



SERVE HIM

WITH

*wholehearted
devotion*

AND WITH A

willing mind

1 Chronicles 28:9 (NIV)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Music

We prepare for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we fail to believe Your goodness.

ALL: When we are suffering, when our pain and troubles are constant, we doubt You. We ask, "How could a perfectly good God let this happen to me?"

PASTOR: In those moments, we forget that You're not the problem. Our world is broken. People are sinful. Evil exists, and death haunts us daily.

ALL: And when we forget and blame You, it only adds to the problems of this world.

PASTOR: But God came to free You from this. These pains and problems are now temporary, because the LORD is offering to rescue You. That's why He came as Jesus Christ, why He died on the cross to win the forgiveness of our sins, and its why He returned to life three days later, promising the same for you, promising to bring everyone who knows and loves Him from this broken world into His heavenly Kingdom. And that is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, we doubt. We question Your character. Help us instead to see the truth, to know Your love deeply, and for it to change us, bringing us out of our depression and anxiety and into Your prefect peace. We pray this, both now and forever! Amen.

♪ Opening Song "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

#734 WOV

First Reading

Habakkuk 2:4

Psalm 146:10-11

READER: 1 Praise the LORD!

ALL: Let all that I am praise the LORD!

READER: 2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

**ALL: 3 We shouldn't put our faith in powerful people;
they really cannot help us.**

READER: 4 When they breathe their last,
they return to the earth,
and all their plans die with them.

**ALL: 5 But our true joy comes from knowing God,
from the help and hope the LORD God gives us.**

READER: 6 He made the heavens and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.
He keeps all of His promises forever!

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17-20

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 28:16-17

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.

Baby Care Kit Blessing

Sermon “Doubt Despite the Facts”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Day by Day”

#746 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 “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Sending Music

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

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 Tom & Delores Mead in memory of their son Steven. 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: October 22, 2023

Proverbs 15:19

Romans 12:9-11

Psalms 91:9-14

Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Title: “The Great Commission”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Brielle Flan

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Reader: Julie Schultes



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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.

Sunday, November 5th – is **All Saints Sunday** – in our worship service we will be remembering immediate family members who have died since November 1st, 2022. If you have someone whom you would like to be remembered, please write their names on the designated list on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Attention all Veterans...we be honoring our veterans on Sunday November 12th. All veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms to worship that day. Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11th.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

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. 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 October is Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 70

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 October 1st, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$18,986.34 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

QUEST KIDS 2023 FALL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

September 13 - Quest Kick Off Carnival! @ 6:00 PM

September 20 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

September 27 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

OCTOBER

October 04 - Quest Kids Family Night
Pumpkin Painting/Carving! @ 6:00 PM

October 11 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

October 18 - NO QUEST - MEA Weekend

October 25 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

October 31 - Trunk Or Treat! 5:00-6:30 PM

NOVEMBER

November 01 - Quest Kids Family Night
Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6:00 PM at ALC

November 08 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

November 15 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM


November 22 - No Quest (Happy Thanksgiving!)

November 29 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

Questions?
Contact Pastor Jackson!
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FALL FIRE!

OCTOBER 13-15, 2023

Build it. Light it. Feel it. Feed it.

- 2 Nights 5 Meals
- Dynamic Chapels
- Youth Group Team Time
- RAGING FIRE Group Challenges
- Campfire Time
- Screaming' Eagle Zipline (\$5)
- Laser Tag (\$10)
- Flag Football
- Free Time Fun
- Espresso Coffee for Leaders
- and More!



STUDENTS

\$119

DUE: October 1st



CAMP LEBANON

A MEETING PLACE WITH GOD

Cut off and return filled out

*By signing you are indicating your student is planning to attend.

Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Leaving Friday 13th at 6pm

TRUNK OR TREAT



CANDY NEEDED

Please consider donating 1,2,3 or any amount of **CANDY** to be used at Trunk or Treat this year.

Due by: 10/29

*hosted at FBC



PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Joe Ayers, Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joanne Bokinskie, Jean Bonney, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Bob Fox, Lois Johnson, 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 Kaniski
- 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

Oct. 18th	NO SUPPER (MEA Break)
Oct. 25th	Soupers - Team 6
Nov. 1st	Thanksgiving Family Meal – Youth & Family
Nov. 8th	Duke’s Mixture – Team 1
Nov. 15th	Variables – Team 2
Nov. 22nd	NO SUPPER (Thanksgiving Break)
Nov. 29th	Youth Missions Fund Raiser
Dec. 6th	Spaghetti – Team 3
Dec. 13th	Taco Temptations – Team 4
Dec. 20th	?
Dec. 27th	NO SUPPER (Christmas Break)
Jan. 3rd	Soupers – Team 6
Jan. 10th	Variables – Team 2
Jan. 17th	Duke’s Mixture – Team 1
Jan. 24th	?
Jan. 31st	Spaghetti – Team 3
Feb. 7th	Taco Temptations – Team 4
Feb. 14th	Soupers - Team 6
Feb. 21st	Duke’s Mixture – Team 1
Feb. 28th	Youth Missions Fund Raiser
Mar. 6th	Variables – Team 2
Mar. 13th	Spaghetti – Team 3
Mar. 20th	Taco Temptations – Team 4
Mar. 27th	NO SUPPER (Holy Week)
Apr. 3rd	Soupers - Team 6
Apr. 10th	Duke’s Mixture – Team 1
Apr. 17th	Variables – Team 2
Apr. 24th	ALCW

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Oct. 15th 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
11:15 am Missions Committee Meeting
Fall Fire! Youth Event at Camp
Lebanon

Mon. Oct. 16th 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Tue. Oct. 17th 8:15 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Oct. 18th 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due

Sun. Oct. 22nd 9:00 am Worship Service – Begin “Go & Make”
Sermon Series
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.