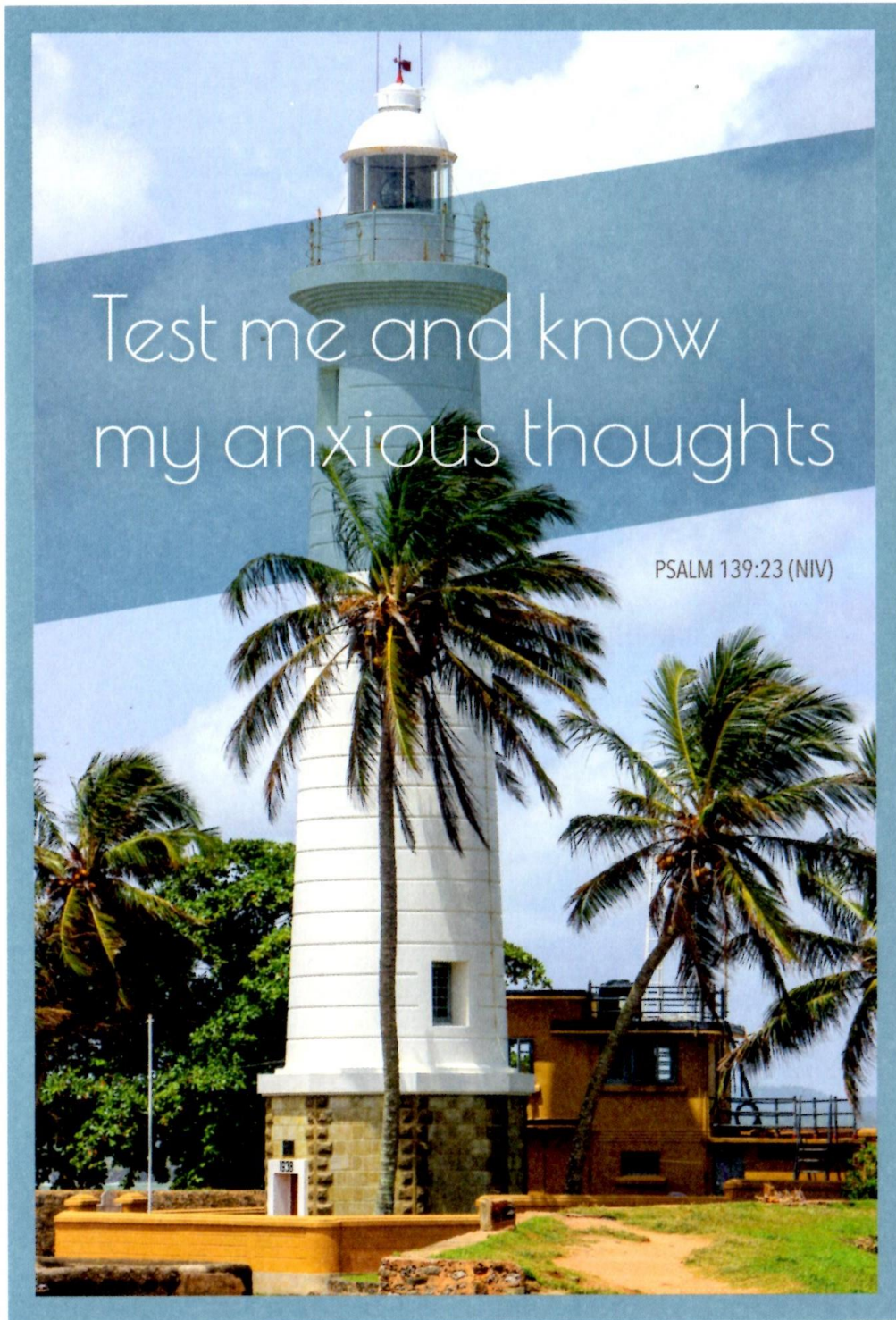


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✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.

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 "You Servants of God"

#252 LBW

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, You call us to action. Help us to see others as you see them, to love them as you love them, and go to them with the Good News of Heaven that only You can offer. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Psalm 121

READER: ¹ I look up to the mountains!

ALL: Does my help come from there?

READER: ² My help comes from the LORD...

ALL: ... who made heaven and earth!

READER: ³ He will not let you stumble;

the one who watches over you will not slumber.

