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Be faithful in prayer

Romans 12:12 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude Music

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You ask us to come to You with our worries. You ask for permission to provide us peace.

ALL: But we don't take those requests seriously. Instead, we try to solve everything ourselves, or we ask advice from those who don't actually have our best interests at heart.

PASTOR: Yet You continue to provide for the needs of those who depend upon You, for those who listen to You, O LORD.

ALL: So forgive us for failing to trust You.

PASTOR: God came as Jesus Christ to win the forgiveness of this and every sin. On that cross, He declared victory through death, and He returned to life three days later to promise you a new and never-ending life with Him in Heaven. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day – “Serenity” by Reinhold Niebuhr

**ALL: Loving God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right**

**if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen!**

♪ Opening “Here I Am to Worship”

Led by the Church Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 33:21-22, 24

Psalm 130:1-6

READER: ⁰¹ From the depths of despair, O LORD,
I call for Your help!

**ALL: ⁰² Hear my cry, O LORD!
Pay attention to my prayer.**

READER: ⁰³ LORD, if you kept a record of our sins,
who, O LORD, could ever survive?

**ALL: ⁰⁴ But you offer forgiveness,
that we might learn to revere You.**

READER: ⁰⁵ I am counting on the LORD;
yes, I am counting on Him.

I have put my hope in His Word!

**ALL: ⁰⁶ I wait longingly for the LORD
more than sentries long for the dawn,
yes, even more than sentries long for the dawn!**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30-32

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 9:1-8

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 "Communion with Jesus"

♪ Offertory "Oh, I Want to Know You More"

Church Choir

The Words of Institution

First Communion Blessing

† Jace Browen

† Mia Eischens

† Zander Katterhagen

The Lord's Supper "How Beautiful"

Addie Ellingson

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 “He is Exalted”

Led by the Church Choir

Postlude Music

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.

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: 112

General Fund receipts for the last two weeks: \$4,016.41

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 23rd, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$4,108.84 behind 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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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, Friday, 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. 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

Tue. May 2nd **8:15 am** Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. May 3rd **5:30 pm Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids Family Night Camp Lebanon
Lazer Tag! & the 2023 Finale!
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Sun. Apr. 7th **9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**
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.