



*The wind  
is created  
by God*

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

**215 Ninth Street SE • Long Prairie, Minnesota**

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming Song “In Jesus’ Name”

*We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You are the creator of every good thing, and so we call You heavenly Father. You crafted every human being after Your image...

**ALL: ...making us Your sons and daughters.**

PASTOR: But like children, we rebel. We disobey. We ignore Your good advice and get ourselves into trouble...

**ALL: ...and, like the perfect Father, You still love us.**

PASTOR: God came as Jesus Christ to bring us back into His family. He claimed the cost of our rebellion for Himself, suffering and dying on the cross in our place. Three days later, He returned to life, offering You a forgiven and forever life in His heavenly Kingdom. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, help us to welcome Your fatherly love, sharing it with everyone we meet. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “Shout to the Lord”

First Reading

*Ecclesiastes 11:8-10*

Psalm 89:1-4

READER: <sup>01</sup> I will sing of the LORD’s unfailing love forever!  
People both young and old will hear of His faithfulness.

**ALL: <sup>02</sup> LORD God, Your unfailing love will last forever.  
Your faithfulness is as eternal as the heavens.**

READER: <sup>03</sup> The LORD said,

“I have made a covenant with David, My chosen servant.  
I have sworn an oath to him.”

**ALL: 04 The LORD established a Kingdom,  
and He made David’s descendants kings forever;  
we will have a divine throne now and forevermore!**

Second Reading

*1 Timothy 4:7-12*

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

*Matthew 18:1-6, 10*

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 “Faith Like a Child”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Who You Say I Am”

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 “Living Hope”

Sending “Today is the Day” *We leave 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 Shorty & Bernice Petrie in honor of their 34<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 16, 2023**

Genesis 27:34-35, 41                      Ephesians 4:30-32

Psalms 37:7-11                              Matthew 18:15-17

Sermon Title: “Water Under the Burned Bridges”

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Vocalists: Alyssa Fearing & Sierra Larson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Blain Hall



## **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-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: 70

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,997.68

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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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)



## **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 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service**  
**10:15 am Missions Committee Meeting**

**Tue. July 11<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. July 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting**

**Thu. July 13<sup>th</sup> – Sun. July 16<sup>th</sup> Food Stand at Todd County Fair**

**Sun. July 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**Youth Mission Trip Starts**

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.