

*Many,*  
O LORD my God,  
*are the wonders*  
*you have done*

*Psalm 40:5 (NIV)*

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming “For the Moments I Feel Faint”      *We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we often struggle to believe that You’re really there for us.

**ALL: When my days are dark, are You there? When I feel lost, when my brokenness is exposed, and when others attack me, are You there? And when I fail You, are You really there?**

PASTOR: We want to know!

**ALL: Make Yourself known to us! When we draw closer to You, show just how close You’ve always been to us.**

PASTOR: God is with us. Nothing can separate us from the LORD’s love, and so He came to save us. By His cross and empty grave, we are forgiven, healed, and given new life now and forever. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God,  
Be with me as I go.  
Make safe the winding path.  
Shine Your Son upon the way,  
The shadow to dispel,  
Until I venture home. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “In Christ Alone”

First Reading

*Exodus 32:1-8*

Psalm 115:1-4, 8

READER: 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us,

but to Your name goes all the glory,  
for You are perfectly faithful and Your love never fails.

**ALL: 2 Why do the nations ask,  
“Where is their God?”**

READER: 3 Our God is in the heavens,  
and He does as He pleases!

**ALL: 4 Their idols are merely things of silver and gold,  
their fake gods are shaped by human hands.**

READER: 8 And everyone who make such lifeless idols  
are just like them,  
as are all who trust in them.

Second Reading

*1 John 5:20-21*

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

*Matthew 2:1-3, 7-13*

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 "God With Us"

♪ An Offering of Worship "Emmanuel"

Katrina Holman

Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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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 "One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)"

Sending Song "I Want to See Jesus Lifted High"

Postlude Music

*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** Joe Ayers, Deb Adamek, Dick and Jean Bonney, Everett Bullert, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Lisa Guse, Larry Hatton, Linda Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Joni Love, Heather Marcyes, Tyrone Moye, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Rose Thorp, the family of Elaine Clementson, and the family of Dave Young.

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Ione Krause in thankfulness for all her blessings. 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 22, 2023**

1 Samuel 9:17-19, 25-27; 2:1      Galatians 3:26-29  
Psalm 51:1-5, 10-12      Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17

Sermon Title: “The Baptized Kingdom”

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing      Piano: Alyssa Fearing  
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver      Acolyte: Caden Schultz  
Deacon: Blanche Tirk      Reader: Tammie Chapin  
Ushers: Russ & Jean Jacobsen & Reilly Jacobsen





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** There will be a “Time to Talk” at 10:15 a.m. for any questions before the annual meeting. A potblessing (potluck) dinner will follow the meeting.

**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.

**Here is an address for 8-year-old Aubrey (Granddaughter of Kirk and Jane Olson) should anyone want to send a card.** She is being treated at a hospital for serious health problems.

Aubrey Olson  
c/o Andy Olson  
5001 S Park Drive  
Savage, Mn 55378

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

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 85

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,920.10

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 12/31/22:

Budgeted needs: \$235,103.00

Receipts: \$227,114.84

Actual expenses: \$214,607.67

As of January 8<sup>th</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$74.68 ahead of our YTD General Budget needs.

### **Contact Information:**

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# ❄️ 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

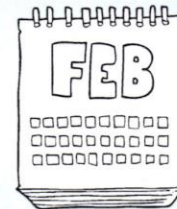
February 01 - Quest Kids Family Night

2022 Quest Kids Derby! @ 6:00 PM

February 08 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

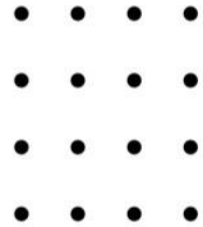
February 15 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 22 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM



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# **IF: LONG PRAIRIE**

## *March 3rd and 4th*

FRIDAY: 5:30P-9P  
SATURDAY: 9:30A-4P

**WOMEN'S CONFENCE!**  
**GRAB A FRIEND AND COME BE ENCOURAGED AS WE SPEND 2 DAYS LISTENING TO GREAT SPEAKERS, LEARNING, EATING DELICIOUS FOOD, LAUGHING, WORSHIPPING, GROWING, HEALING, AND SEEKING!**

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- TO REGISTER:
- -GO TO- [IFGATHERING.COM/IF2023](https://ifgathering.com/if2023)
  - -SCROLL DOWN TO "REGISTER NOW"
  - -CLICK "JOIN AN IF:LOCAL"
  - -TYPE IN GROUP NAME "IF:LONG PRAIRIE"

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**    **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am** **Sunday School**  
**11:15 am** **Missions Committee Meeting**

**Mon. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**    **7:00 pm** **Sarah Circle Bible Study**

**Tue. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**    **9:00 am** **Staff Meeting**

**Wed. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**    **11:00 am** **Newsletter Articles Due**  
**5:30 pm** **Family Night Supper**  
**6:00 pm** **Quest Kids**  
**6:00 pm** **Confirmation Class**  
**7:00 pm** **Choir Practice**

**Sun. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**    **8:20 am** **Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary**  
**9:00 am** **Worship Service with Presentation from**  
**Pregnancy Resource Center**  
**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.