

Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet

Psalm 119:105

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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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#439 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, we blame others for our troubles. Even when it's not true, we believe that someone is in our way, that someone else is getting what we deserve. But deep down, we know that attitude is part of the problem. Forgive our grudges, LORD, help us to see the truth, and give us guidance and healing as we struggle with the troubles we will have on this side of Heaven. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

Psalm 82:1-2, 10-11

READER: ¹ Honor the LORD, you heavenly beings;
honor the LORD for His glory and strength.

ALL: ² Honor the LORD for the glory of His name.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.

READER: ¹⁰ The LORD rules over the floodwaters.
The LORD reigns as king forever.

**ALL: ¹¹ The LORD gives His people strength.
The LORD blesses them with peace.**

Special Music "Take My Yoke Upon You"

The Church Choir

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-28

✦ 🎵 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 John, the fifth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

John 5:1-8

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Broken"

✦ 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 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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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 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

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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 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

#097 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 Doris Peterson in appreciation of the radio broadcast. 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: May 24, 2024

Isaiah 56:1-2, 6-7 Acts 2:22-24

Psalms 8:1-2, 9 Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon Title: "Unprepared"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Ushers: Mark & Teresa Pachan

Organist: Mason Ellingson

Acolyte: Makenzie Parker

Reader: Deb Adamek



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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: 135

General Fund receipts for previous week: \$5,350.69

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 3rd, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$8,106.21 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 | |

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, 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 Kanaski
- 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. 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. 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)**

Mon. Mar. 18th: 6:15 pm Sarah Circle singing at Meadow Place
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Tue. Mar. 19th: 8:15 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Mar. 20th: 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due
5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:15 pm **Lenten Worship Service with music by Lori, Sue & Rich and Message “Who’s Your Neighbor”**
7:15 pm Choir Practice

Sun. Mar. 24th: 9:00 am **Palm Sunday Worship Service**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
10:15 am **Pancake Breakfast Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**

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.