

Who is a
rock
save our God?

Psalm 18:31

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song “Waymaker”

We prepare for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we feel so powerless!

ALL: Every day gives us new troubles, and we doubt we can handle them. It feels like we’re just barely getting by, so doing something more or different seems impossible, even if it’s good and needed work – even if it’s sharing Your love.

PASTOR: But You have promised us a peace we can’t understand, refreshed strength, and even Your power.

ALL: Can we believe it?

PASTOR: God came as Jesus Christ to offer us a new life, a never-ending life with Him. We might feel flawed and useless, but Christ paid for all of our failures on the cross. He forgave every sin. Three days later, He rose again, bringing the promise of Heaven when there was once only death. Nothing is the same if you find life in Jesus! We no longer need to feel powerless, because He gives everything you need and more, and that is why we worship the LORD today.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, You promise true and loving power to everyone who follows You. As we gather today, help us to see the ways we can use that power as You did: to give life to others. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “You are Holy”

First Reading

Joel 2:28-32a

Psalm 145:1, 3-7

READER: ¹ I will raise You up, my God and King,
and praise Your name forever and ever.

ALL: ³ The LORD is great!

More than anyone, He deserves praise!

No one can measure God's greatness.

READER: ⁴ May every generation tell their children
about Your mighty acts!

ALL: We'll tell them about Your power!

READER: ⁵ I will ponder Your majesty,
Your glorious splendor,
Your wonderful miracles!

**ALL: ⁶ And every tongue will buzz with news
of Your awe-inspiring deeds!**

We will proclaim Your greatness.

READER: ⁷ Everyone will share the story
of your wonderful goodness!

ALL: We will joyfully sing about Your righteousness!

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-6, 41

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 10:1, 5-8

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 "Ready for the Impossible"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Step by Step"

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 "We Want to See Jesus Lifted High"

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 Karl & Beth Arenson in memory of Beth’s Mom, Patrica Pratt. 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: January 21, 2023

Leviticus 19:33-34 Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-16

Psalms 112:1, 4-7 Matthew 10:5a, 9-10, 40-42

Sermon Title: “More Than a Welcome Mat”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ali Barthel

Deacon: Janie Thole

Reader: Jammie Hedlund

Ushers: Erik & Misty Baker

Bob & Tammie Chapin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Bottle Campaign fundraiser for our local Pregnancy & Life Resource Center will begin next Sunday, January 21st.

All boards and committees are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

2024 offering envelopes can be picked up on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.

We need people to sign up for radio sponsorships for 2024. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 28th at 11:30 a.m. There will be a “Time to Talk” at 10:15 a.m. for any questions before the annual meeting. A potblessing (potluck) dinner will follow the meeting.

If you have changed your address or phone number please call the church office and let us know. We are currently updating our church directory for 2024.

The December - February 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.

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!

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 January is the Long Prairie Pregnancy and Life Resource Center – Medical Clinic.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 81

General Fund receipts for last two weeks: \$8,636.94

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,631.53

As of January 7th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$1,925.69 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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❄️ QUEST KIDS 23-24 ❄️ WINTER CALENDAR!

DECEMBER

December 06 - Quest Kids Family Night
Christmas Caroling @ 6:00 PM

December 13 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

December 20 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

December 27 - No Quest... Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



JANUARY

January 03 - Quest Kids Family Night
The Amazing Race! @ 6:00 PM

January 5-6 - MEGA FUN @ CAMP LEBANON

January 10 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 17 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 24 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 31 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

2024!



FEBRUARY

February 07 - Quest Kids Family Night
2024 Quest Kids Derby! @ 6:00 PM


February 14 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 21 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 28 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM



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Sun, Feb 11, 2024

SUPER BOWL PARTY

meet at church at 5pm

watching at Sierra's parents new home located in Long Prairie

FOOTBALL, FOOD, FUN AND GAMES



PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Bob Fox, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Lois Johnson, Ione Krause, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Roger Schultes, Matt Stacey, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and the family of RoseAnn Zinter.

If you would like someone added to this list for special prayer or know of someone who would like a pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Ethan and let him know of your request.

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:

- Kyle Drum, husband of Toni Drum
- 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

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. Jan. 14th: 8:00 am Board of Education Meeting
9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:15 am **Sunday School**

Tue. Jan. 16th: 8:15 am Staff Meeting
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm **RoseAnn Zinter Visitation**

Wed. Jan. 17th: 10:00 am **RoseAnn Zinter Visitation**
11:00 am **RoseAnn Zinter Funeral**
11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due
5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sun. Jan. 21st: 8:30 am Choir Practice
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
11:30 am Mission Committee Meeting
6:30 pm **Sunday Nights at the Movies – Sound of Freedom (PG13)**

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.