

I will **strengthen** thee;  
yea, I will **help** thee

Isaiah 41:10

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming Song “Sanctuary”      *We prepare our hearts 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 – and endless – 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

**ALL: Loving God, help us to see the needs of the people around us, the brokenness that can only be fixed by You, the emptiness that can only be filled by You. Then, by Your Holy Spirit, give us the courage and strength to share that love. Remind us that we will live, not only here and now, but forever and for You. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “10,000 Reasons”

First Reading

*Isaiah 66:18*

Psalm 115:1-4, 8

READER: 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us,  
but to Your name goes all the glory,

for You are perfectly faithful and Your love never fails.

**ALL: 2 Why do the nations ask,  
“Where is their God?”**

READER: 3 Our God is in the heavens,  
and He does as He pleases!

**ALL: 4 Their idols are merely things of silver and gold,  
their fake gods are shaped by human hands.**

READER: 8 And everyone who make such lifeless idols  
are just like them,  
as are all who trust in them.

Second Reading

*Acts 1:6-11*

✦ 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 "To the Ends of the Earth"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Pass It On"

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 "Brothers and Sisters in Christ"

Sending Song

*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 Russ & Jean Jacobsen in honor of their grandchildren's birthdays. 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!

### **Bible Readings for Next Week: February 18, 2024**

Genesis 2:4-17                      Romans 5:12-19

Psalms 113:1-9                      John 9:1-7

Substitute Speaker: Kirk Olson

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Jon Fevig

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Acolyte: Peyton Hukriede

Ushers: The Baker Family



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BABY BOTTLE fundraiser Campaign has started.** Please return your bottle by FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>. "Gift" boxes are in the church lobby and on the usher pew in the back of the sanctuary to put your bottle in. THANK YOU in advance! Pregnancy and Life Resource Center and unborn babies!

**There is an ALCW meeting** on Feb. 13th at 12:30 pm to talk about our projects for the next year. Please come and share with us what projects you think we should work on.

**If you would like to join the choir for the Easter season,** contact Emily Steinert at 320-808-7347.

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

**Copies of our 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Membership Directories** are available on a table in the narthex.

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

**The March - May 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!

## 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 February is Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief.** Samaritan's Purse follows Christ's command by going to the aid of the poor, sick and suffering. They reach out to hurting people in our own country and countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 85

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,576.34

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,631.53

General Fund Year to Date (2023 YTD) as of 12/31/23:

Budgeted needs: \$234,218.13

Receipts: \$238,151.84

Actual expenses: \$213,043.84

As of February 4<sup>th</sup>, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$6,697.61 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, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Roger Schultes, Matt Stacey, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, and Sharon Wieggers.

**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 Schedule

<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. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am Worship Service**  
**10:15 am Brief Congregational Meeting**  
**10:15 am Sunday School**  
**5:00 pm Youth Super Bowl Party for Grades 6-12 –**  
Meet at the Church

**Tue. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>: 8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am Esther Circle**  
**5:30 pm Family Night Supper**  
**6:00 pm Quest Kids**  
**6:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service**  
**8:00 pm Church Council Meeting**

**Sun. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am Sunday School**  
**11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting**  
**6:30 pm Sunday Nights at the Movies – “The**  
**Prince of Egypt Live” (PG)**

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.