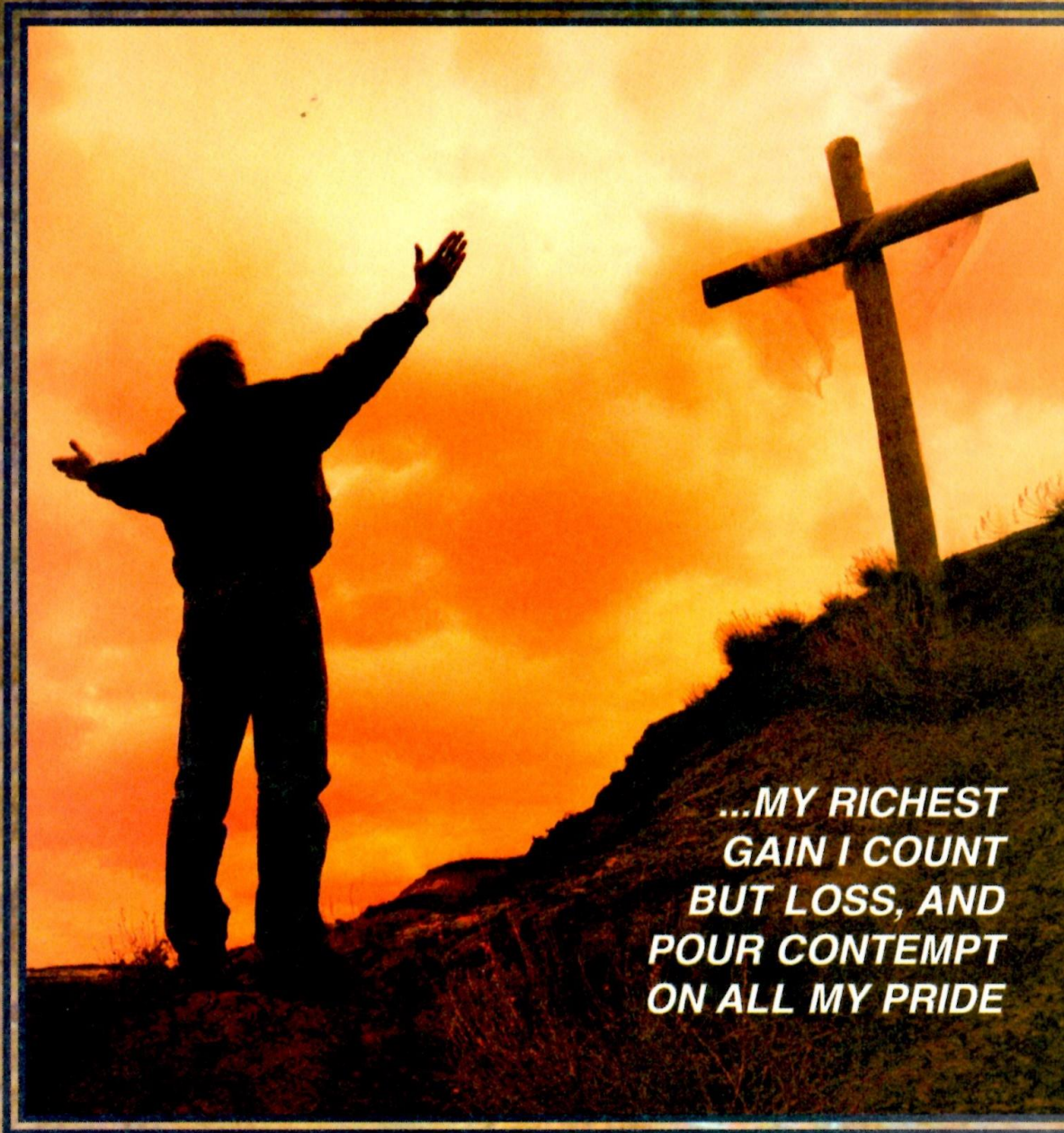


WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS...



*...MY RICHEST
GAIN I COUNT
BUT LOSS, AND
POUR CONTEMPT
ON ALL MY PRIDE*

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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.

Welcome to our Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service! *Tenebrae* is the Latin word for “shadows”, and this type of worship has been practiced in the Christian Church since the fourth century. During the service, and while thirteen candles are extinguished, our readers will recall the events that led to Jesus Christ’s suffering and death on the cross. The diminishing light symbolizes the fading devotion of Christ’s followers – the disciples – and our own sins, which add to the world’s spiritual gloom. At the end of the worship service, the sanctuary will be as dark and silent as Christ’s tomb.

