

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♪ Communion Hymn “Seek Ye First”

#783 WOV

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 – Martin Luther

A word of blessing.

PASTOR: May God the Father graciously provide your every need –
for body, soul, and spirit.

May Christ Jesus, Heaven’s Son, deliver you from sin,
giving you merciful rest.

And may God’s Holy Spirit heal, comfort, and strengthen you
against sin, death, and the devil, giving you the victory of a new
and never-ending life. Amen!

♪ Closing Hymn “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

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Postlude Music

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

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Kirk & Jane Olson in honor of their 45th 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: November 6, 2022

Isaiah 40:9-11 Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17

Psalms 100:1-5 John 10:1-7, 11, 14-17

Sermon Title: “Saints and Sheep”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Mason Ellingson

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Reader: Liza Hasse



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Daylight saving time ends next Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday evening.

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

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

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!**

Sunday, November 6th – is All Saints Sunday – in our worship service we will be remembering immediate family members who have died since November 1st, 2021. If you have someone whom you would like to be remembered, please write their names on the designated list on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Attention all Veterans. We be honoring our veterans on Sunday November 6th. All veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms to worship that day. Veterans Day is Friday, November 11th.

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: 56

General Fund receipts for last week: \$7,450.50

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 23rd, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$22,251.37 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

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. 30th 9:00 am Confirmation Worship Service with Communion
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am Sunday School

Mon. Oct. 31st 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat at Baptist Church

Tue: Nov. 1st 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Nov. 2nd 9:00 am Staff Meeting
5:40 pm Qwest Kids Family Night Thanksgiving Dinner with Shoebox Packing Following
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Sun. Nov. 6th 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
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.