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American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude Music

We prepare for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, it is so good to be with You today!

ALL: You invite us in, welcoming us into a new and eternal life in Your heavenly Kingdom.

PASTOR: But after days like this, we always return to the brokenness of the world. That's our reality for the rest of the week.

ALL: And our struggles in that world can feel like too much! We get overwhelmed, and we forget that Heaven is about more than Sunday mornings. We forget that Heaven is about more than us.

PASTOR: God came as Jesus Christ to forgive every sin, including the focus on self. When He allowed Himself to die on a cross, our self-centeredness died with Him. After rising again, He promises you that tomorrow is a new day, and another day when You can encounter Him. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, You are always with us, so help us to know that. Help us to feel Your guiding Spirit whenever we need You. Then, help us to share Your perfect love with others. Amen.

♪ Opening Song "On Eagle's Wings"

#779 WOV

First Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Psalm 25:8-12

READER: ⁸The LORD is good and does what is right;
He shows the proper path to those who go astray.

ALL: ⁹He leads the humble in doing right,

teaching them His way.

READER: ¹⁰ With unfailing love and faithfulness,
the LORD leads all who keep His covenant
and obey His demands.

ALL: ¹¹ For the honor of Your name, O LORD,
forgive my many, many sins.

READER: ¹² Who are those who revere the LORD?
He will show them the path they should choose!

Second Reading

Revelation 3:14-16, 19

Special Music “God Shed Your Grace on Us”

The Church Choir

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 17:1-9

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 "Ten Deadly Mistakes of the Church"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Be Thou My Vision"

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The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

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 "God Bless Our Native Land"

#569 LBW

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.



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 Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Jean Bonney, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Bob Fox, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and Addison Young.

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Dennis & Sue Kaneski in honor of their 21st wedding anniversary. 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: July 9, 2023

Ecclesiastes 11:8-10 1 Timothy 4:7-12

Psalms 89:1-4 Matthew 18:1-6, 10

Sermon Title: "Faith Like a Child"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Acolyte: Brielle Flan

Reader: Betty Oliver



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHOEBOX WORK/FUN DAY: This Thursday, 10 AM - Help prepare items that will go in our Shoeboxes this fall! We will find tasks for any age or ability. This is a great time of serving, friendship, being blessed, visiting, laughing – COME FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS!

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.

The June issue of The Daily Walk and June-Aug copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Esther Circle is not meeting in July.

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 July is our local outreach, Long Prairie missions. Spanish language bibles are purchased and distributed at the food shelf and fair stand. Coburns gift cards have been given out to people coming to the church in crisis.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 101

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,231.51

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 June 25th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$10,261.05 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)



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. July 2nd 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**

Mon. July 3rd 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Tue. July 4th **Office Closed for Independence Day**

Wed. July 5th 8:15 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Thu. July 6th 10:00 am **Shoebox Fun/Work Day**

Sun. July 9th 9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:15 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.