

He has made everything  
*beautiful*

*in its time*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11 (NIV)



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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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Prelude “The Holy City” by Jim Flan

*We prepare for worship*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, the storms of this world hit us hard! They take away any illusion of our control.

**ALL: We are blown this way and that, rocked by dangers, and even tossed into the depths of despair.**

PASTOR: But You came as Jesus Christ to rescue us...

**ALL: ... to keep us afloat and to calm our storms.**

PASTOR: Jesus lived, died, and rose again to bring you safely through the waves of this world. By His cross, your sins are forgiven, and because of His empty grave, God will one day bring you safely to Heaven’s shores. That is why we worship Him today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, be with me in my struggles. Your control is all I need, so guide me on to stillness and peace. Bless me with hope for the future. Give me strength, courage, and the experience to help others in their times of trouble. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

First Reading

*Genesis 1:1-2*

Psalm 46:1-3, 8-10

READER: <sup>01</sup> God is our refuge and strength;

He is always ready to help in times of trouble!

**ALL: <sup>02</sup> We know this, and so we will not be afraid – even when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

READER: 03 Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

*Selah, a reflective pause.*

READER: 08 Come, see the glorious works of the LORD:

See how He brings calculated destruction upon the world.

**ALL: 09 He causes wars to end throughout the earth.**

**He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;**

**He burns the shields with fire.**

READER: 10 [But this is what we hear:]

“Be still, and know that I am God!

I will be honored by every nation.

I will be honored throughout the world.”

Second Reading

*2 Peter 3:3-9*

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

*Matthew 8:23-27*

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 "Whatever Floats Your Boat"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "King of Kings"

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 "Living Hope"

Sending Song "Happy Day"

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, 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, and Sharon Wiegers.

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Bob Fox in memory of his wife, Norma Fox. 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 23, 2023**

Leviticus 11:1-4, 7-8      Acts 10:1-5

Psalms 51:1, 7, 10-11      Matthew 8:28-34

Sermon Title: “Going Ham”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Haydn Goff

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

**The Sunday School Spring Program will be Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

## **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 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: 195

General Fund receipts for last week: \$9,608.10

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 2/30/23:

Budgeted needs: \$39,772.89

Receipts: \$32,828.26

Actual expenses: \$28,822.53

As of April 9, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$753.17 ahead of our YTD General Budget needs.

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# 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**



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 - 11:15am

## SAVE THE DATES!

April 30<sup>th</sup> - Mentors and May Day Baskets

- Sunday School Students as well as Mentors and Mentees involved in "Salt and Light" are invited to join us during Sunday School for a special May Day project
- Mentors: please bring your favorite wrapped treats for our neighborhood basket activity!

May 7<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Sunday School

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Spring Program during Church

- Please sign up in the fellowship hall to bring treats for this end of year celebration!

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - VBS

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## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service with Mission Focus by  
Chaplain Dave Greaver of the Todd  
County Chaplaincy**

**10:15 am Sunday School**

**Mon. Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study**

**Tue. Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due**

**5:30 pm Family Night Supper**

**6:00 pm Confirmation Class**

**6:00 pm Quest Kids**

**7:00 pm Choir Practice**

**Sat. Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am First Communion Class**

**9:30 am ALCW Spring Meeting**

**Sun. Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service**

**10:15 am Sunday School**

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Youth Ice Cream Road Trip**

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.