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***When you pass  
through the waters,  
I will be with you***

***Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)***

***American Lutheran Church (ALC)***

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

**Pastor Ethan Fearing • 732-2932**

**[americanlutheranchurch.org](http://americanlutheranchurch.org)**

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming Song “Good Good Father”

*We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

PASTOR: LORD God, we are not always ready to welcome You. While You hope to bring us into Your eternal heavenly Kingdom, that very idea somehow offends us.

**ALL: We feel invaded! You want Your way for our lives, but we want ours, and so we rebel. We even mock Your reign, Your perfect loving goodness.**

PASTOR: We have, after all, been building our own little kingdoms. In our imaginations, we are in charge. So, while we should greet You with shouts of joy, with the praise the Savior King deserves, we often sneer instead of cheer.

**ALL: But still You came!**

PASTOR: As Jesus Christ, You came to show us the glory of Your Kingdom, but Your mission also brought You to the cross. By dying, and by rising again, You won for us the victory over sin, death, and every power of evil. That is why we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, You come to us as the victorious Savior King. You made us heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven, so help us now to receive the promises of Your ultimate triumph, the riches You have given us. In You alone, we have faith and forgiveness, hope for eternity, and true and unyielding love! Amen.**



♪ Opening Song “Shout to the Lord”

First Reading

*Proverbs 3:33-35*

Psalm 1:1-3

READER: <sup>1</sup> Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked...

**ALL: ... or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.**

READER: <sup>2</sup> But they delight in the Law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.

**ALL: <sup>03</sup> They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.**

READER: Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Second Reading

*Galatians 6:7-10*

Special Music “Light!”

The Church Choir

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

*Matthew 27:27-31*

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.**

Sunday School Blessing

Sermon “Mocking God”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Yes, I Will”

The Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion “How He Loves Us”

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 “House of the Lord”

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 Janie & Sy Thole in honor of their children and grandchildren. 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: September 24, 2023**

Deuteronomy 31:6          Romans 8:38-39

Psalms 27:1-3, 10-14      Matthew 27:45-53

Sermon Title: "The Abandoned"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Song Leaders: Alyssa Fearing, Jonathan Young,  
Ellianna Young, Addison Young

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Jon Fevig





## ***Biblical Counseling?***

**Saturday, September 30th 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**



**Life has Problems...**

**God's Word has Answers!**

*Snacks and lunch will be provided, so please*

**RSVP to [matt@fbclongprairie.org](mailto:matt@fbclongprairie.org)**

*so we know how much food to prepare.*



**M.C.M.A.**

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Ministries  
Association



## **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.

**REMINDER** - for record keeping purposes as per our ALC constitution: Please fill out a communion card once each year. The cards are found in the racks in the pews. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. **THANK YOU!** – Board of Deacons.

## **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 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: 85

General Fund receipts for the last week: \$2,228.00

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 September 10<sup>th</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$18,282.36 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

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, Jan Doles, 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 Wiegers, and Theresa Wiegers.

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. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 am Choir Practice  
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Mission Committee Meeting

**Mon. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

**Tue. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>** 8:15 am Staff Meeting

**Wed. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due  
5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**  
6:00 pm Quest Kids  
6:00 pm Confirmation Class  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Sun. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 am Choir Practice  
9:00 am **Worship Service**  
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service  
10:15 am Sunday 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.