



**All things  
become  
new in  
Christ**

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# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    September 3, 2023

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming “How Can I Keep From Singing”    *We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You forgive the unforgivable. When we throw away our lives for cheap, fading comforts and thrills, You are still there to offer us another chance.

**ALL: You forgive me even when I cannot forgive myself!**

PASTOR: And when we betray or rebel against You, O LORD, You are still willing to forgive.

**ALL: You love me even when I have not loved you!**

PASTOR: This is why God came to us as Jesus Christ, why He went to the cross to suffer a sacrificial death, and why that death miraculously earned forgiveness for our every fault and failure. Three days later, when Jesus returned to life, it sealed the promise of a fresh start, of a forgiven and forever life in His heavenly Kingdom that begins now. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, make Your perfect and loving forgiveness real to me. Help me to live with renewed joy, knowing You have nothing but good planned for me in the end. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#771 WOV

First Reading

*Proverbs 19:5*

Psalm 23

READER: <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd,  
so I have everything I need.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> He lets me rest in green meadows,**

**and He leads me beside peaceful streams.**

READER: <sup>3</sup> He renews my strength.

He guides me along the right paths...

**ALL: ... which is an honorable credit to His name.**

READER: <sup>4</sup> Even when I walk  
through the darkest valley...

**ALL: I will not be afraid...**

READER: ... for You are close beside me.

**ALL: Your rod and Your staff  
protect and comfort me.**

READER: <sup>5</sup> You prepare a feast for me  
where all my enemies can see.

**ALL: You honor me by anointing my head with oil.  
My cup overflows with blessings!**

READER: <sup>6</sup> Surely Your goodness and unfailing love  
will pursue me all the days of my life...

**ALL: ... and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

*Acts 1:15-22, 26*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Matthew 26:17-24*

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 "Dining with Betrayal"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Blessed Assurance"

#699 WOV

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 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

#781 WOV

Postlude 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!

**Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Karl & Beth Arenson in memory of Karl's Mom, Marlys Arenson. 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: May 2, 2023**

Exodus 34:5-7                      Romans 5:18-19

Psalms 145:1, 3-7                Matthew 27:20-26

Sermon Title: "Generational Guilt"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Piano: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Kylie Goff

Deacon: Jon Fevig



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Women of American Lutheran** - Please attend a brief ALCW meeting at 11:30 AM on Saturday, Sept. 30 to elect a new president! (This will be during our Baby Care Kit packing day, just before potluck lunch.) **Please consider whether the Lord is calling you to help lead ALCW**, and feel free to talk to Jane Hasse about what is involved - 320-733-2554.

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

### **WE ARE IN NEED OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!**

We are looking for anyone interested in helping serve one Sunday a month with our kids' Sunday school program or willing to be a substitute when needed. Lessons are planned out and easy to follow, and supplies can be provided if needed. Please talk to Sierra, Jody, or Pastor Ethan if interested!

**If you are the last one to leave the church building**, please check the front entry door and parking lot door to be sure they are locked and then exit the building through the kitchen door.

**All boards and committees, please submit your 2024 budget requests by October 1<sup>st</sup>** so that the Trustees can begin preparing next year's budget.

## **CHURCH OUTREACH**

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

**Our Mission Focus for the month of September is Chris Mikkelson Evangelistic Ministries**, which seeks to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the most remote and unreached parts of the earth.

## **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 83

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 7/31/23:

Budgeted needs: \$136,995.51

Receipts: \$120,194.40

Actual expenses: \$121,980.53

As of August 20<sup>th</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$19,007.31 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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# FORGIVIN' LIVIN'

In 2024, the **Daily Texts** will affirm the message that God puts a new heart and a new spirit into our lives.

**I will give you a new heart  
and put a new spirit in you.** Ezekiel 36:26

Often, we live as if we are not connected to our Creator Lord. We forget that He has made us in His image and conformed us to His divine presence. Through Jesus, our hearts are changed by the Holy Spirit's work through His redemption for us on the cross. In the Spirit we are a new person in Christ to bear fruit for the kingdom. The old is gone, the new is here!

Each day we meet Jesus who is transforming our hearts to be His followers. Through the reflection on the **Daily Texts** and making the connections, our hearts are inspired and made new.

To reserve your copy, please add your name to the poster on or before **September 10!** Cost is \$11.00.

To: YOU, yes YOU  
**YOU'RE INVITED!**

## Sunday School



Sundays at 10:15-11:15 am  
Kick-off September 10th  
American Lutheran Church  
Preschool- 12 Grade



ALC Sunday School Registration  
[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)

**Come discover  
God's greatness  
through music,  
games, Bible  
stories, crafts,  
and FUN!**

## Quest Kids



Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm  
Kick-off September 13th  
4 years-old -6th grade  
Hosted at First Baptist Church





American Lutheran Church's

# FALL KICK-OFF BONFIRE

Hotdogs, Chips, a S'mores Buffet, and Christian Fellowship!

**6:00 P.M.**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**SEPT. 16TH**

215 9th Street SE, Long Prairie, MN 56347

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Our current prayer list includes** Joe Ayers, Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Jean Bonney, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Bob Fox, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Ellie Goplen, Fran Hamm, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, and Theresa Wieggers.

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 Kanieski
- 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. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**

**Mon. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Office Closed for Labor Day**

**6:30 pm Staff Meeting**

**7:00 pm Trustee Meeting**

**Wed. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Choir Practice**

**8:00 pm Deacon Meeting**

**Sun. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service**

**10:15 am Sunday School Starts**

**11:15 am Board of Education Meeting**

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.