



Jesus Christ

the same *yesterday,*

and *today,*

and *forever*

Hebrews 13:8

American Lutheran Church (ALC) (LCA)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we promise one thing, then do another. We say...

ALL: "God, I will be bold in goodness! And when I see wrong, I will be brave, helping to make it right."

PASTOR: But we don't. Instead of facing risks, we retreat. Again and again, we hide in our comfort zones.

ALL: We let fear make us cowards.

PASTOR: But the LORD came to make us new! As Jesus Christ, God entered the human world to repair the human condition. Facing all the powers of evil, He went to the cross, and our faults and failures died there with Him. Three days later, Jesus returned to life, promising the same for everyone who follows Him: a fresh start, a new life, and a path to the perfect eternity of Heaven. We are not what we were, and so we bravely face the days to come. That is why we worship the LORD today.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, change me! By Your Holy Spirit, give me the courage, strength, wisdom, and love I need to live for You, both now and forever. Amen.

♪ Opening Song "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

First Reading

Judges 6:1-6, 11-12

Psalm 27:1-2, 12-14

READER: ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation –
so why should I be afraid?

**ALL: The LORD is my fortress,
protecting me from danger,
so why should I tremble?**

READER: ² When evil people come to devour me,
when my enemies and foes attack me...

ALL: ... they will stumble and fall.

READER: ¹² Do not let me fall into their hands, [O LORD!]
For they accuse me of things I've never done;
with every breath they threaten violence against me.

**ALL: ¹³ I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness
while I am here in the land of the living.**

READER: ¹⁴ Wait patiently for the LORD.
Be brave and courageous!

ALL: Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 16:13-14, 23

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 10:16-20

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 "Backsliding"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Battle Belongs"

The Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion "Lord, I Need You"

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 "In Christ Alone"

Sending Song

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 Allen & Melinda Bruder in honor of God's faithfulness. 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: March 10, 2024

Ruth 4:13-17

1 Corinthians 13:11-12

Psalms 102:18-22

Matthew 1:1-6a, 16

Sermon Title: "Short-Sighted"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Katylin Saarela

Deacon: Jon Fevig



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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: 117

General Fund receipts for previous two weeks: \$8,173.83

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,631.53

General Fund Year to Date as of 1/31/24:

Budgeted needs: \$18,679.96

Receipts: \$13,347.70

Actual expenses: \$15,006.14

As of February 25th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$8,825.37 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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NOT WHAT WE WERE.

LENT 2024

🕒 5:30 p.m. MEAL ▶ 6:15 p.m. MUSIC & MESSAGE

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| 🕒 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | ASH WEDNESDAY with Alyssa | Message: "My Name is Dirt" |
| 🕒 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 | Kevin & Mike | Message: "Captain Tinfoil" |
| 🕒 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | Sarah Circle Gospel Sing-Along | Message: "The Brave and the Craven" |
| 🕒 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 | The WatchMan | Message: "Bitter and Ruthless" |
| 🕒 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 | Chaplain Dave | Message: "A Lame Pool Party" |
| 🕒 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 | Lori & Sue | Message: "Who's Your Neighbor?" |
| SUNDAY, MARCH 24 | 9:00 a.m. PALM SUNDAY Worship Service | |
| 🕒 THURSDAY, MARCH 28 | MAUNDY THURSDAY Passover Seder Meal | |
| ▶ FRIDAY, MARCH 29 | GOOD FRIDAY Worship Service | Message: "Jesus B." |
| SUNDAY, MARCH 31 | 7:00 a.m. EASTER Sunrise Worship Service | |
| SUNDAY, MARCH 31 | 9:00 a.m. EASTER Resurrection Morning Worship Service | |

❄️ 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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**Join Us For:
The First-Ever High School
(9th-12th) Retreat At Mount
Carmel For Us And For Camp!**

March 8th-10th

**2-night stay, 5 meals,
Programming, and tons of
activities**

\$64 per student

***(We get the Proclaimer Congregation discount 20%)**



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 Wiegers.

Our ongoing prayer list includes Pratik Biswakarma and Chintapalli Divya, ALCW's Kidstown International sponsorship children.

If you would like someone added to these lists 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 our law enforcement officers:

- 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 Kaniski
- 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

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| 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. Mar. 3rd: 8:15 am Choir Practice
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
6:30 pm **Sunday Nights at the Movies “Jesus Revolution” (PG-13)**

Mon. Mar. 4th: 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Tue. Mar. 5th: 8:15 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Mar. 6th: 5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service with music by
The Watchman and Message “Bitter and Ruthless”
7:15 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Fri. Mar. 8th – Sun. Mar. 10th: High School Mount Carmel Retreat

Sun. Mar. 10th: 9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:15 am **Sunday School**

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.