The Lighting of Candles

We prepare our hearts for worship.

✦ Prayer of the Day – based on John 1:4b-5, 10-13

ALL: Almighty God, You came to us. When You lived among us as Christ Jesus, You shown like a pure light in our dim world, the Light meant to guide us all. That Light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

You entered into the very world You created, but the world did not recognize You. Humanity, Your dearest creation, rejected You. But we have heard the good news: whoever does believe, whoever accepts You, will become a child of God. We were once children of the darkness, but Your life, death, and return from the grave change us into children of the Light! Amen.

WE HAVE TURNED OUR BACKS ON THE LORD

A Candle is Extinguished

Matthew 26:30-35

A Candle is Extinguished

Mark 14:32-42

♪ Opening Hymn “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

#660 WOV

WE HAVE STRAYED FROM GOD’S PATH

A Candle is Extinguished

Matthew 26:47-54

A Candle is Extinguished

Luke 22:51b-53, Matthew 26:56b-58a

♪ Hymn “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (verses 1-2)

#109 LBW

WE HAVE DESPISED AND REJECTED HIM

A Candle is Extinguished

Mark 14:55-65

A Candle is Extinguished

Luke 22:55b-62

♪ Hymn “O Sacred Head” (verses 1-2)

#117 LBW

HE WAS OPPRESSED AND AFFLICTED FOR US

A Candle is Extinguished

Matthew 27:1-5, 11-17

A Candle is Extinguished

Luke 23:18-24

♪ Hymn “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” (verses 1-3)

#098 LBW

HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR REBELLION

A Candle is Extinguished

Matthew 27:26-31

✦ Procession and Flogging Bell

Jesus was likely whipped 39 times.

A Candle is Extinguished

Luke 23:32-35

♪ Hymn “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

#107 LBW

HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR SINS

Confession and Forgiveness – based on Isaiah 53:3-12

PASTOR: He was despised and rejected...

ALL: ... a man of sorrows who knew true grief.

PASTOR: We turned our backs on Him, despising and ignoring Him.

ALL: But He still carried our suffering.

PASTOR: We thought His troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for His own sins!

ALL: ... but He was pierced for our rebellion and crushed for our sins.

PASTOR: The punishment we deserved was laid on Him, and so we are healed by His bruises. His sacrifice makes us whole.

ALL: Like sheep, we have all wandered. We have strayed from God's path to follow our own...

PASTOR: ... but the LORD laid that sin on Him. He was oppressed and afflicted...

ALL: ... but He did not protest.

PASTOR: He was led to the slaughter like a lamb...

ALL: ... but He did not protest.

PASTOR: He was taken away and sentenced to death. He was unjustly condemned.

ALL: Who could have imagined His future?

PASTOR: He was cut off from the land of the living.

ALL: And laid in a grave with the wicked.

PASTOR: He was innocent, but it was the LORD's good plan to crush Him with pain.

ALL: His life was offered to defeat sin.

PASTOR: The One who is right and good, the LORD's servant, will make many people righteous by taking their sins...

ALL: ... and they will share in His victory!

PASTOR: He poured Himself out to death, dying like a sinner to carry the sins of many.

ALL: He carried our sin to forgive our sins.

A Candle is Extinguished

Luke 23:44-46

A Candle is Extinguished

John 19:38-42

Special Music "Once Upon a Tree"

The Church Choir

Sermon “Rocky Reed”

♪ Offering Hymn “Look, the Sight is Glorious” (verses 1, 4) #156 LBW

WE SHARE IN HIS VICTORY

✦ 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.**

♪ Closing Hymn “Were You There”

#092 LBW

The Christ Candle is Extinguished

Strepitus *The Bible is slammed shut, reminding us of Christ’s tomb.*

The Days of Darkness

We exit in silence.

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, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and the family of Jim Kennedy.

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 Easter Sunday: 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

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Emma Lubbers

Deacon: Jon Fevig

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a Shoebox Workday Wednesday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome, tasks for all ages and abilities!

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.

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: 115

General Fund receipts for last two weeks: \$9,757.57

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 April 2, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$4,415.72 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. Apr. 9th **6:30 am** Choir Rehearsal
7:00 am **Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Communion**
9:00 am **Easter Morning Worship Service with Communion**

Tue. Apr. 11th **8:15 am** Staff Meeting

Wed. Apr. 12th **9:30 am** Esther Circle
10:00 am **Shoebox Workday**
5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sat. Apr. 15th **11:30 am** Food Shelf Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Sun. Apr. 16th **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.