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IS GREAT GAIN

American Lutheran Church (LCLC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude Music

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we are at war within ourselves. All of us have rebelled against You, but we also know that You came as Jesus Christ to forgive our rebellions. Your cross and empty grave miraculously offer us a new life, a fresh start. But we must also confess to rebelling in our new lives! We embody contradiction.

ALL: I do wrong, but You rescue me. I am both fallen and forgiven. I am a sinner and a saint.

PASTOR: And yet, we joyfully find ourselves changing for the better! There was once no contradiction: we did wrong, we were fallen sinners, and nothing but death could be our fate.

ALL: But out of perfect love, O LORD, You saved me!

PASTOR: Our new life with You begins now and continues forever in Your heavenly Kingdom. We are Your saints, and it is for that reason that we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: We give You thanks, LORD God,
for all the saints who ever worshiped You –
whether in forest clearings or towering cathedrals,
weathered wooden churches**

**or crumbling clay meeting houses –
wherever Your name was lifted and adored!**

**They left their mark on this world for You,
for us, and for our children to come.**

**Thank You, Christ Jesus, for encouraging them to sacrifice,
to share Your perfect love by following Your example.**

**Bless our memories of these saints, O LORD.
May we learn to walk wisely from their faith,
dedication, worship, and compassion! Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “For All the Saints”

#174 LBW

First Reading

Leviticus 19:17-18

Psalm 103:8-10, 12, 17-18

READER: 8 The LORD is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

**ALL: 9 He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.**

READER: 10 He does not punish us for all our sins;
He does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

**ALL: 12 Instead, He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.**

17 This is how we know the love of the LORD remains forever
with those who respect Him.

**ALL: His salvation extends to the children’s children
18 of those who are faithful to His covenant,
of those who obey His commandments!**

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 22:34-40

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 "The Greatest Commandment"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "For All Your Saints, O Lord" #176 LBW

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

A Moment of Silence Honoring the Saints

† Kathy Bruder, *aunt of Eugene Holmquist*

† Charlie Buhl, *uncle of Mark Pachan*

† Elaine Clementson, *aunt of Patty Ostendorf*

† Fran Hamm, *sister of Sy Thole*

† Evelyn Jonckowski, *aunt of Mark Pachan*

† James Kennedy, *father of Jammie Hedlund*

† Judy Kennedy, *mother of Jammie Hedlund*

† Glenda Lucas, *sister of Chuck Eldred & friend of Bonnie Alsleben*

† Janice Notch, *aunt of Mark Pachan*

† Marlys Poegel, *aunt of Marvin Poegel*

† Eddie Polak, *uncle of Mark Pachan*

† Raymond Stromstad, *uncle of Jane Hasse*

† Bev Zinter, *aunt of Bob Zinter*

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 "Shall we Gather at the River"

#690 WOV

Postlude 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 LaMoine & Linda Hatton in memory of their loving granddaughter, Erica Shea Hatton. 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: November 12, 2023

2 Chronicles 30:1, 13-14, 21, 23, 26-27 Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 40:1-4 John 4:19-24

Sermon Title: “A Traditional Funeral”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Marlyne Klinder

Acolyte: Austin Parker

Deacon: Janie Thole

Reader: Katrina Holman



ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a brief ALCW meeting today immediately following the worship service to elect a new ALCW president. **PLEASE COME!**

Attention all Veterans: We will 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.

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Update

YES, Shoebox 2023 wraps up in the coming days.

One more Shoebox workday- Wednesday, Nov.8, 10AM! **GREATEST NEED: CLOTHING ITEMS!** All ages, 2-15 years / boys or girls / shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, hats, socks, gloves, scarfs, flipflops, underwear! **ALL** are used! We put together a 2-pack for every box!

We packed 200 boxes on last Wednesday following the Quest supper! Can YOU help this week? Our 2023 Shoebox season comes to a close on November 13! Will it be our greatest ever?!

In addition to Wednesday's Workday, Volunteers are needed next Saturday, Nov. 11 for **Sunday School Packing Party** prep starting at 10 AM and during packing time, Sunday School hour, November 12! On Saturday, volunteers are needed to make snacks (at church, all ingredients provided) and to set up packing tables. **ANY CHILDREN/YOUTH/PARENTS** are welcome to pack during the Sunday School Packing Party! Children do NOT have to be student in ALC Sunday School classes to participate. Bring your child's cousins, neighbors and friends!

AND OUR CLIMAX: Monday, November 13, organizing and set up for final packing will begin at 10 AM! We will work throughout the day, as needed. *Shoebox Packing finale* for everyone will start that evening at 6 PM.

If you can help Saturday at 10 AM, Sunday during Sunday School hour or anytime Monday, please contact Blanche or sign up on the page in the narthex!

OOPS! ONE MORE THING! Donations at the Quest Thanksgiving meal totaled an awesome slightly over \$1000. Your generosity is amazing, however, *a few more \$\$\$ are needed* if we are to donate \$10 per box toward all expenses: shipping, "Greatest Journey" booklets, teaching! If you have been planning to donate, a check made out to ALC Women (tagged Shoeboxes) or to Samaritan's Purse may be given to Jane Olson, Blanche Tirk or just placed in the offering plate.

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: 149

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,845.06

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 29th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$22,026.85 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?
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PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Joanne Bokinskie, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Bob Fox, LaMoine Hatton, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Lois Johnson, 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
- 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. 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. Nov. 5th** **9:00 am** **Worship Service Celebrating All Saints Day with Communion**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
10:15 am ALCW Meeting
- Mon. Nov. 6th** **7:00 pm** Trustee Meeting
- Tue. Nov. 7th** **8:15 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Nov. 8th** **9:30 am** Esther Circle
5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- Sat. Nov. 11th** **10:00 am** Set up for Sunday School Shoebox Packing
- Sun. Nov. 12th** **9:00 am** **Worship Service Celebrating Veteran's Day**
10:15 am **Sunday School Shoebox Packing**
11:15 am Board of Education Meeting

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