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Blessed

is the man who

trusts

in the

LORD

Jeremiah 17:7 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming “Here I Am”

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, unlike any other creature, You have given us tongues that speak...

ALL: ...but our words aren’t always good.

PASTOR: We say many different things. Like You, we can speak love, truth, and life...

ALL: ...but, unlike You, we also speak hate, we lie, and we destroy.

PASTOR: When God came to us as Jesus Christ, His mission was to defeat our sins, to forgive every fault and failure that leads to our deaths. He did this by suffering and dying on a cross in our place. Three days later, and when Jesus rose again, God offered you a new and eternal life with Him in His heavenly kingdom. You have been given a fresh start every day, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ even makes your tongues new. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, speak through me. Give me the words I need each day to live as Your new creation. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “How Great Thou Art”

**Oh, LORD my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed!**

CHORUS

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. CHORUS**

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin! CHORUS**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me Home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!” CHORUS**

First Reading

Proverbs 12:1-3, 13:1-3

Psalm 51:1, 4, 9-10

READER: **1** Have mercy on me, O God,
out of Your unfailing love.

**ALL: Out of Your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.**

READER: **4** Against You, and You alone, have I sinned;
because I have done evil according to Your standards.

**ALL: You will always be proved right in what You say,
because Your judgment against me is fair.**

READER: **9** But don't keep looking at my sins!
Remove the stain of my guilt.

**ALL: 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

♪ Meditation “Create in Me”

Internalizing God’s Word

**Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me! (REPEAT)**

**Cast me not away from Your presence, oh LORD,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.**

Second Reading

James 3:5b-10

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 15:1-2, 10-11, 15-20

♪ The Creed “We Believe”

**In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe. We believe.**

**In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe. We believe.**

CHORUS

**We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He’s given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He’s comin’ back again
We believe**

**So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations**

We believe. We believe! CHORUS

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now, let love invade**

**Let the church live loud; our God, we'll say
“We believe! We believe!”**

**And the gates of Hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe! We believe! CHORUS**

Children's Sermon

Sermon “Mouthwash”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Sanctuary”

**LORD, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.**

**We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee,
We exalt Thee, oh LORD!
We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee,
We exalt Thee, oh LORD!**

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.**

♪ Edelweiss Benediction

A song of blessing.

**May the LORD, Mighty God,
bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in ev'ry endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face.
Trust His grace forever!
May the LORD, Mighty God,
bless and keep you forever.**

♪ Closing Song "Days of Elijah"

**These are the days of Elijah
declaring the Word of the LORD.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
of famine and darkness and sword.
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"**

CHORUS

**Behold, He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call!
So lift your voice; it's the Year of Jubilee,
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes!**

**And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of the Son of David,
Who's building a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in the world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
declaring the Word of the LORD! CHORUS**

**There's no god like You, Jesus! There's no god like You, Jesus!
There's no god like You, Jesus! There's no god like You, Jesus!
There's no god like You, Jesus! There's no god like You, Jesus!
There's no god like You, Je – sus! CHORUS**

Sending “What a Friend” *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, 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 Al & Blanche Tirk in memory of their parents and their brothers, James Berry and Donald Tirk and in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary on June 20th. Praise the Lord for loving 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: June 25, 2023

Genesis 12:1 Acts 1:6-8
Psalm 2:1-2, 4, 6-8 Matthew 15:21-28
Sermon Title: “Identity Politics”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing
Altar Guild: Marlyne Klinder Acolyte: Mason Ellingson
Deacon: Deb Fearing Reader: Marlyne Klinder



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.

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.

New 2 U 2023

Sale Friday, JUNE 23rd, 8 am – 5 pm

And Saturday, JUNE 24th, 8 am - noon



Dear ALC women: You are invited to fellowship with other members in this project that serves: our community and mission projects, etc. Youth are also welcome to help. 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!

You are also welcome to call Deb at 320-732-4184 with any questions.

SORTING: and other prep. work will also happen during the In-Gathering time. [June 8-15]

SET UP for the sale will begin Friday, June 16th.

ORGANIZING and pricing will be ongoing June 16th 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 the church kitchen by 7:30 am, Friday, June 23rd.

Please sign up to help clean up on June 24th. 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 June is our Food Stand at the Todd County Fair. Proceeds from the fair help send our youth to summer camp and go on mission trips.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 70

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,803.00

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 June 11th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$8,675.14 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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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. Jun. 18th New 2 U Setup and Preparation
9:00 am Lakeside Worship Service with Communion

Mon. June 19th New 2 U Setup and Preparation
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Tue. June 20th New 2 U Setup and Preparation
8:15 am Staff Meeting

Wed. June 21st New 2 U Setup and Preparation
11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due

Thu. June 22nd New 2 U Setup and Preparation

Fri. June 23rd **8:00 am – 5:00 pm New 2 U Sale**

Sat. Jun. 24th **8:00 am – noon New 2 U Sale**

Sun. Jun. 25th **8:15 am** Choir Practice
9:00 am **Worship Service with Baptism**
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service

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.