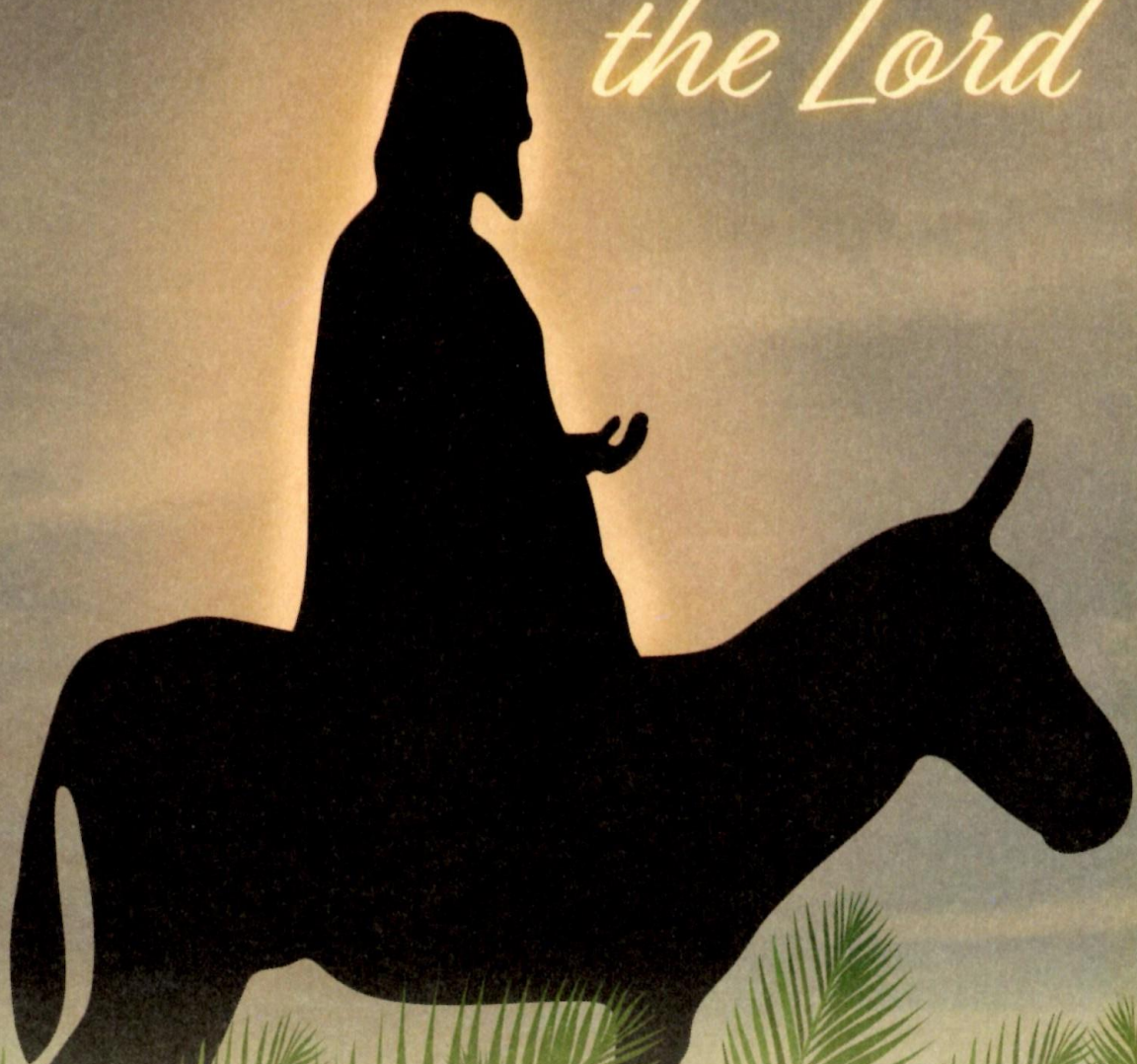


*Blessed be the King
that cometh in
the name of
the Lord*



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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: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: LORD God, we are not always prepared to welcome You. While You hope to bring us into Your eternal heavenly Kingdom, that very idea somehow offends us.

ALL: We feel invaded! You want Your way for our lives, but we want ours, and so we rebel. We rebel against Your reign, against Your perfect loving goodness.

PASTOR: We have, after all, been building our own little kingdoms. In our imagination, we believe ourselves to be in charge. So, while we should greet You with shouts of joy, with the praise the Savior King deserves, we often sneer instead of cheer.

ALL: But still You came!

PASTOR: As Jesus Christ, You came to show us the glory of Your Kingdom, but Your mission also brought You to the cross. By dying, and by rising again, You won for us the victory over sin, death, and every power of evil. That is why we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, You come to us as the victorious Savior King. This week, as we reflect on that ultimate triumph, remind us of the riches You have given us as Your heirs, as heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. In You alone, we have faith and forgiveness, hope for eternity, and true and unyielding love! Amen.

