

The  
joy of  
the Lord



is your  
strength

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming “Heart of Worship”

*We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we are annoyed by our flaws, tired of our aches and pains.

**ALL: Nothing is perfect! Everything is tainted, and it’s a problem for us every day.**

PASTOR: And we’re also weighed down by guilt! We know our sin taints the world, corrupting it and producing pain and death, the very brokenness we despise.

**ALL: Our bodies fail us.**

PASTOR: God Himself once came to us in a human body. As Jesus Christ, He experienced the worst possible pains of this life, and all to create a solution for you. His death on the cross brought our sins to the grave, and His return to life restores us in the same way. You are destined for a new body, for life forever in God’s heavenly Kingdom. Until that day arrives, we will gladly worship the LORD!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, You sacrificed Your body to save us from sin and death. Now, I offer my body as an instrument of worship. Help me hear You speak through the Bible, responding with prayers and praise! Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “I Can Only Imagine”

First Reading

*Genesis 1:26-28*

Psalm 85:8-13

READER: 8 I listen carefully to what the LORD God says,  
because He speaks peace to His faithful people.

But let them not return to their foolish ways!

**ALL: 9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
so our land will be filled with His glory.**

READER: 10 Unfailing love and truth have met together.  
Righteousness and peace have kissed!

**ALL: 11 Truth springs up from the earth,  
and righteousness smiles down from Heaven.**

READER: 12 Yes, the LORD pours down His blessings.  
Our land will yield its bountiful harvest.

**ALL: 13 Righteousness goes as a herald before Him,  
preparing the way for His steps!**

Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:50-57*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Matthew 22:23-30*

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 "Bad Bible Teaching"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Amazing Grace"

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.**

♪ Edelweiss Benediction

*A song of blessing.*

♪ Closing Song "I'll Fly Away"

Sending "Days of Elijah" *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.





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



# OUTDOOR WORSHIP

August 20, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. • potluck after  
American Lutheran Church: 215 9th Street SE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Church Choir will be practicing at 8:15am on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** to prepare for possible special music in August or September.

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

## **CHURCH OUTREACH**

**Missionaries:** Dan and Nancy Butkowski; Dwight and Dorothy Hazard; Chris Mikkelson.

**Our Mission Focus for the month of August is our radio broadcast ministry** through KEYL. We are thankful for all of you who are willing to support this with your donations.

### **Weekly Report:**

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 5/31/23:

Budgeted needs: \$97,222.62

Receipts: \$89,002.46

Actual expenses: \$90,124.02

As of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$14,467.55 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**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.

We are so frequently reminded of the extreme danger those involved in Law Enforcement face. Within our congregation, there are many individuals and families who have friends and loved ones serving in these roles. Therefore, several of us are requesting that we regularly include these names in our weekly congregational prayers.

### **Presently we are requesting prayers for:**

- Nick Eldred, son of Chuck & Nancy Eldred
- Tom Haugen, son of Bryan & Linda Haugen, grandson of Ione Krause
- Tim Schroeder, son of Sue & Dennis Kaneski
- Brian Schultes, son of Dean & Julie Schultes
- Pete John, cousin to Janie Thole
- Barry Tirk, son of Allan & Blanche Tirk
- Dave Greaver, Todd County Sheriff's Department Chaplain

We are perhaps not aware of all who should be included in this list. We have begun compiling and ask you to give the church office names of additional law enforcement personnel and their families.

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am** Choir Practice  
**9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**

**Mon. Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm** Trustee Meeting

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

**Wed. Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am** Esther Circle  
**10:00 am** **Shoebox Fun/Work Day**  
**7:00 pm** Church Council Meeting

**Sun. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am** **Worship 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.