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BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH

IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

MATTHEW 21:9

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song “Morning Has Broken” *We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: LORD God, we are not always prepared to welcome You. While You hope to bring us into Your eternal heavenly Kingdom, that very idea somehow offends us.

ALL: We feel invaded! You want Your way for our lives, but we want ours, and so we rebel. We rebel against Your reign, against Your perfect loving goodness.

PASTOR: It’s because we’ve been building our own little kingdoms. We want to be in charge. So, while we should greet You with shouts of joy, with the praise the Savior King deserves, we often sneer instead of cheer.

ALL: But still You came!

PASTOR: As Jesus Christ, You came to show us the glory of Your Kingdom, but Your mission also brought You to the cross. By dying, and by rising again, You won for us the victory over sin, death, and every power of evil. That is why we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, You come to us as the victorious Savior King. This week, as we reflect on that ultimate triumph, remind us of the riches You have given us as Your heirs, as heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. In You alone, we have faith and forgiveness, hope for eternity, and true and unyielding love! Amen.

♪ Opening Song “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

#108 LBW

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1-2, 6-7

Psalm 8:1-2, 9

READER: ¹ Oh LORD, our Lord,
Your majestic name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher than the heavens.

**ALL: ² And so, You have taught even children and infants
to give You praise!**

READER: They tell of Your strength,
of how You silence Your enemies
and all who oppose You.

**ALL: ⁹ O LORD, our Lord,
Your majestic name fills the earth!**

Second Reading

Acts 2:22-24

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 21:1-11

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 "Unprepared"

♪ Offering of Worship "All Hail the Power" (verses 1, 2, 5, 6) #328 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.

♪ Meal Prayer "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #564 LBW

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 Karl & Beth Arenson in honor of Karl's birthday. 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 Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024

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

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

Sermon Title: "Not What We Were"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Ushers: Mark & Teresa Pachan

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Acolyte: Brannon Karjala

Reader: Peg Kortuem



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for a Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast today 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: 151

General Fund receipts for last two weeks: \$7,199.71

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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NOT WHAT WE WERE.

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🕒 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, John Monson, 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. 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. 24th: 9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Pancake Breakfast Youth Mission Trip
Fundraiser

Mon. Mar. 25th: 6:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wed. Mar. 27th: 6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thu. Mar. 28th: 9:00 am Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
5:30 pm Passover Seder Meal

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.