



Grow in... the **KNOWLEDGE** of
our Lord and Savior

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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, it's not easy to believe that You're really there for us.

ALL: When my days are dark, are You there? When I feel lost, when my brokenness is exposed, or when others attack me, are You there? And when I fail You, are You really there?

PASTOR: We want to know!

ALL: Make Yourself known to us! When we draw closer to You, show just how close You've always been to us.

PASTOR: God is with us. Nothing can separate us from the LORD's love, and so He came to save us. By His cross and empty grave, we are forgiven, healed, and given new life now and forever. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God,
Be with me as I go.
Make safe the winding path.
Shine Your Son upon my way,
The shadow to dispel,
Until I rest forever
In Your heavenly Home. Amen.**

♪ Opening "Bless His Holy Name/Blessed Be" Led by the Church Choir

First Reading

Joel 2:28-32a

Psalm 74:9-12

READER: 9 [In this time, O LORD,
we] no longer see Your miraculous signs.

All the prophets are gone,
and no one can tell us when this age will end!

**ALL: 10 How long, O God,
will You allow our enemies to insult You?**

READER: Will you let them dishonor Your name forever?

**ALL: 11 Why do You hold back Your strong right hand?
Unleash Your powerful fist and destroy them!**

READER: 12 You, O God, are my King from ages past,
and You bring salvation to the earth.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-6, 13-17a, 22-24

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 12:38-42

Children's Sermon

Sermon "The Sign of the Times"

♪ Offertory "O Lord, You're Beautiful"

Led by the Church Choir

✦ 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.**

Baccalaureate Thanksgiving

† Danielle Berscheit † Connor Flan

† Garrett Hasse † Gavin Hasse

♪ “Be Thou My Vision”

♪ Blessing of the Graduates

ALL: May the LORD be with you,

And bless you always.

May the LORD be with you, (NAME)

And bless you every day!

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing Song “My Tribute”

Led by the Church Choir

“May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Postlude Music

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

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, Bob Fox, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Deb Fisher, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Deb Wagner, Sharon Wiegers, and Addison Young.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Dave & Liza Hasse in honor of the class of 2023 graduates. 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: June 4, 2023

Proverbs 19:16-17 Philippians 2:3-8a

Psalms 37:3-9, 23-24 Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon Title: “Participating in Heaven”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ali Barthel

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Readers: Dannielle Berscheit and Gavin Hasse



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FAIR IS COMING! The Todd County Fair will be July 13-16, 2023. There are sign-up sheets on the easel in the narthex for food stand volunteers.

NEW 2 U update: please check out the sign-up sheets on the easel for 'clean up' & 'baking'. Sign up to SERVE as you are able. Thank you so much!



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

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.

On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember the men and women who have given their lives in the armed services of our country. May we always remember that freedom is never free. The freedoms we have today have been paid for with the lives of those who have gone before us. May we always use those freedoms for the glory of God and the good of others.

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: 67

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,981.00

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 May 21st, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$5,902.04 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)



Live music, an honest message, and good fellowship!
BRING A CHAIR & WE'LL SEE YOU THERE

All are welcome for

LAKESIDE WORSHIP

June 18, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. • Charlotte Lake
S'mores buffet and fellowship to follow!

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!



Vacation Bible School

July 23rd - 27th

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Dinner for everyone 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Free for children ages 4 to entering 6th Grade

Register using the QR code

or paper form on the VBS bulletin board.

Bring friends, relatives, neighbors, and grandkids!

Volunteers Needed (7th grade and up)

Please see areas of need and sign up



Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. May 28th** **8:15 am** Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am **Baccalaureate Worship Service**
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Youth Group Long Prairie
 Shenanigans
- Mon. May 29th** **Office Closed for Memorial Day**
 5:30 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
 6:30 pm Staff Meeting
- Wed. May 31st** **6:30 pm** Choir Practice
- Sat. Jun. 3rd** **8:30 am** Bible Study of Letters of Peter & John
- Sun. June 4th** **8:15 am** Choir Practice
 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.