



HE IS RISEN

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**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH - L.C.M.C.**

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**RESURRECTION SONRISE SERVICE**     March 31, 2024 – 7:00 a.m.

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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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Enter in Darkness

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

Special Music “An Easter Chant”

The Church Choir

✦ The Return to Life – Psalm 118:24, Psalm 98:1, John 11:25-26

PASTOR: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

**ALL: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

PASTOR: This is the dawning of the new day,  
of the day the LORD has made.

**ALL: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

PASTOR: Sing a new song to the LORD  
because He has done wonderful things!

**ALL: His powerful hand has won a mighty victory;  
His miraculous power has saved us!**

PASTOR: The LORD came in person and boldly told us,  
“I am the resurrection and the life.”

**ALL: As Jesus Christ, He promised, “Anyone who believes in Me  
will live, even after dying, and everyone who lives in Me and  
believes in Me will never truly die!”**

The Gospel, God’s Good News

PASTOR: This new day changes everything, both now and  
forevermore. As the sun rises, the LORD has the greatest of good  
news to share, so hear His Word for you.

*John 20:1-18*

PASTOR: Hallelujah! The LORD is risen!

**ALL: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

♪ Opening Hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

#151 LBW

## Greeting

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 Sharing of God's Peace

## Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Almighty God, You have defeated death. You returned to life after suffering and dying on the cross, and You did it all for us, forgiving our faults and failures while making our graves nothing more than a resting place. For this reason, we ask You to pull us out of our despair, giving us true life instead, a new and eternal life with You that begins now. Amen!**

## First Reading

*Lamentations 3:22-26*

## Psalm 16:8-11

READER: 8 I now know the LORD is always with me.

I will not be shaken, because He will stay beside me.

**ALL: 9 No wonder my heart is glad – my joy never ends!**

**And my body can rest, because He has given me safety.**

READER: 10 God will not leave my soul among the dead.

No! He makes me holy, pulling me from a rotting grave.

**ALL: 11 The LORD shows me the way of life!**

READER: He promises to stay with us,

to give us the constant elation His presence.

**ALL: And we will also know the pleasure of living with the LORD forever!**

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:1-5*

Special Music “All Heaven Declares / Alleluia”

The Church Choir

## Children's Sermon

Sermon “Not What We Were”

Offering of Worship “The Holy City”

Jim Flan

✦ The Words of Institution

♪ Communion Hymns

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (verses 1-4)

#170 LBW

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

#535 LBW

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#543 LBW

✦ 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 Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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Postlude Music

*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!

**Please consider** signing up to serve as an Usher or Greeter. Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. See Jody Ellingson, Head Usher, with any questions.

## **Bible Readings for Next Week: April 7, 2024**

Nahum 1:7                      James 1:2-4, 12

Psalm 91:1-3                Luke 6:20-23a

Sermon Title: "Trouble"

## **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Grace Hukriede

Deacon & Reader: Blanche Tirk

Ushers: Dave & Liza Hasse Family

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Time to start organizing our 2024 shoeboxes!** Shoebox Workday  
Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**VBS dates are June 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> and a sign-up sheet will be coming soon.**

**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 March is our Long Prairie Food Shelf.** A box for food donations is in the narthex. Food and money donations are needed. Earmark your monetary gift "Food Shelf" and we'll make sure they get it. March is **Minnesota Food Share** month.

### **Weekly Report:**

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 March 17<sup>th</sup>, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$11,347.44 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)



*Sanctuary Easter Lilies were donated by...*

*Dave & Julie Atkinson in memory of Aunt Ellie  
Tingelstad.*

*Jene & Laurie Barthel in memory of Jim Barthel.*

*Allen & Melinda Bruder in memory of Ray & Virginia  
Bruder, Fred Tesch and Kenny Stevens.*

*Dale & Sue Ellingson in memory of Sue's brother Ed and  
wife Ruth and in honor of Mason and Addie.*

*Lee & Deb Fearing in honor of Pastor Ethan and  
family.*

*Woody & Marilyn Gustafson in honor of family.*

*LaMoine & Linda Hatton in memory of our parents.*

*John & Jane Hasse in honor of our family.*

*Leora Hillman in honor of family.*

*Stan & Joanne Hillman in honor of family.*

*Marlyne Klinder in memory of loved ones.*



*Ione Krause in honor of my family.*

*Gary & Gloria Larsen in memory of our parents.*

*Marcy's Family and Barb Orr in memory of Tom Orr and Tommy Orr and in honor of the Orr Family including children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*Kirk & Jane Olson in memory of our parents.*

*Dean & Julie Schultes*

*Dick & Emily Steinert in memory of our parents.*

*Carole Thompson in honor of family.*

*Allan & Blanche Tirk in memory of brother James Berry and in memory of nephew David Berry.*

*Bruce & Diane Young in memory of our parents.*



# 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 |                                     |

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Our current prayer list includes** Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Lois Johnson, Donna Lardy, 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

<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. Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>:** 6:30 am Choir Practice  
7:00 am **Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Communion**  
9:00 am **Easter Morning Worship Service with Communion**  
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Worship Service
- Mon. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>:** 6:00 pm Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting
- Wed. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**  
6:00 pm Quest Kids – Family Night  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
8:00 pm Deacon Meeting
- Thu. Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>:** 9:00 am Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
- Sun. Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>:** 8:00 am Board of Education Meeting  
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**  
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.