



Lord, we would with deep
Thanksgiving
Praise Thee most
for things unseen

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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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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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, we call this world our home. It's not perfect, but we make the best of it. Help us to not become too comfortable. Help us to not adopt the ways of the world that conflict with Your pure love and complete goodness. Help us, by Your Holy Spirit, to remember that You have given us a new, heavenly Home. We belong there, forever with You, so give us the strength to live for that Home now. Amen!

First Reading

Isaiah 5:18-20

Psalm 46:1-3, 8-10

READER: ⁰¹ God is our refuge and strength;

He is always ready to help in times of trouble!

**ALL: ⁰² We know this, and so we will not be afraid –
even when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

READER: ⁰³ Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

Selah, a reflective pause.

READER: ⁰⁸ Come, see the glorious works of the LORD:

See how He brings calculated destruction upon the world.

**ALL: ⁰⁹ He causes wars to end throughout the earth.
He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;
He burns the shields with fire.**

READER: ¹⁰ [But this is what we hear:]

“Be still, and know that I am God!

I will be honored by every nation.

I will be honored throughout the world.”

Second Reading

1 John 2:15-17

✦ 🎵 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 sixth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 6:19-21

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Blessing

Sermon "The World, Our Enemy's Offensive Tactic"

✦ 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 "What Wondrous Love is This"

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✦ ♪ 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 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

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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 Joe Ayers, Deb Adamek, Elaine Clementson, Lee Fearing, Bob Fox, Lisa Guse, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Karen Ness, and Rose Thorp.

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Dick & Emily Steinert 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 Thanksgiving Eve: November 23, 2022

1 Chronicles 16:34-35

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Psalms 95:1-7

Matthew 9:35-38

Sermon Title: "Thanksgiving"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ronelle Hasse

Deacon: Jon Fevig



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Promised you a final count! If you have not heard or seen, **YOU** are sending **736 Shoeboxes!**

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

There will be an Advent Festival at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 27th. Everyone is invited to join in church Christmas decorating and to bring potluck.

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

If you are asked by the Nominating Committee to serve in one of our church's elected positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Deacon, Trustee, Youth & Family committee, Board of Education, etc.) please pray about it and ask for the Lord's guidance.

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 November is Dan & Nancy Butkowski with CRU.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 83

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,833.05

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 10/31/22:

Budgeted needs: \$198,933.24

Receipts: \$178,074.89

Actual expenses: \$170,743.95

As of November 13th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$23,505.95 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. Nov. 20th 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Missions Committee Meeting
10:30 am – 2:00 pm Shoebox Drop-Off

Mon. Nov. 21st 9:00 am – 11:00 am Shoebox Drop-Off

Wed. Nov. 23rd 9:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thu. Nov. 24th Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Sun. Nov. 27th 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Advent Festival with Potluck

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.