



**YOU WILL KEEP IN PERFECT
PEACE HIM WHOSE MIND
IS STEADFAST**

Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song “Here I Am to Worship”

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we are blind.

ALL: We have closed our eyes to Your perfect love.

PASTOR: We have run from Your light into the cold and bitter darkness.

ALL: Lost, we stumble. We fall.

PASTOR: Afraid, we focus only on ourselves.

ALL: Others are lost all around us, but we can’t help them. We can’t even see them!

PASTOR: This is why God came to us as Jesus Christ. He entered the darkest of depths, dying on the cross and descending into hell. Our faults and failures died with Him. Three days later, Jesus returned to life, offering forgiveness and a new, never-ending life in His heavenly Kingdom. The LORD has warmed You in His Light, and He invites you to share that brightness with others. That is why we worship Him today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, open our eyes. Help us to see where You want us to go and what You want us to do, so we can bring Your loving Light to this dark world. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “10,000 Reasons”

First Reading – Isaiah 58:6-11

Caden Schultz

Psalm 112:5, 7-10

Led by Ronelle Hasse

READER: 5 Good comes to those
who lend money generously,
who conduct their business fairly.

**ALL: 7 They do not fear bad news;
they confidently trust the LORD to care for them.**

READER: 8 They are brave and fearless
and can face any foe triumphantly.

**ALL: 9 They share freely and give generously to the needy
Their good deeds will be remembered forever.
They will have influence and honor.**

READER: 10 But the wicked will see this and be infuriated.

**ALL: They will grind their teeth in anger;
they will slink away, their hopes thwarted.**

Second Reading – Acts 1:3, 6-8

Ellianna Young

Mission Trip Review

♪ Offering of Worship “Yes I Will”

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.**

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News – John 9:1-7

Blake Schultz

Skit Sermon “Here’s Mud in Your Eye”

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

“In the Morning, When I Rise”

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

Music led by Mason Ellingson

#777 WOV

#424 LBW

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing Song “Gratitude”

Sending Music “Jesus Shall Reign”

Mason Ellingson

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!

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Jonathan & Joni Young in honor of their 16th 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: August 6, 2023

Genesis 1:26-28 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Psalms 85:8-13 Matthew 22:23-30

Sermon Title: "Questioning God's Love"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Hunter Katterhagen

Deacon: Blanche Tirk



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 6th 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 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: 80

General Fund receipts for last three weeks: \$9,552.66

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 23rd, 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 Kanaski
- 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. July 30th 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

10:00 am Prayer in Library after Service

5:30 pm Staff Meeting

Performing Arts Camp Continues This Week

Wed. Aug. 2nd 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

**Sat. Aug. 5th 3:00 pm Barbeque Potluck Chaplaincy
Fundraiser at Kortuem Home**

Sun. Aug. 6th 8:15 am Choir Practice
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.