

Who taught my
infant lips to pray,
And love God's
holy book and day?

My Mother.

~ Ann Taylor ~

American Lutheran Church (ALC) (LUMC)

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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.

Announcements and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ 🎵 Welcome Song "Come, Let Us Worship"

"Jesus Loves Me" Everett Fearing, Evelyn Holman, James Holman

Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we thank You for loving us!

ALL: Thank You for loving us, God!

PASTOR: Thank You for watching over us, for taking care of us, for giving us what we need when we need it, for showing us where to go in tough times, and for rescuing us when we're in trouble.

ALL: Thank You for loving us, God!

PASTOR: Thank You for saving us, for giving us forgiveness of sin by Your cross and eternal life through Your empty grave.

ALL: Thank You for loving us, God!

PASTOR: And thank You for bringing us into Your heavenly Kingdom.

ALL: Thank You for loving us, God!

PASTOR: We are all gathered here today to thank You, Lord Jesus, by listening to Your Bible and singing songs of praise and worship!

🎵 The Hokey Pokey Prayer

ALL: You send the blessings down

We lift our praises up

You send the blessings down

And You spread them all around

We thank You, LORD, together

'Cause You've given us so much

That's what it's all about! Amen.

First Reading – *Proverbs 1:7, 2:6*

William Young

Psalm 37:3-9, 23-24

READER: 03 Trust in the LORD and do good.

Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

**ALL: 04 Take delight in the LORD,
and He will give you your heart's desires.**

READER: 05 Commit everything you do to the LORD.

Trust Him, and He will help you.

**ALL: 06 He will make your innocence radiate
like the dawn,
and the justice of your cause will shine
like the noonday sun.**

READER: 07 Be still in the presence of the LORD,
and wait patiently for Him to act.

**ALL: Don't worry about evil people who prosper
or fret about their wicked schemes.**

READER: 08 Also, stop being so angry!

Turn from your rage!

Do not lose your temper –

it only leads to harm.

**ALL: 09 For the wicked will be destroyed,
but those who trust in the LORD will possess the land.**

READER: 23 The LORD directs the steps of the godly.

He delights in every detail of their lives.

**ALL: 24 Though they stumble, they will never fall,
for the LORD holds them by the hand.**

Second Reading – *1 John 5:20-21*

Dawson Hasse

✦ God's Good News – *Matthew 10:5-8, 16-20*

Addie Ellingson

Sermon “Sheep, Wolves, Snakes, and Doves”

Offertory Music

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

“God is So Good”

“This Little Light of Mine”

✦ 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.

VBS Preview

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Sending Song “Soon and Very Soon”

#744 WOV

Postlude “My Lighthouse”

Addie Ellingson, Alyssa Fearing

Please join us for treats and drinks in the Fellowship Hall!

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, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Deb Wagner, and Sharon Wiegers.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by the American Lutheran Church Women (ALCW) in honor of Moms – old and young. 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: May 21, 2023

Zephaniah 2:1-3 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Psalms 18:2-19 Matthew 11:20-24

Sermon Title: “Grave News”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Addison Young

Deacon: Deb Fearing



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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

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 May is our missionaries Dwight & Dorothy Hazard who have served through SIM (Servants In Mission).

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 65

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 4/30/23:

Budgeted needs: \$79,545.78

Receipts: \$74,961.71

Actual expenses: \$61,392.94

As of April 30th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$4,498.07 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

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

Long Prairie shenanigans



Come hangout for a fun evening of goofing off as we run around town

- grocery store scavenger hunt
- playground tag
- bonfire

May 28th

5pm-7pm

Hope you can come!

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. May 14th 9:00 am Sunday School Program Worship Service

11:15 am Missions Committee Meeting

Mon. May 15th 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Tue. May 16th 8:15 am Staff Meeting

Wed. May 17th 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sat. May 20th 8:30 am Bible Study of Letters of Peter & John

Sun. May 21st 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

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.