

Depart from **EVIL,**
and do **GOOD**

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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 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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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, our lives often leave us feeling filthy. The times we have fallen and failed cling to us like mud, but You wash us clean! Thank You for cleansing us, for dressing us with new life every day, and for guiding us along the way to our heavenly Home with You. Amen.

First Reading

Leviticus 11:1-4, 7-8

Psalm 51:1, 7, 10-11

READER: 01 Have mercy on me, O God,
because of Your unfailing love.

**ALL: 02 Your compassion is great,
so blot out the stain of my sins.**

READER: 07 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

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

READER: 11 Do not banish me from Your presence,
and don't take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Second Reading

Acts 10:1-5, 28, 34b-36

✦ 🎵 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 eighth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 8:28-34

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Son?

ALL: 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.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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.

Sermon “Going Ham”

♪ Offering Hymn “He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!” #501 LBW

✦ ♪ The Offering Response Page 75 LBW

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 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” #550 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, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Deb Fisher, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Lenny Kortuem, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, the family of Lawrence Krawfcyk, and the family of Judy Kennedy.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Karl Arenson in honor of 30 years of life since his heart surgery. 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 30, 2023

Isaiah 33:21-22, 24 Ephesians 4:30-32

Psalms 130:1-6 Matthew 8:1-8

Sermon Title: “Awe-full Authority”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Kylie Goff

Deacon: Jon Fevig



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 14th at the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

The Baccalaureate Worship Service will be at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 28th.

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: 61

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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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

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 30th - 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 7th- Last Day of Sunday School

May 14th- Spring Program during Church

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

July 23rd - 27th - VBS



NEW 2 U 2023

Friday, **JUNE 23** 8-5pm
and Saturday, **JUNE 24th** 8-noon

Dear ALC women: You are invited to fellowship with other members in this project that serves: our community and missions projects, etc.. Youth are also welcome to help.

IN-GATHERING:

Please note: we can NOT accept donations on *Saturday JUNE 10 this year as there will be a funeral here that day!

We will be accepting your donation gifts beginning: Thursday, JUNE 8* through Thursday, JUNE 15th only! The deadline, "cut off" date for donations, allows for necessary further preparations. THANK YOU for understanding and your cooperation! (**On June 8 & 9; please bring your donations to the church **CHOIR** room! This change is also to accommodate for the June 10th funeral.**)

The best hours to access the church to drop off your gifts is during office hours: Monday & Tuesdays 8-noon, Wednesday's 8-3pm, Thursday's 8-11.

You are also welcome to call Deb at **320 732 4184** to arrange an alternate time to bring your gifts. We can arrange for: evening, after your work or other times to receive your donations.

[PLEASE remember, we can't accept: TVs, electronics, large appliances, etc.. Also, we are NOT accepting BOOKS. [ALCW has great difficulty disposing of these items when left over.]] Thank you for respecting this. Please put your donations in the designated room(s). The donation room will be different than in past years! Watch for signage in the church.

SORTING: and other prep work will also happen during the In-Gathering time. [June 8-15] Again, NOT on **JUNE 10th though!**

SET UP for the sale will begin Friday June 16.

ORGANIZING and pricing will be ongoing June 16 through 22nd.

Our trustees ask that we work in 'teams' for safety and liability purposes.

Ladies: we can find a task for any age, energy or skill level. Sit down jobs, etc are available. :-)

We will certainly appreciate home baked goods to serve and sell to our guests. Bring those to church kitchen by 7:30 a.m, Saturday, June 23.

Watch for: sign up sheets and further announcements to determine how you can serve the Lord in this fundraiser event. Many hands make light the work!

Blessings and THANK YOU in advance for sharing your time and talents!

Your ALCW

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Apr. 23rd 9:00 am **Worship Service with Baptism**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Youth Ice Cream Road Trip**
7:30 pm **Staff Meeting**

Wed. Apr. 26th 5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm **Confirmation Class**
6:00 pm **Quest Kids**
7:00 pm **Choir Practice**

Sun. Apr. 30th 9:00 am **Worship Service with First Communion**
10:00 am **Prayer at Altar after Service**
10:15 am **Sunday School – May Day Project with
Salt & Light Mentors**

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.