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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.

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Prelude Music

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

Mission Focus: Pregnancy and Life Resource Center

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

Page 56 LBW

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 “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” #036 LBW

Greeting Page 57 LBW

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 Page 57 LBW

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 Pages 58-59 LBW

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.**

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Almighty God, You are the King of kings. We know Your love for us from You leaving the heavenly throne, from You coming to us as Jesus Christ, and from Your mission to save us from sin and death. Now that You eagerly welcome us into Your Kingdom, help us to live like divine heirs. Amen.**

First Reading

*1 Samuel 9:17-19, 25-27; 10:1*

Psalm 51:1-5, 10-12

READER: <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
with Your unfailing love.

**ALL: In Your great compassion,  
blot out the stain of my sins.**

READER: <sup>2</sup> Wash me clean from my guilt.  
Purify me from my sin.

**ALL: <sup>3</sup> Because I do recognize my rebellion;  
it haunts me day and night.**

READER: <sup>4</sup> Against You, and You alone, have I sinned;  
I have done what is evil in Your sight.

**ALL: <sup>3</sup> You will be proved right in what You say,  
and Your judgment against me is just.**

READER: <sup>5</sup> For I was born a sinner –  
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

**ALL: <sup>10</sup> But create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

READER: <sup>11</sup> Do not banish me from Your presence,  
and don't take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**ALL: <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
and make me willing to obey You.**

✦ 🎵 Reading Response

Page 62 LBW

**ALL: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

🎵 The Gospel, God's Good News

Page 63 LBW

PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Matthew, the third chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Children's Sermon

Sermon "The Baptized Kingdom"

✦ The Apostles Creed

Page 65 LBW

**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 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

#474 LBW

✦ 🎵 The Offering Response

Page 75 LBW

**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.**

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

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 word of blessing.*

♪ Closing Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"

#369 LBW

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

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Jonathan & Joni Young in memory of Glen Luberts. 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 29, 2023**

Isaiah 53:1, 4-5                      1 John 5:20  
Psalm 2:1-2, 4, 6-8                Matthew 4:1, 11  
Sermon Title: “Testing Jesus”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Keyboard: Mason Ellingson
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Addison Young
Deacon: Blanche Tirk	Reader: Ione Krause
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.

**"THANK YOU in advance for your voluntary participation in Baby Bottle Campaign** to support our local Pregnancy & Life Resource Center! Please return your gift in the bottle on or before **FEBRUARY 12.** God bless you for helping to protect unborn babies and support their parents!"

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

**The January & February issues 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](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: 77

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,735.65

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

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 15<sup>th</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$1,364.88 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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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

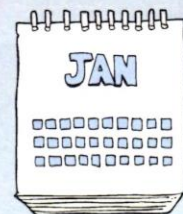
January 6-7 - MEGA FUN @ CAMP LEBANON

January 11 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 18 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 25 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

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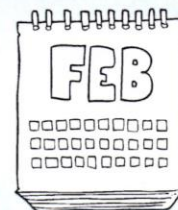
## FEBRUARY

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

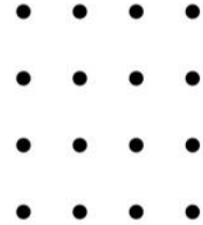


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# IF: LONG PRAIRIE

*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, WORSHPING, GROWING, HEALING,  
AND SEEKING!**

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- • • • -GO TO- [IFGATHERING.COM/IF2023](https://ifgathering.com/if2023)
- • • • -SCROLL DOWN TO "REGISTER NOW"
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