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# All over the world

this gospel is bearing  
fruit and growing

Colossians 1:6 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALC) (LCA)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”    *We prepare for worship.*

Announcements and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we plan and prepare for many things, but we don’t always prioritize You.

**ALL: We’re so busy, we only give You a portion of one day every week, and maybe a bit more here and there. Then we look forward to Heaven, but only as a place we’ll go someday.**

PASTOR: But Heaven is here! You came as Jesus Christ to give us access to Your heavenly Kingdom. That eternal life begins now!

**ALL: So help us to stay alert and ready. Help us plan and prepare for You. Help us look forward to the fullness of Heaven, knowing You could bring it at any time.**

PASTOR: That’s why Jesus died on the cross to forgive your sins, and why He rose again three days later: God was winning the never-ending Paradise of His Kingdom for you, and that is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, we are dozing. Sometimes, we are even fully asleep in our sin. Even when we’re in danger, or when we might miss Your good gifts, we sleep. Shake us! Wake us! Bring us back to life, LORD God! Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “You Never Let Go”

First Reading

*2 Samuel 22:1-4, 29*

## Psalm 23

READER: 01 The LORD is my shepherd,  
so I have everything I need.

**ALL: 02 He lets me rest in green meadows,  
and He leads me beside peaceful streams.**

READER: 03 He renews my strength.  
He guides me along the right paths...

**ALL: ... which is an honorable credit to His name.**

READER: 04 Even when I walk  
through the darkest valley...

**ALL: I will not be afraid...**

READER: ... for You are close beside me.

**ALL: Your rod and Your staff  
protect and comfort me.**

READER: 05 You prepare a feast for me  
where all my enemies can see.

**ALL: You honor me by anointing my head with oil.  
My cup overflows with blessings!**

READER: 06 Surely Your goodness and unfailing love  
will pursue me all the days of my life...

**ALL: ... and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

*2 Peter 1:16-19*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Matthew 25:1-9*

Holy Baptism – Luke Jay Holman

Sermon “Did You Check the Oil?”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Thy Word”

Appointment and Blessing of Sierra Larson

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 – Edelweiss

*A song of blessing.*

♪ Closing Song “Build Your Kingdom Here”

Sending “He Reigns”

Postlude

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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**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, Karen Ness, Donna Schneekloth, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, LaVonne (the sister of Elaine Johnson), family of Marlys Arenson and family of Jerry Voigt.

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by the Orr family in loving memory of Tom & Tommy Orr. And congratulations to Josh & Lindsey Stangler on their wedding. And congratulations to Cody & Maddie Marceyes on their first wedding anniversary. God bless them. 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 16, 2022**

Isaiah 28:14-16                      1 Corinthians 3:9b-16

Psalms 11:1a, 2-4, 7                Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon Title: “Are We Solid?”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Acolyte: Ali Barthel

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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto: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: 81

General Fund receipts for last week: \$5,190.00

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 October 2<sup>nd</sup>, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$25,004.24 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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# 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





# 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. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>**      **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Holman Baptism  
and Sierra Larson Installation**  
**10:15 am** **Sunday School**  
**10:30 am** Board of Education  
**7:00 pm** Bible Readers Meeting
- Tue. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**    **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**   **9:30 am** Shoebox Workday  
**9:30 am** Esther Circle  
**5:30 pm** **Family Night Supper**  
**6:00 pm** Quest Kids  
**6:00 pm** Confirmation Class  
**7:00 pm** Choir Practice  
**8:00 pm** Church Council Meeting
- Fri. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**    Berscheit Wedding Rehearsal
- Sat. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**    **3:00 pm** **Berscheit Wedding**
- Sun. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**    **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am** **Sunday School**  
**10:15 am** Missions Committee 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.