



**NO MAN IS POOR**

**WHO HAS A**

*Godly* **MOTHER**

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming Song “You Are Holy” *We prepare our hearts for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we sometimes wonder if You are really there for us.

**ALL: You feel distant. When trouble comes, when I’m lost and struggling, I doubt You.**

PASTOR: But these problems are the proof: You haven’t walked away from us. No, we’ve left You!

**ALL: We’ve been running from You, from life and love, toward death and loss.**

PASTOR: It’s not too late! The Bible promises this: “Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you.” And that is what He did for us as Jesus Christ. God came in-person, came to rescue us from the consequences of our faults and failures. He took those sins to the cross, they died with Him there, but Jesus rose again after three days to bring You life, a new life with Him, and an eternal life in His heavenly Kingdom. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

**ALL: Loving God,  
I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I’ll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee  
Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “Shout to the Lord”

First Reading

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

Psalm 63:1-3, 7-8

READER: <sup>1</sup> Oh God, you are my God,  
and I earnestly search for You.

**ALL: My soul thirsts for You;  
my whole body longs for You  
in this parched and weary land  
where there is no water!**

READER: <sup>2</sup> I have seen You in Your sanctuary  
and gazed upon Your power and glory.

**ALL: <sup>3</sup> Your unfailing love is better than life itself;  
how I praise You!**

READER: <sup>7</sup> Because You are my helper,  
I sing for joy in the shadow of Your wings.

**ALL: <sup>8</sup> I cling to You;  
Your strong right hand holds me securely!**

Second Reading

*James 4:1-10*

Special Music “Oh, Lord You’re Beautiful  
with Beautiful Savior”

The Church Choir

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

*John 15:1-5*

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 "Intimacy"

♪ Our Offering of Worship  
"God Made All"  
"King of Kings"  
"Jesus Loves Me"  
"All That I Am"

The Sunday Schooler Students

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 “Who You Say I Am”

Sending Song

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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**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 Allan & Blanche Tirk in loving memory of their wonderful Christian mothers Willette “Billie” (Jenkins) Berry and Frances (Richards) Tirk. 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 19, 2024**

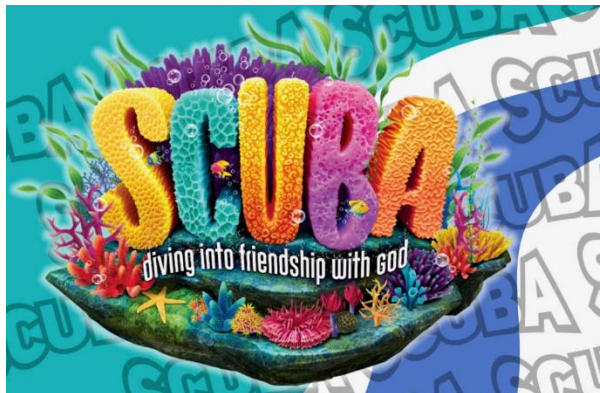
Ezekiel 37:1-6                      Acts 2:1-6, 41  
Psalm 139:7-12                      John 16:5-9, 13-14  
Sermon Title: “The World is Breathtaking”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Pianist: Alyssa Fearing
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Olivia Browen
Deacon: Janie Thole	Reader: Addison Young







# COME JOIN US FOR VBS!

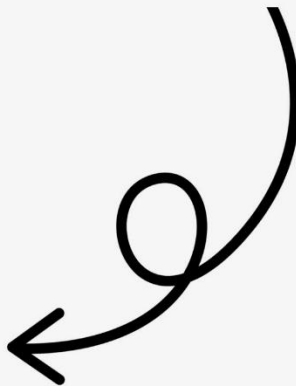
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK YOU** everyone who donated time, goods, talents and support for the 2024 NEW2U sale! The Lord knows your service and ALCW appreciates it! God's peace to you all fellow disciples.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.** There are volunteer sign-up sheets and family registration forms 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 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](mailto: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 May is our missionaries Dwight & Dorothy Hazard** who have served through SIM (Servants In Mission).

**Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 80

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 April 28<sup>th</sup>, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$12,473.67 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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## **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, 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.

## **Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church**

**Sun. May 12<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 am** Choir Practice  
**9:00 am** **Worship Service with Sunday School Program**

**Mon. May 13<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 pm** Youth & Family Committee Meeting

**Wed. May 14<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 am** Shoebox Workday  
**11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due  
**6:30 pm** Choir Practice

**Sun. May 19<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am** **Baccalaureate Worship Service with Communion**

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.