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Good News

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American Lutheran Church (ALC) (LCA)

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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.

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 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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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

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

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

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, Your love for us is perfect, Your plans are best, and what You do is always good. You have nothing to prove to us. Even so, You leave us clues that lead back to You, clues that bring us into the never-ending life of Your heavenly Kingdom. That is why we praise and worship You today, LORD! Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 16:8-11

READER: ⁸I now know the LORD is always with me.

I will not be shaken, because He will stay beside me.

ALL: ⁹No wonder my heart is glad – my joy never ends!

And my body can rest, because He has given me safety.

READER: ¹⁰God will not leave my soul among the dead.

No! He makes me holy, pulling me from a rotting grave.

ALL: ¹¹The LORD shows me the way of life!

READER: He promises to stay with us,

to give us the constant elation His presence.

ALL: And we will also know the pleasure of living with the LORD forever!

Second Reading

Acts 2:42-47

✦ 🎵 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

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PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Matthew, the 28th chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 28:1-10

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Proof in an Age of Skepticism"

✦ 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 Lives! The Victory's Won"

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✦ ♪ 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.

♪ Closing Hymn “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

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Postlude

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 the Orr family in memory of Tom & Tommy Orr. Their memories are always in our hearts. 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

Habakkuk 2:4 Ephesians 4:17-20

Psalm 146:10-11 Matthew 28:16-17

Sermon Title: “Doubt Despite the Facts”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Madison Cline

Deacon: Blanche Tirk



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to all of you who have become such faithful Shoebox supporters! Your Spud Supper donations & other recent gifts have put us well on our way to cover "shipping" costs if we again send 700 Shoeboxes! Please join in another Workday this Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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.

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: 109

General Fund receipts for the last week: \$5,015.11

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 _____

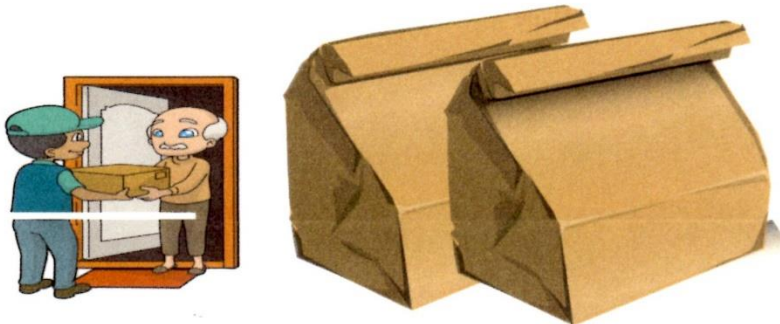
Leaving Friday 13th at 6pm

Volunteers Needed for Long Prairie Meals on Wheels Delivery Route!!!!

Looking for volunteers to deliver Tuesdays through Fridays. Starting at 10 am. Delivery route takes about an hour and the meals are picked up in Long Prairie.

If interested, please call Hilltop Regional Kitchen at 218-738-5563.

This is a very rewarding experience with a way to help out your local community!



PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Joe Ayers, Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joanne Bokinskie, Jean Bonney, Kathy Chelman, Jan Doles, 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. 11th	Taco Temptations – Team 4
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. 8th **9:00 am Worship Service**
10:15 am Sunday School
11:15 am Board of Education Meeting

Wed. Oct. 11th **9:00 am Esther Circle**
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
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Fri. Oct. 13th – Sun. Oct. 15th Fall Fire! Youth Event at Camp Lebanon

Sun. Oct. 15th **9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am Sunday School
11:15 am Missions Committee 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.