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American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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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.

Welcome to our Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service!

Tenebrae is the Latin word for “shadows”, and this type of worship has been practiced in the Christian Church since the fourth century. During the service, while thirteen candles are extinguished, our readers will recall the events that led to Jesus Christ’s suffering and death on the cross. The diminishing light symbolizes the fading devotion of Christ’s followers – the disciples – and our own sins, which add to the world’s spiritual gloom. At the end of the worship service, the sanctuary will be as dark and silent as Christ’s tomb.

The Lighting of Candles

We prepare our hearts for worship.

✦ Prayer of the Day – based on John 1:4b-5, 10-13

ALL: Almighty God, You came to us. When You lived among us as Christ Jesus, You shown like a pure light in our dim world, the Light meant to guide us all. That Light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

You entered into the very world You created, but the world did not recognize You. Humanity, Your dearest creation, rejected You. But we have heard the good news: whoever does believe, whoever accepts You, will become a child of God. We were once children of the darkness, but Your life, death, and return from the grave change us into children of the Light! Amen.

WE HAVE TURNED OUR BACKS ON THE LORD

A Candle is Extinguished

Matthew 26:30-35

A Candle is Extinguished

Mark 14:32-42

♪ Opening Hymn “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

#660 WOV

WE HAVE STRAYED FROM GOD'S PATH

- A Candle is Extinguished *Matthew 26:47-54*
A Candle is Extinguished *Luke 22:51b-53, Matthew 26:56b-58a*
♪ Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (verses 1-2) #109 LBW

WE HAVE DESPISED AND REJECTED HIM

- A Candle is Extinguished *Mark 14:55-65*
A Candle is Extinguished *Luke 22:55b-62*
♪ Hymn "O Sacred Head" (verses 1-2) #117 LBW

HE WAS OPPRESSED AND AFFLICTED FOR US

- A Candle is Extinguished *Matthew 27:1-5, 11-17*
A Candle is Extinguished *Luke 23:18-24*
♪ Hymn "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (verses 1-3) #098 LBW

HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR REBELLION

- A Candle is Extinguished *Matthew 27:26-31*
✦ Procession and Flogging Bell *Jesus was likely whipped 39 times.*
A Candle is Extinguished *Luke 23:32-35*
♪ Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #107 LBW

HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR SINS

- Confession and Forgiveness – based on Isaiah 53:3-12
PASTOR: He was despised and rejected...
ALL: ... a man of sorrows who knew true grief.

PASTOR: We turned our backs on Him, despising and ignoring Him.

ALL: But He still carried our suffering.

PASTOR: We thought His troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for His own sins!

ALL: ...but He was pierced for our rebellion and crushed for our sins.

PASTOR: The punishment we deserved was laid on Him, and so we are healed by His bruises. His sacrifice makes us whole.

ALL: Like sheep, we have all wandered. We have strayed from God's path to follow our own...

PASTOR: ...but the LORD laid that sin on Him. He was oppressed and afflicted...

ALL: ...but He did not protest.

PASTOR: He was led to the slaughter like a lamb...

ALL: ...but He did not protest.

PASTOR: He was taken away and sentenced to death. He was unjustly condemned.

ALL: Who could have imagined His future?

PASTOR: He was cut off from the land of the living.

ALL: And laid in a grave with the wicked.

PASTOR: He was innocent, but it was the LORD's good plan to crush Him with pain.

ALL: His life was offered to defeat sin.

PASTOR: The One who is right and good, the LORD's servant, will make many people righteous by taking their sins...

ALL: ...and they will share in His victory!

PASTOR: He poured Himself out to death, dying like a sinner to carry the sins of many.

ALL: He carried our sin to forgive our sins.

A Candle is Extinguished

Luke 23:44-46

A Candle is Extinguished

John 19:38-42

Special Music "Come to the Cross"

The Church Choir

Sermon “Jesus B.”

♪ Offering Hymn “Look, the Sight is Glorious” (verses 1,4) #156 LBW

WE SHARE IN HIS VICTORY

✦ The Lord’s Prayer Page 76 LBW

**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.**

♪ Closing Hymn “Were You There” #092 LBW

The Christ Candle is Extinguished

Strepitus *The Bible is slammed shut, reminding us of Christ’s tomb.*

The Days of Darkness *We exit in silence.*

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!

Bible Readings for Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024

Lamentations 3:22-26 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

Psalm 16:8-11 John 20:1-18

Sermon Title: "Not What We Were"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon & Reader: Blanche Tirk

Organist: Mason Ellingson

Acolyte: Madison Parker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in need of people to sign up to bring Easter lilies to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets posted on the easel in the narthex. Be sure to mark how many you will bring and who they are in honor or memory of.

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

VBS dates are June 9th – 13th 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. 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 17th, 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](#)



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 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

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

Fri. Mar. 29th:	5:30 pm Choir Practice
	6:15 pm Good Friday Worship Service
Sun. Mar. 31st:	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

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.