



# *Always*

*give yourselves fully  
to the work of the Lord*

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming Music

*We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, guilt weighs us down. Sin, when we're honest, is heavy on our hearts.

**ALL: But you forgive us freely! Our life with You should be lost forever, but You take the weight of our faults and failures onto Yourself.**

PASTOR: But do we learn from this love? Do we forgive those who sin against us, those who hurt us, as freely as You do?

**ALL: No. We avoid, we gossip, we fight and hold grudges.**

PASTOR: But God came as Jesus Christ to forgive that sin, too. His death on the cross miraculously claimed our every fault and failure. Three days passed, and He rose again, promising you life forever in His heavenly Kingdom. You have been changed for good! He therefore also fills you with His Spirit, the Spirit that helps us to forgive as He has forgiven. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, give us the strength and wisdom to repair broken relationships, to do the hard work of loving people, even those who have hurt us. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song "Just As I Am" (verses 1-4)

#296 LBW

First Reading

*Genesis 27:34-35, 41*

Psalm 37:7-11

READER: 7 Be still in the presence of the LORD,  
and wait patiently for Him to act.

**ALL: Don't worry about evil people who prosper  
or worry about their wicked schemes.**

READER: 8 Stop being so angry!  
Turn away from your rage.

**ALL: Don't lose your temper –  
it only leads to harm.**

READER: 9 After all, we know the wicked will be destroyed,  
but those who trust in the LORD will possess the land.

**ALL: 10 Soon the wicked will disappear.**

**When you look for them, they will be gone!**

READER: 11 Then the lowly will possess the land  
and will live in peace and prosperity.

Second Reading

*Ephesians 4:30-32*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Matthew 18:15-17*

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.**

Mission Trip Blessings

Sermon “Water Under the Burned Bridges”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” #306 LBW

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 “Go My Children, with My Blessing” #721 WOV

Sending Music

*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** 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 Patrick & Tracy Schultz in honor of their 18<sup>th</sup> 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 23, 2023**

Exodus 20:1, 12                      Colossians 3:18-21

Psalms 127:3-5                      Matthew 19:1-6

Sermon Title: “Family Values”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Peyton Hukriede

Deacon: Janie Thole



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 75

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$10,702.58 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Are you looking for easy ways to help with VBS?



Our mission focus this year is Operation Christmas Child/Shoebox. We are collecting the following items to help fill shoeboxes:

- Combs and brushes
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- Large erasers

Drop off any of these items at the church July 23rd - 27th.

Stick around after church on July 23rd to help set up, decorate, and see what all the excitement is about!



## **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 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
Fair Stand at Todd County Fair  
Youth Mission Trip Starts**

**Mon. July 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study**

**Tue. July 18<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. July 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due**

**Sun. July 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service  
10:15 am Setup for Vacation Bible School  
5:00 pm Vacation Bible School**

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.