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*a Walk as*

*children of light*

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

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# **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** October 22, 2023

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming Song “I Will Follow”

*We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, what are Your plans for us?

**ALL: Where do You want us to go? What do You want us to do?**

PASTOR: And if You have already told us, help us to be honest in asking ourselves...

**ALL: Have we been following Your perfect plans?**

PASTOR: We haven’t. We have failed You, O LORD, but we also know You are a God of forgiveness, of second and third chances.

That is why You came to us as Jesus Christ, why You died to miraculously forgive our faults and failures, and why You returned to life to win us the gift of eternal life in Your heavenly Kingdom.

Today is a new day, a new opportunity to follow Your lead. That is why we worship You!

Prayer of the Day – Francis of Assisi

**ALL: Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek**

**to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood as to understand;**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “Step By Step”

First Reading

*Proverbs 15:19*

Psalm 91:9-14

READER: 9 If you make the LORD your refuge,  
if you make the Most High your shelter...

**ALL: 10 ... no evil will conquer you;  
no plague will come near your home.**

READER: 11 For He will order His angels  
to protect you wherever you go.

**ALL: 12 They will hold you up with their hands  
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone!**

READER: 13 You will trample upon lions and cobras;  
you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!

**ALL: 14 The LORD says, “I will rescue those who love Me.  
I will protect those who trust in My name.”**

Second Reading

*Romans 12:9-11*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Matthew 28:16-20*

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 "Go & Make: The Great Commission"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Build Your Kingdom Here"

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 "Then All the People Said 'Amen'"

Sending Song “Nobody”     *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 Stan & Joanne Hillman in honor of their 40<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. A Sign-up sheet is on the wall in the back of the sanctuary.

**Bible Readings for Next Week: October 29, 2023**

Isaiah 58:11-12                      Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17

Psalms 73:1-5, 13-14, 21-26      John 16:33

Sermon Title: “Who are You?”

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing  
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver  
Deacon: Blanche Tirk  
Ushers: Gary & Gloria Larsen  
Mark Pachan  
Tom Wiegers

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing  
Acolyte: Peyton Hukriede  
Reader: Jane Olson



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – is All Saints Sunday** – in our worship service we will be remembering immediate family members who have died since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**There is a Food Donation sign-up sheet on the easel in the narthex for the Family Night Thanksgiving Dinner** which will be held Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. This is a Youth & Family sponsored event in partnership with Quest Kids from the First Baptist Church and all are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate.

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

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** will be on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**If you borrowed the book “Looking for the One” by Dave McIver,** please return it to the church office.

### **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.

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

## **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 October is Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project.**

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 78

General Fund receipts for the last two weeks: \$5,959.27

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 9/30/23:

    Budgeted needs: \$172,349.19

    Receipts: \$153,836.60

    Actual expenses: \$161,643.16

As of October 15<sup>th</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$21,887.49 behind our YTD General Budget needs.



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# 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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# 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, Karl Arenson, Joanne Bokinskie, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Bob Fox, Lois Johnson, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, 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 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

<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>

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

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

**10:15 am Sunday School**

**Mon. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting**

**Tue. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Shoebox Workday**

**5:30 pm Family Night Supper**

**6:00 pm Quest Kids**

**6:00 pm Confirmation Class**

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

**Thu. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Audio-Visual Committee Meeting**

**6:00 pm Staff Meeting**

**Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Confirmation Sunday Worship Service  
with Communion**

**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.