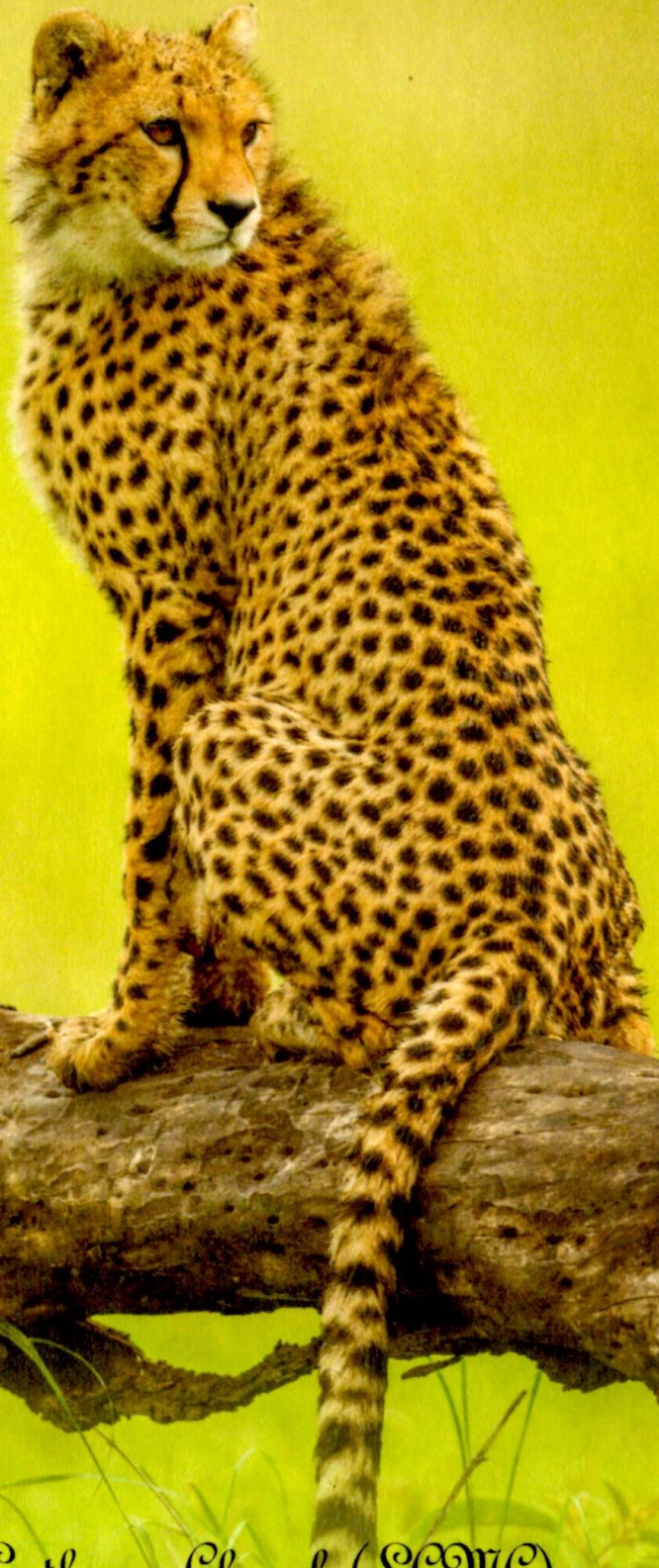


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God made
the beast
of the earth
after his
kind

Genesis 1:25



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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.

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 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

#327 LBW

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: Almighty God, when we focus on this life's hardships, it is easy to become bitter. We have aches, pains, troubles, and trials, but You can surprise us with what is pleasant and good – even in the worst of times. Help us to see Your love at work in our situations. Amen.

First Reading

Ruth 4:13-17

Psalm 102:18-22

READER: 18 Let this be recorded for future generations,
so that a people not yet born will praise the LORD.

**ALL: 19 Tell them the LORD looked down
from His heavenly sanctuary.**

He looked down to earth from Heaven!

READER: 20 He inclined His ear to listen,
to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to plan the release of those condemned to die.

**ALL: 21 And so the LORD's fame will be celebrated
on the mountain of Zion!**

He will be praised throughout Jerusalem.

READER: 22 Multitudes will gather together,
and kingdoms will come to worship the LORD!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:11-12

✦ 🎵 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 first chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 1:1-6a, 16

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Short-Sighted"

✦ 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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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.

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 “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

#262 LBW

Postlude

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 Barb Orr in honor of family. 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 17, 2024

Isaiah 40:28-31 Romans 8:26-28

Psalms 82:1-2, 10-11 John 5:1-8

Sermon Title: "Broken"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Organist: Mason Ellingson

Acolyte: Riece Falzone

Ushers: Dave & Liza Hasse



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOW! Thank you! Grand [final] total "Baby Bottle Campaign" is \$1,275.83! Moms, unborn babies, area families: **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for your Baby Bottle Campaign gifts! An all-time high from ALC! God bless you all! Your local Pregnancy & Life Resource Center

Please sign up for the Passover Seder Meal on the bulletin board in the narthex by March 21st if you would like to attend. The Seder Meal will be at 5:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, March 28th.

Please join us for a Palm Sunday Brunch on March 24th after worship service. This is a Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser.

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.

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 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:

Worship Attendance for last week: 146

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 | |

**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, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Lois Johnson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Roger Schultes, Matt Stacey, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and the family of Bob Fox.

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

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

Mon. Mar. 11th: 6:00 pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting

Tue. Mar. 12th: 8:15 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Mar. 13th: 9:30 am Esther Circle
5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service with music by
Chaplain Dave Greaver and Message “A
Lame Pool Party”
7:15 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sun. Mar. 17th: 8:15 am Choir Practice
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
Blind” (PG-13)

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.