♪ Opening Song “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

#108 LBW

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1-2, 6-7

Psalm 8:1-2, 9

READER: ¹ Oh LORD, our Lord,
Your majestic name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher than the heavens.

**ALL: ² And so, You have taught even children and infants
to give You praise!**

READER: They tell of Your strength,
of how You silence Your enemies
and all who oppose You.

**ALL: ⁹ O LORD, our Lord,
Your majestic name fills the earth!**

Special Music “Blessed Is He”

Church Choir

Second Reading

Acts 2:22-24

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 21:1-11

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 "Cleaning House"

♪ Offering of Worship "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #328 LBW

The Words of Institution

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 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #564 LBW

Postlude Music

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

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, Jean Bonney, Everett Bullert, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Deb Fisher, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Judy Kennedy, Lenny Kortuem, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Rose Thorp, the family of Dick Bonney, and the family of Jim Kennedy.

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by our American Lutheran Church Women (ALCW) in honor of Mason Ellingson for his music. 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: April 9, 2023

Lamentations 3:22-26 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

Psalms 16:8-11 John 20:1-18

Sermon Title: "Rise to New Life"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Piano: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Hunter Katterhagen

Deacon: Jon Fevig



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing Assist Devices are available from the back table in the sanctuary. There are several devices, all with adjustable volume and headsets. Ask an usher if you have any questions.

The April issue of The Daily Walk and March - May copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

We are in need of people to sign up to bring Easter lilies to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets posted on the easel in the narthex. Be sure to mark how many you will bring and who they are in honor or memory of.

Please sign up for the Passover Seder Meal on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to attend. The Seder Meal will be at 5:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 6th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The purpose of the ALCW prayer shawl ministry is to provide an outreach to someone who needs a warm hug. The hugs come in the form of a wrap or a shawl.

Needs for this ministry are:

- Willing knitters / crocheters
- Gifts of money for purchasing yarn
- Willing deliverers

Instructions for shawls are included in the pockets on the ALCW information board. If you wish to give money towards purchasing yarn, you may leave it in a marked envelope in the church office. If you wish to purchase yarn, the JoAnn fabric store in St Cloud is a source or it can be bought online, also. Please use Homespun yarn by Lion Brand. It is very soft and “forgiving” to work with. It takes four skeins for a shawl. The skeins cost about \$6 + each depending what is on sale.

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 April is the Todd County Chaplaincy, a program designed to develop trusting relationships with law enforcement, emergency personnel and provide intervention for those who are in crisis, and to offer a mentorship that will help them with accountability, making better choices, lending support, and acquiring necessary skills to be productive people. Our Todd County Chaplains act as first responders giving emotional and spiritual help to any agency or corporation where there is a critical incident or an accidental or natural fatality. The chaplains are on call for emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 152

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 1/31/23:

Budgeted needs: \$22,196.05

Receipts: \$16,334.87

Actual expenses: \$18,250.92

As of March 19th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$5,294.87 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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RISE

TO NEW LIFE

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

🕒 5:30 P.M. MEAL ▶ 6:15 P.M. MUSIC + MESSAGE

- 🕒 ▶ FEB 22 ASH WEDNESDAY WITH ALYSSA FEARING
MESSAGE: "BAGGAGE"
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 1 SARAH CIRCLE OL' TYME GOSPEL SING - ALONG
MESSAGE: "THE BRAVE AND THE CRAVEN"
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 8 KEYS
MESSAGE: "BALDY - LOCKS AND THE TWO BEARS"
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 15 THE PRAIRIE DOVES
MESSAGE: "THE WELCOME SIGN" FEATURING JADEN WENDT
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 22 ANDERSON FAMILY BAND
MESSAGE: "SCARED STRAIGHT JOHNNY"
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 29 HARPIST CHRIS WARD
MESSAGE: "ROCKY REED"
- APR. 2 9:00 A.M. PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
- 🕒 APR. 6 PASSOVER SEDER MEAL
- ▶ APR. 7 GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
- APR. 9 7:00 A.M. EASTER SONRISE WORSHIP
- APR. 9 9:00 A.M. EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

QUEST KIDS 2023 SPRING CALENDAR!

MARCH

- March 01 - Quest Kids Family Night
Movie Night! @ 6:00 PM
- March 08 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- March 15 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- March 22 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- March 29 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

APRIL

- April 05 - Quest Kids Family Night
Celebrating Easter! @ 6:00 PM
- April 12 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- April 19 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- April 26 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

MAY

- May 03 - Quest Kids Family Night
Camp Lebanon Lazer Tag!
AND the 2023 Finale! @ 6:00 PM



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ICE CREAM ROAD TRIP

**COME HANGOUT ON
APRIL 23RD 5-7PM
WE WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH AND
RIDE TOGETHER TO SAUK CENTER
FOR ICE CREAM**

