



*I am come that
they might have* **life**

John 10:10

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You have plans for us. You see and know everything, including our futures, and so You try guiding us down the best possible paths, toward the best possible end.

ALL: But we run from You! Your plans are to give us the most meaningful lives, but when we struggle to imagine the good You have waiting for us, we flee.

PASTOR: We go in a completely different direction. Stubbornly making our own plans, while making our excuses, we run.

ALL: And we get lost. We wander, and we often find trouble.

PASTOR: But God offers us forgiveness, a way back to Him. And as Jesus Christ, He proved this once and for all by dying to save us from sin, rising again to give us a new life now and forever, and by inviting you to share that heavenly message with others. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

A Paraphrase of Jonah 2:1-9

ALL: When I was in trouble, I cried out to You, O LORD. You answered! I was drowning, the waves crashing over me. But as I sank down, down, to the very depths, You snatched me from that watery grave. Now, I will forever sing Your praises, keeping my promises to You as You have always kept Yours to me. Amen.

♪ Opening Song "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

#783 WOV

First Reading

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Psalm 146:10-11

READER: 1 Praise the LORD!

ALL: Let all that I am praise the LORD!

READER: 2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

**ALL: 3 We shouldn't put our faith in powerful people;
they really cannot help us.**

READER: 4 When they breathe their last,
they return to the earth,
and all their plans die with them.

**ALL: 5 But our true joy comes from knowing God,
from the help and hope the LORD God gives us.**

READER: 6 He made the heavens and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.
He keeps all of His promises forever!

Second Reading

James 4:13-17

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Luke 14:25-30

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 "Plans"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Be Thou My Vision" #776 WOV

The Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion "I Come, O Savior, to Your Table" #213 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 Song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #780 WOV

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 Jon & Laurie Fevig in honor of Laurie's parents Bob & Leone Johnson's 67th wedding anniversary. 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: June 9, 2024

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 James 5:1-6
Psalm 112:5, 7-10 Matthew 6:19-21
Sermon Title: "Riches"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Pianist: Alyssa Fearing
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Peyton Hukriede
Deacon: Blanche Tirk	



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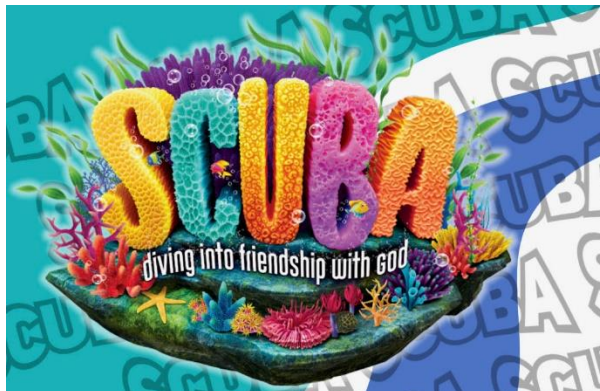


June 7th
3-7pm

Hosted at
Minnesota
National Bank
Long Prairie

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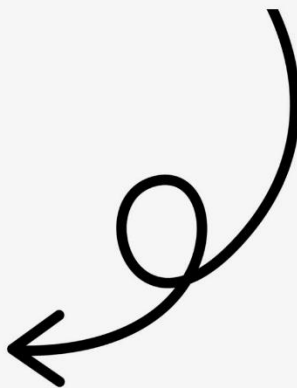
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MEAL FOR **ALL** AT 5:00PM
VBS FROM 5:30 - 7:30 PM
JUNE 9TH - JUNE 13TH, 2024

FREE FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 YEARS OLD TO THOSE
ENTERING 6TH GRADE!

INVITE FRIENDS, RELATIVES, NEIGHBORS, AND
GRANDKIDS!

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many of the Bibles which have been in our pews for decades are in very sad condition. The Deacons have made the decision to dispose of/replace the worst ones. If you remember in the past donating a Bible in memory of someone special to you & would like to keep it for sentimental reasons, you are invited to go through them & take it as family memorabilia!

VBS dates are June 9th – 13th. There are volunteer sign-up sheets and family registration forms in the narthex.

THE FAIR IS COMING! The Todd County Fair will be June 27 - 30, 2024. There are sign-up sheets on the easel in the narthex for food stand volunteers and donations.

The June - August 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 Larson, Kirk Olson, Pat Schultz, 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 June is our Food Stand at the Todd County Fair. Proceeds from the fair help send our youth to summer camp and go on mission trips.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 62

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,669.99

General Fund Year to Date as of 4/30/24:

Budgeted needs: \$79,389.83

Receipts: \$67,931.16

Actual expenses: \$67,318.85

As of May 19th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$15,044.98 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Bernette Burgeson, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Mary Ann Heldt, Stephanie James, Lois Johnson, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Roger Schultes, Matt Stacey, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, and Rose Thorp.

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.

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. June 2nd: 8:00 am Board of Education Meeting
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am New Member Class

Mon. June 3rd: 6:00 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. June 5th: 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Thu. June 6th: 9:00 am Audio-Visual Committee Meeting

Fri. June 7th: 3:00 pm **Car Wash by Youth at Minnesota
National Bank in Long Prairie**

Sat. June 8th: 4:00 pm **Decorate Float in Church Parking Lot**
6:00 pm **Parade with Church Float**

Sun. June 9th: 9:00 am **Worship Service**
5:00 pm Vacation Bible School Meal
5:30 pm Vacation Bible 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.