

He will strengthen and protect
you from the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV)



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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude Music

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we are weary and weak. Every morning brings us troubles.

ALL: And every day, we add to the problems of this world.

PASTOR: Instead of fighting for truth, instead of standing up for what is right and good, we surrender. We lose our battles.

ALL: And evil wins.

PASTOR: But You have given us new strength! O LORD, You entered this world as Jesus Christ to defeat sin by Your sacrificial death on the cross. Then You rose again, triumphing to win a new and never-ending life for everyone who follows You.

The LORD our God has won the war for you, so may He also guide you in these temporary battles. May Jesus Christ give you victory until we reach His heavenly Kingdom!

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 Song "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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First Reading

2 Kings 6:8-10, 14-17

Psalm 3:1-3, 6-8

READER: ¹ O LORD, I have so many enemies;
so many are against me.

ALL: ² **So many are saying,
“God will never rescue him!”**

READER: ³ But you, O LORD, are a shield around me...

ALL: ... **You are my glory,
the One who holds my head high.**

READER: ⁶ I am not even afraid of the ten thousand enemies,
of those who surround me on every side.

ALL: ⁷ **Arise, O LORD!
Rescue me, my God!**

READER: Slap all my enemies in the face!
Shatter the teeth of the wicked!

ALL: ⁸ **Victory comes from you, O LORD.
May You bless Your people.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-18

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Luke 10:1-3, 16-20

The Nicene Creed

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father. Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven; by the
power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered
death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in**

glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Standing Firm in Your Battles"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Holy Communion

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

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing Song "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

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

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Karl & Beth Arenson in memory of their mother Marlys Arenson. 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: January 8, 2023

Leviticus 18:1-5 Romans 10:9-13

Psalms 85:7-11, 13 Matthew 1:18-24

Sermon Title: “The LORD Saves”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ashley Saarela

Deacon and Reader: Blanche Tirk

Ushers: Russ & Jean Jacobsen and Reilly Jacobsen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We need helpers for taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 8th after the worship service.

Please pick up your serving dishes and pans from the kitchen. They are on the shelf next to the kitchen exterior door.

We need people to sign up for radio sponsorships for 2023. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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.

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.

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 January is the Long Prairie Pregnancy and Life Resource Center – Medical Clinic.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 280

General Fund receipts for last week: \$21,213.16

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 25th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$10,994.31 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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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

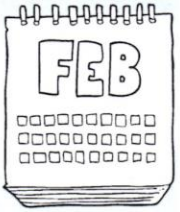
February 01 - Quest Kids Family Night

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





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

Sun. Jan. 1st 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
No Sunday School

Tue. Jan. 3rd 9:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Jan. 4th 5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Quest Kids Family Night – The Amazing Race!
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Fri. Jan. 6th & Sat. Jan. 7th MEGA FUN at Camp Lebanon –
Grades 3-6

Sun. Jan. 8th 9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Take down Christmas Decorations
7:00 pm Bible Readers 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.