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For what  
shall it profit  
a man, if he...  
lose his own  
soul?

Mark 8:36

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✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.  
LBW: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the green hymn book.

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Prelude Music

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

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

**ALL: Amen.**

PASTOR: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for personal reflection.*

PASTOR: Most merciful God...

**ALL: ...we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

*Announcement of forgiveness.*

♪ Opening Hymn "Here in the Place"

#718 WOV

Greeting

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PASTOR: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

♪ The Kyrie, a Prayer for Mercy

Page 57 LBW

PASTOR: In peace, let us pray to the LORD.

**ALL: LORD, have mercy.**

PASTOR: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

**ALL: LORD, have mercy.**

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.

**ALL: LORD, have mercy.**

PASTOR: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

**ALL: LORD, have mercy.**

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

**ALL: Amen!**

♪ Hymn of Praise

Pages 58-59 LBW

PASTOR: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

**ALL: LORD God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, LORD God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

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PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, we are here to listen to the Bible, to hear Your Word. Speak to us! To everyone in pain, whisper words of comfort and healing. To those who are ready to learn and grow, teach Your ways. And with all who know and love You, shout and sing for joy! Amen.**

## First Reading

*Deuteronomy 31:6*

## Psalm 27:1-3, 10-14

READER: 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation –  
so why should I be afraid?

**ALL: The LORD is my fortress,  
protecting me from danger,  
so why should I tremble?**

READER: 2 When evil people come to devour me,  
when my enemies and foes attack me...

**ALL: ... they will stumble and fall.**

READER: 3 Though a mighty army surrounds me,  
my heart will not be afraid.

**ALL: Even if I am attacked,  
I will remain confident.**

READER: 10 Even if my father and mother abandon me,  
the LORD will hold me close!

**ALL: 11 Teach me how to live, O LORD.  
Lead me along the right path,  
for my enemies are waiting for me.**

READER: 12 Do not let me fall into their hands.  
For they accuse me of things I've never done;  
with every breath they threaten violence against me.

**ALL: 13 Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness  
while I am here in the land of the living.**

READER: 14 Wait patiently for the LORD.  
Be brave and courageous!

**ALL: Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.**

Second Reading

*Romans 8:38-39*

Special Music “Shine on Us”

The Church Choir

✦  Reading Response

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**ALL: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

 The Gospel, God’s Good News

Page 63 LBW

PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Matthew, the 27<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Matthew 27:45-53*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Sermon

Chaplain Dave Griever


✦ The Apostles Creed

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**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 Offering Hymn “Jesus Shall Reign”

#530 LBW

✦  The Offering Response

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**ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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**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.*

Special Music "Prayer of Dedication"

The Church Choir

♪ Closing Hymn "Praise the Lord! O Heavens"

#540 LBW

Postlude

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

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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 Bob & Tammie Chapin in memory of their parents. 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. Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Bible Readings for Next Week: October 1, 2023**

Isaiah 53:3-5, 9-11                  Romans 6:8-11

Psalms 16:8-11                        Matthew 27:57-61

Sermon Title: “Doing the Impossible”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Organist: Mason Ellingson
Message: Chaplain Dave Greaver	Pianist: Melba Granlund
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Ali Barthel
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.*



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**There will be another Shoebox Workday** on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Baby Care Kit Workdays** will be Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am for organizing and set-up and Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am for assembling and packing.

**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.

**If you have messages for Alyssa Fearing**, our Sacred Music Coordinator, they can be left in her new mail slot in the church office.

**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!

**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.

**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: 84

General Fund receipts for the last week: \$4,354.52

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 8/30/23:

Budgeted needs: \$154,672.35

Receipts: \$139,026.48

Actual expenses: \$138,020.65

As of September 17<sup>th</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$18,367.05 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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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



## **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 Kaneski
- 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.

## Wednesday Family Night Supper 2023 – 2024 Schedule

<b>Sept. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spaghetti – Team 3</b>
<b>Oct. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spud Supper – Sarah Circle fund raiser for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes</b>
<b>Oct. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Taco Temptations – Team 4</b>
<b>Oct. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SUPPER (MEA Break)</b>
<b>Oct. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Soupers - Team 6</b>
<b>Nov. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Thanksgiving Family Meal – Youth &amp; Family</b>
<b>Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Duke's Mixture – Team 1</b>
<b>Nov. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Variables – Team 2</b>
<b>Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NO SUPPER (Thanksgiving Break)</b>
<b>Nov. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Youth Missions Fund Raiser</b>
<b>Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spaghetti – Team 3</b>
<b>Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Taco Temptations – Team 4</b>
<b>Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Dec. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SUPPER (Christmas Break)</b>
<b>Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Soupers – Team 6</b>
<b>Jan. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Variables – Team 2</b>
<b>Jan. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Duke's Mixture – Team 1</b>
<b>Jan. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Jan. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Spaghetti – Team 3</b>
<b>Feb. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Taco Temptations – Team 4</b>
<b>Feb. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Soupers - Team 6</b>
<b>Feb. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Duke's Mixture – Team 1</b>
<b>Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Youth Missions Fund Raiser</b>
<b>Mar. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Variables – Team 2</b>
<b>Mar. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spaghetti – Team 3</b>
<b>Mar. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Taco Temptations – Team 4</b>
<b>Mar. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SUPPER (Holy Week)</b>
<b>Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Soupers - Team 6</b>
<b>Apr. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Duke's Mixture – Team 1</b>
<b>Apr. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Variables – Team 2</b>
<b>Apr. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ALCW</b>

