



*The LORD Almighty . . .  
made the earth  
by His power*

*Jeremiah 51:14-15 (NIV)*

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

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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.*

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 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" #230 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, You ask us to walk in the light, to live with open honesty. When we struggle with that, help us. Guide us by Your Holy Spirit to see and follow the truth. Amen.**

## First Reading

*Proverbs 12:19-22*

## Psalm 25:1-5

READER: <sup>1</sup> O LORD, I give my life to You.

<sup>2</sup> I trust in You, my God!

**ALL: Do not let me be disgraced,  
or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.**

<sup>3</sup> No one who trusts in You will ever be disgraced,  
but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.

**ALL: <sup>4</sup> Show me the right path, O LORD;  
point out the road for me to follow.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me by Your truth and teach me,  
for You are the God who saves me.

**ALL: All day long I put my hope in You.**

## Second Reading

*James 1:16-22*

## ✦ 🎵 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

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

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

*Matthew 5:33-37*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Sermon

Sermon "Truth and Spin"

**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 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

#706 WOV

✦ ♪ 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.**

The Words of Institution

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Holy Communion

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!*

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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, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Lenny Kortuem, Kay Larson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, and Rose Thorp.

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by the “Dukes Mixture” Wednesday Night Supper Team in honor of faithful members. 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: March 12, 2023**

Genesis 50:14-15, 19-21      Romans 12:17-21

Psalms 130:1-6      Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon Title: “Love Your Enemies”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Janie Thole

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Acolyte: Madison Cline

Reader: Jody Ellingson



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Reminder that Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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

**Copies of our 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Membership Directories** are available on a table in the narthex

**2023 offering envelopes can be picked up** on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.

## **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 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: 71

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,276.19

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 February 26<sup>th</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$7,106.63 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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# Youth Game Night

Card games, board games, and popcorn

**When:** Saturday, March 11th

**Time:** 7pm-9pm **Where:** Sierra's House



**POTLUCK  
&  
TIE BLANKETS  
&  
Fun**

**03/19/23  
AFTER SUNDAY  
SCHOOL-3PM**

Families come join us for an afternoon of fellowship as we share a meal, tie blankets and distribute tie blankets at the nursing home.



## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am Sunday School**

**Tue. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am Staff Meeting**  
**7:00 pm Trustee Meeting**

**Wed. Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Esther Circle**  
**5:30 pm Family Night Supper**  
**6:00 pm Quest Kids**  
**6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service with Music by**  
**Keys and Message “Baldy-locks and the**  
**Two Bears”**  
**7:15 pm Choir Practice**  
**8:00 pm Church Council Meeting**

**Sat. Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Youth Game Night at Sierra’s**  
**House**

**Sun. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service**  
**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.