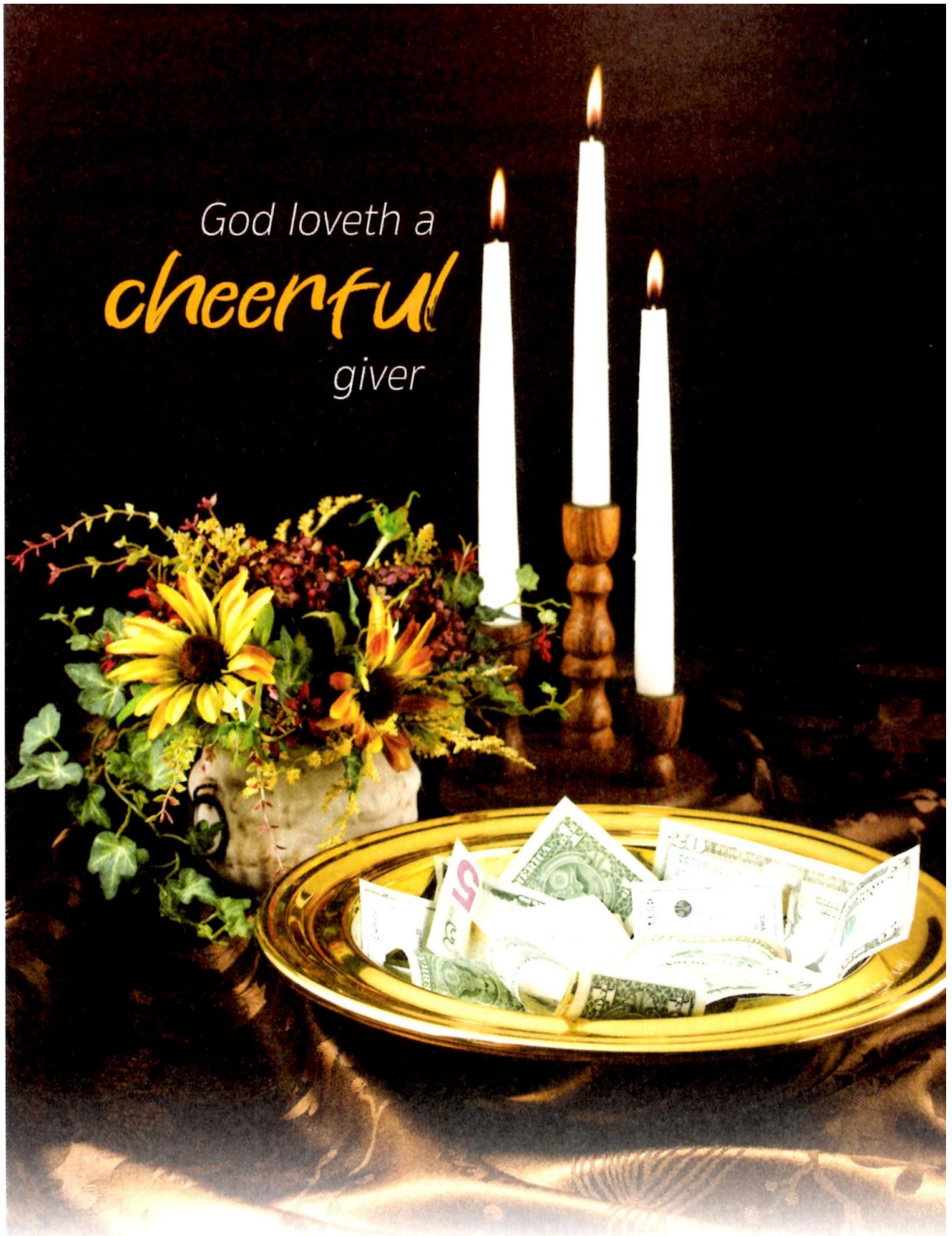


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✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.
LBW: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the green hymn book.

Prelude Music

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

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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 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

#474 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

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

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.

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, as the song says, “I once was blind, but now I see.” I see my history clearly, I see my faults and failures, but I also see Your amazing grace, Your forgiving love and the new life You promise me.

What don’t I see? I don’t see every detail of the lives of people around me. For that reason, I can’t judge them, but I can pray they would know Your love, too. Help me to share that love with them! Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 21:2

Psalm 51:1, 4, 9-10

READER: ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
out of Your unfailing love.

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

READER: ⁴ Against You, and You alone, have I sinned;
because I have done evil according to Your standards.

**ALL: You will always be proved right in what You say,
because Your judgment against me is fair.**

READER: ⁹ But don’t keep looking at my sins!
Remove the stain of my guilt.

**ALL: ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

Special Music “Take My Yoke Upon You”

Church Choir

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-4

✦ 🎵 Reading Response

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**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 seventh chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 7:1-6

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Judge Not"

✦ The Apostles Creed

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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 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

#424 LBW

✦ ♪ The Offering Response

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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

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**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 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

#415 LBW

Postlude

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

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by the Zinter family in memory of Donald & Ruth Zinter. 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 2, 2023

Isaiah 56:1-2, 6-7 Acts 2:22-24
Psalm 8:1-2, 9 Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon Title: “Cleaning House”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Keyboard: Mason Ellingson
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Wyatt Jahnke
Deacon: Janie Thole	Reader: Gavin Hasse
Ushers: Larry & Deb Adamek	



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have pictures from our American Lutheran Church 90th Anniversary celebration, please share any copies with the church office. The church is compiling a memorial photo album from the event.

The March & April issues 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.

Palm Sunday Brunch sign-up sheets are posted on the easel in the narthex. Helpers are needed for table setters, cooks, etc. The brunch will be a fund raiser for our high school youth Summer Mission Trip.

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 March is our Long Prairie Food Shelf. A box for food donations is in the narthex. Food and money donations are needed. Earmark your monetary gift “Food Shelf” and we’ll make sure they get it. March is **Minnesota Food Share** month.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 144

General Fund receipts for last two weeks: \$9,813.93

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**

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Mar. 26th 8:00 am Choir Practice
9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am **Sunday School**

Mon. Mar. 27th 5:30 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Staff Meeting

Wed. Mar. 29th 5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:15 pm **Lenten Worship Service with Music by
Harpist Chris Ward and Message
“Baldy-Locks and the Two Bears”**
7:15 pm Choir Practice

Sun. Apr. 2nd 9:00 am **Palm Sunday Worship Service with
Communion**
10:15 am **Pancake Breakfast Youth Mission Trip
Fundraiser**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
11:15 am Missions Committee 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.