



*The Sun
of
righteousness
shall
arise*

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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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.

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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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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, You created humanity to be united in Your perfect love, but we cause new divisions every day. Forgive this failure. By Your Holy Spirit, forgive our “us versus them” ideas, giving us instead the courage to reunite in Your love. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1

Psalm 2:1-2, 4, 6-8

READER: 1 Why are the nations so angry?

Why do they waste their time with futile plans?

**ALL: 2 The kings of the earth prepare for battle;
the rulers plot together against the LORD
and against His anointed one.**

READER: 4 But the One who rules in Heaven laughs.
The LORD scoffs at them.

ALL: 6 For the LORD declares,

**“I have enthroned My chosen king in Jerusalem!
He has been given a throne on My holy mountain.”**

READER: 7 And the king proclaims the LORD’s decree:

“The LORD told me, ‘You are My son!

Today I have become your Father.

**ALL: 8 Only ask, and I will give you the nations
as your inheritance,
the whole earth as your possession.”**

Second Reading

Acts 1:6-8

✦ 🎵 Reading Response

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**ALL: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words
of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 15:21-28

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Holy Baptism of Iris Mae Wolbeck

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Son?

ALL: 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.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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.

Sermon "Identity Politics"

♪ Offering Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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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.

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 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" #424 LBW

Postlude

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 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 Marlyne Klinder in honor of her 61st 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 2, 2023

Micah 6:6-8 Revelation 3:14-16, 19

Psalms 25:8-12 Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Title: "Ten Deadly Mistakes of the Church"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Riece Falzone

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Reader: Chuck Eldred



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.

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: 51

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,061.00

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 18th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$10,053.35 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. June 25th **8:15 am** Choir Practice
 9:00 am **Worship Service with Baptism**
 10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service

Mon. June 26th **5:30 pm** Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
 6:30 pm Staff Meeting

Thu. June 29th **10:00 am** Board of Education Meeting

Sun. July 2nd **8:15 am** Choir Rehearsal
 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.