ALL: ⁴ Truly, He who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps.

READER: ⁵ The LORD Himself watches over you!

The LORD stands beside you as your protective shade.

ALL: ⁶ The sun will not harm us by day, nor the moon at night.

READER: ⁷ The LORD keeps you from all harm and watches over your life.

ALL: ⁸ The LORD watches over us as we come and go, both now and forever.

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

The Church Choir

Second Reading

Acts 16:16-18

✦  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 28th chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 28:16-20

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Ready, Set, Go!"

✦ 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 "Lord, You Give..." (verses 1-3)

#756 WOV

✦ ♪ 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.

The Words of Institution

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Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our 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 Hymn "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

#262 LBW

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 Dick & Emily Steinert in honor of their 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 a greeter. A sign-up sheet is on the wall in the back of the sanctuary.

Bible Readings for Next Week: November 26, 2023

Deuteronomy 22:1-4 Acts 9:10-19

Psalms 139:7-12 Matthew 4:23-25

Sermon Title: “Where is Everybody?”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Katylin Saarela

Deacon: Janie Thole

Reader: Marv Poegel

Ushers: Larry & Bonnie Alsleben

Gary & Betty Martin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2023 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are on their way! Thanks to YOUR generous donations of gifts, \$\$\$'s, time and labor, we have sent 628 beautiful, FULL boxes! Picture the joy and excitement of children across the globe as they open their gift! Imagine their awe as they learn of Jesus for the first time! THANK YOU!

Sunday School Children and Youth Christmas Program: Please join us Sunday, December 17th at 9:00am as our youth lead us in the story of the birth of Jesus. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

If you are asked by the Nominating Committee to serve in one of our church's elected positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Deacon, Trustee, Youth & Family committee, Board of Education, etc.) please pray about it and ask for the Lord's guidance.

For those folks missing the use of: "Daily Walk" devotional, which is no longer in print, it has been replaced with a donation of 2024 "Daily Texts". It is a yearlong devotional. Using it will guide the reader, to read through the entire Bible in two years and the book of Psalms in one year. FREE copies are available here at church. *(Those members who 'signed up' and ordered the "Daily Texts" via Karen Bakewicz, have received their copies, also at no charge.)* Get yours today, supply limited. If you'd like a copy and they are all gone, let Lori, our church secretary know, and perhaps more can be ordered.

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Project: Spread Christmas Joy! This is very similar to the Mama Marla program that ran for many years, but with a few changes.

What's the same?

We are still serving Todd County. You will still be able to pick up envelopes with the age and gender of a child and some things that are on their list for Christmas at participating churches and businesses. You will be able to pick up envelopes the week of Thanksgiving. We will contribute some money in the envelope and you will contribute some of your money to buy gifts for the child. You are making Christmas super special for children who may not receive any other gifts.

What's different?

You will be able to get all the siblings in a family to buy for if you would like. We will be contributing \$25, and you will be contributing \$25, you will have \$50 to spend.

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 November is Dan & Nancy Butkowski with CRU.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 66

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,914.18

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 10/31/23:

Budgeted needs: \$194,445.24

Receipts: \$173,550.04

Actual expenses: \$171,825.09

As of November 12th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$21,821.54 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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This game just got real.



Clues

a murder mystery dinner party

WtW
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December 2, 2023

10:00 a.m. start time

\$10 ticket covers your lunch, dessert, and entertainment.

Enjoy an interactive parable with strategy, challenges, and puzzles!

Players ages 12+ should RSVP one week prior to Sierra Larson: 320-766-4153

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PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Joe Ayers, Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joanne Bokinskie, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Bob Fox, LaMoine Hatton, Lois Johnson, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Roger Schultes, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, and Sharon 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 Kanieski
- Brian Schultes, son of Dean & Julie Schultes
- Pete John, cousin to Janie Thole
- Barry Tirk, son of Allan & Blanche Tirk
- Tony Solseth, grandson of Carole Thompson
- 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

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. Nov. 19th 8:15 am Choir Practice
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am **Sunday School**

Mon. Nov. 20th 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Tue. Nov. 21st 8:15 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Nov. 22nd 6:00 pm **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Communion**

Thu. Nov. 23rd: **Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**

Sun. Nov. 26th 8:15 am Choir Practice
9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am **Advent Festival**

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