



*Grace...  
never fails  
from age to age*

*John Newton*

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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.

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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 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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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: Christ Jesus, You welcomed the young and told Your people to trust You like children. Help us to have that simple faith. Amen.**

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 1:4-9*

## Psalm 89:1-4

READER: <sup>1</sup> I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever!

People both young and old will hear of His faithfulness.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> LORD God, Your unfailing love will last forever.**

**Your faithfulness is as eternal as the heavens.**

READER: <sup>3</sup> The LORD said,

“I have made a covenant with David, My chosen servant.

I have sworn an oath to him.”

**ALL: <sup>4</sup> The LORD established a Kingdom,  
and He made David's descendants kings forever;  
we will have a divine throne now and forevermore.**

## Special Music “He Put a New Song in My Heart”

The Church Choir

## Second Reading

*1 Timothy 4:8-13*

## ✦ 🎵 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 17th chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Matthew 17:24-27*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## The Children's Sermon

## Sermon “Training and Trusting”

✦ 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 of Light”

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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.**

The Words of Institution

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♪ Holy Communion “O Living Bread from Heaven”

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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 “Take My Life, That I May Be” (verses 1-6) #406 LBW

Sending Song “Prayer of Dedication”

The Church Choir

Postlude

*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 Frank & JoAnn Schrader in memory of Steve Schrader. 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: February 11, 2024**

Isaiah 66:18

Acts 1:6-11

Psalms 115:1-4, 8

Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Title: "To the Ends of the Earth"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Brielle Flan

Ushers: Dave & Liza Hasse



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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.

**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.

**The December - February 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: 83

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,586.35

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 January 28<sup>th</sup>, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$5,642.42 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

# ❄️ 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, Karl Arenson, 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, Sharon Wieggers, 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 Schedule

<b>Feb. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Taco Temptations – Team 4</b>
<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. 4<sup>th</sup>:**    **8:00 am** Board of Education Meeting  
                         **8:30 am** Choir Practice  
                         **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am** **Sunday School**  
                         **6:30 pm** **Sunday Nights at the Movies-**  
                                                 **“Greater” (PG)**
- Mon. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>:**    **7:00 pm** Trustee Meeting
- Tue. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>:**    **8:15 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>:**    **5:30 pm** Family Night Supper  
                         **6:00 pm** Quest Kids Family Night – Kids Derby!  
                         **6:00 pm** Confirmation Class  
                         **8:00 pm** Deacon Meeting
- Sun. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>:**    **9:00 am** **Worship Service**  
                         **10:15 am** **Sunday School**  
                         **5:00 pm** Youth Super Bowl Party for Grades 6-12 –  
                                                 Meet at the Church

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.