

*O thou joyful,
O thou wonderful
Peace revealing
Christmastide*

Author unknown

Christmas candles ©karandaev/Stock • Printed in USA



American Lutheran Church (ALC)

215 Ninth Street SE • Long Prairie, Minnesota

Pastor Ethan Fearing • 732-2932

americanlutheranchurch.org

CHRISTMAS EVENING WORSHIP December 24, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

✦ 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 Announcements

✦ Greeting

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.

✦ Christmas Eve Prayer – Robert Louis Stevenson

ALL: Loving and Heavenly Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus Christ, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

✦ The Sharing of God's Peace

✦ 🎵 Opening Hymn "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" #034 LBW

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1a, 2, 6-7

Second Reading

Luke 1:26b-35, 37-38

Nativity Hymn "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

#054 LBW

Third Reading

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Fourth Reading

Luke 2:8-16

- ♪ Celebratory Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #060 LBW
- ✦ Fifth Reading *Luke 2:17-20*
- ✦ Sixth Reading *Matthew 2:1-15*
- ✦ ♪ Lullaby Hymn “Away in a Manger” #067 LBW
- Sermon “The Invitation”
- The Offering “Angels We Have Heard on High” #071 LBW
- Holy Communion
- ✦ Prayers by Candlelight
PASTOR: LORD, on this holy night...
ALL: ...**bless us with peace.**
- ✦ The Lord’s Prayer Page 76 LBW
**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 festive blessing.*
- ✦ ♪ Closing Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night!” #065 LBW
- Postlude *We leave in peace, ready to share the good news of Jesus!*
-

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, Dick and Jean Bonney, Everett Bullert, Elaine Clementson, Bob Fox, Lisa Guse, Larry Hatton, Linda Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, and Dave Young.

Please consider signing up to serve as an usher or greeter. Sign-up sheets are on the wall at the back of the sanctuary.

Bible Readings for Tomorrow: December 25, 2022

Isaiah 53:4-10

Philippians 4:4-9

Psalms 85:7-11, 13

Luke 2:8-12, 16-20

Message: "A Down-to-Earth Christmas"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Kylie Goff

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Reader: Laurie Fevig

Ushers: Nic Holman and Mark & Teresa Pachan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January issue of The Daily Walk and December - February copies 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.

All boards and committees are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office by December 31st. Thank you!

2023 offering envelopes can be picked up on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.

If you have changed your address or phone number please call the church office and let us know. We are currently updating our church directory for 2023.

REMINDER - 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!** – Board of Deacons.

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 December is Kidstown International.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 100

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,347.10

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 11/30/22:

Budgeted needs: \$217,018.08

Receipts: \$193,968.09

Actual expenses: \$194,894.21

As of December 18th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$27,686.26 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

Contact Information:

Pastor Ethan Fearing; Cell: (320) 874-0104

E-mail: ethanfearing@yahoo.com

Youth & Family Coordinator, Sierra Larson; Cell: (320) 766-4153

E-mail: Ms.sierra.kid.youth.ALC@gmail.com

Music Coordinator, Alyssa Fearing; Cell: (320) 874-0104

E-mail: fearingalyssa@gmail.com

Church Secretary, Lori Zellmann; Office: (320) 732-2932

Office E-mail: americanlutheranchurchlp@gmail.com

Website: americanlutheranchurch.org

Facebook Page: [American Lutheran Church](#)

Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

❄️ QUEST KIDS 22-23 ❄️ WINTER CALENDAR!

DECEMBER

December 07 - Quest Kids Family Night

Christmas Caroling @ 6:00 PM

December 14 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

December 21 - No Quest... Merry Christmas!

December 28 - No Quest... Happy New Year



JANUARY

January 04 - Quest Kids Family Night

The Amazing Race! @ 6:00 PM

January 6-7 - MEGA FUN @ CAMP LEBANON

January 11 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 18 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 25 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

2023!



FEBRUARY

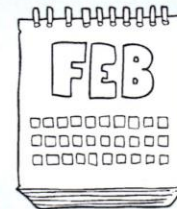
February 01 - Quest Kids Family Night

2022 Quest Kids Derby! @ 6:00 PM

February 08 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 15 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 22 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM



FBC LONG PRAIRIE
f @FirstBaptistLongPrairie
website: fbclongprairie.org
320-732-2179

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
f @alc.lp.mn
website: americanlutheranchurch.org
320-732-2932



36th ANNUAL!
Boys & Girls
Clubs
Grades 3-6
PLUS LEADERS!

MEGA FUN 2023

MEGA A January 6-7 (one night)

You bring the kids... Camp organizes the fun!

THEME: "THE B-I-B-L-E!"

| FRIDAY EVENING | |
|----------------|---|
| 8:15 | Evening Chapel with Don Bursell |
| 9:30 | Free Time & Snack |
| 10:00 | Crazy Games! |
| 10:30 | To cabins (leaders set the time) |
| SATURDAY | |
| 8:00 | Flag Raising & Breakfast |
| 8:45 | Cabin Devotions & Skit Prep |
| 9:45 | Chapel |
| | Hazzard Hill Tubing Run open 11:00 – 12:20 |
| | Broomball / Trading Post open 11:00 – 12:30 |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 1:15 | IDITAROD Ice Games |
| 2:00 | Canteen & Trading Post |
| 2:30 | AFTERNOON RALLY (Mega A only) |
| 3:00 | Mega A Departure |

SPECIAL GUEST:

DONBI!

DonB, the "Doctor of Merriment," is BACK! Get ready for perhaps the funniest comedian, juggler, unicyclist, and illusionist you will ever see! Formerly known as "Circus Unique," Don Bursell has traveled the world sharing his love for laughter and for his Lord Jesus Christ.



CHAPEL SPEAKER:

"Bobber Bill"

For the past 37 years, Bill Abeler has been Camp's Executive Director. He loves fishing, organizing fun, and bringing Scripture to life for kids and adults!



Quest Kids Parents!

We hope your 3-6 grade children can join!

To register, please email me as soon as possible at jackson@fbclongprairie.org. Once I have you on the list I will send out Camp's online registration link. The money for the trip can be brought to Quest (checks made payable to FBC Long Prairie). Registration deadline is December 21st

PARTICIPANTS: Grades 3-6 (Min. Ratio: 1 leader for every 10 kids)
 Cabins hold twelve. Smaller groups may be combined.

FREE TIME FUN: Broomball, sliding, hiking, skating, carpetball, foosball, Trading Post, canteen, & more!

Cost is \$40 per student

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sat. Dec. 24th 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm Evening Christmas Eve Worship Service
6:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship
Service with Communion

Sun. Dec. 25th 10:00 am Christmas Day Worship Service
11:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
No Sunday School

Mon. Dec. 26th 5:30 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting

Sun. Jan. 1st 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.