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*Create  
in me  
a clean  
heart*

American Lutheran Church (ALC) (LCCNC)

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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.

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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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#649 WOV

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 ideas about You are often flawed. We imagine false gods and a fake Jesus, a Jesus we can control. Instead of listening to the good and loving things You say, we put words in Your mouth. We need to stop, to pay attention, and to respond to You in faith. Help us with that struggle. Amen.**

## First Reading

*Isaiah 29:13-14*

## Psalm 118:1-2, 19-21

READER: <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> Let all of God's people sing this chorus:**

**"His faithful love endures forever."**

READER: <sup>19</sup> Open the gates for us! Allow the righteous in so we can go and thank the LORD.

**ALL: <sup>20</sup> These gates lead into the LORD's presence, and the godly may enter there.**

READER: <sup>21</sup> And as we enter these gates, we thank You.

You, O LORD, have answered our prayers.

Because of You, we now have victory!

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:5-7*

## ✦ 🎵 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 ninth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Matthew 9:27-34*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## Children's Sermon

## Sermon “Responding to Jesus”

### ✦ The Apostles Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

### ♪ Offering Hymn “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

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### ✦ ♪ The Offering Response

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**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.**

### The Words of Institution

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### Holy Communion

### 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 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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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, 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, 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 Barb Orr in honor of family. 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 14, 2023**

Proverbs 1:7, 2:6                      1 John 5:20-21  
Psalm 37:3-9, 23-24                  Matthew 10:5-8, 16-20  
Sermon Title: “Sheep, Wolves, Snakes, and Doves”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Keyboard: Mason Ellingson
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Caden Schultz
Deacon: Deb Fearing	Reader: Marlyne Klinder



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

**The Baccalaureate Worship Service will be at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 156

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,049.98

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 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

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. May 7<sup>th</sup>     9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am Sunday School**

**Tue. May 9<sup>th</sup>     8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. May 10<sup>th</sup>  9:30 am Esther Circle**  
**6:00 pm Confirmation Class**  
**7:00 pm Choir Practice**  
**8:00 pm Church Council Meeting**

**Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup>    8:30 am Bible Study of Letters of Peter & John**

**Sun. May 14<sup>th</sup>    9:00 am Sunday School Program Worship**  
**Service**  
**11:15 am Missions Committee Meeting**

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.