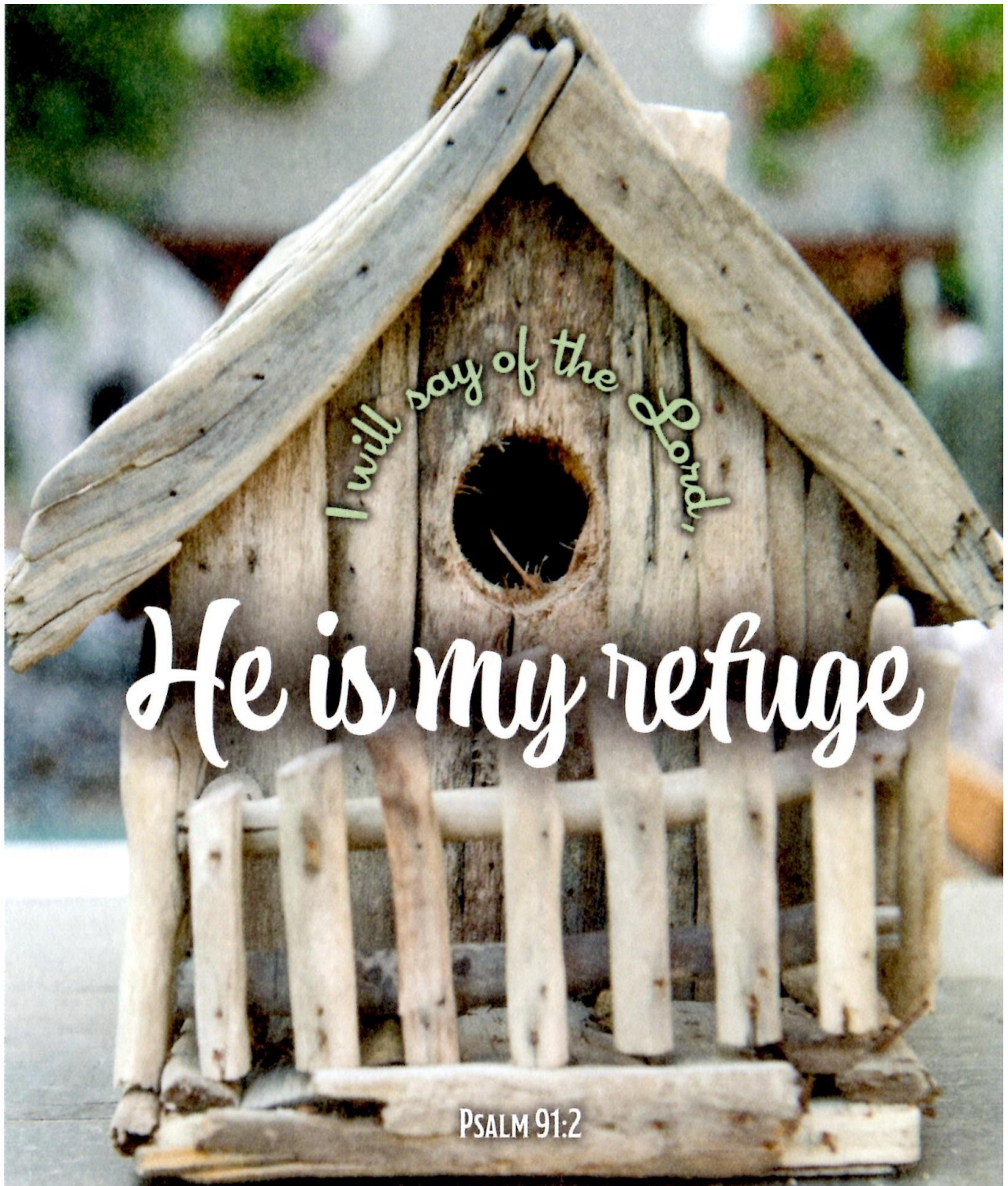


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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You have said what is right and good.

ALL: You have made perfect plans for our lives.

PASTOR: But we reject Your wisdom. Even accidentally, we rebel!
We do things our way, realizing all too late that ignoring the life You offer brings death instead.

ALL: We cannot be perfect, so what can be done?

PASTOR: God came to us as Jesus Christ. He lived the perfect life none of us ever could, but sacrificed it to take our sins, to claim our faults and failures. They died with Him on the cross. Three days later, He returned, rising to new life and promising you the same. As people who follow Him, who know His love, you will live forever in His heavenly Paradise. Your sin is forgiven, death no longer define you, and so we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day – Based on King Solomon's Prayer

1 Kings 3:6-9

ALL: Loving God, You are truly faithful to those who put their faith in You, to those who trust You like children trusting a good parent. Today, I ask for that wisdom. My life shows that I am like a little child who doesn't know where to go or what to do. Please give me an understanding heart so I can know the difference between right and wrong. Amen.

♪ Opening Song "Day by Day"

#746 WOV

First Reading

Proverbs 1:7, 2:6

Psalm 111:1a, 2, 7-10

READER: ^{1a} Praise the LORD!

ALL: ² Everything the LORD does is amazing!

We who know and love Him should ponder His deeds.

READER: ⁷ All that He does is just and good,
and all His commandments are trustworthy.

**ALL: ⁸ They are forever true,
to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity.**

READER: ⁹ He has paid a full ransom for His people.
He guaranteed His covenant promises with them forever.
What a holy, awe-inspiring name the LORD has!

**ALL: ¹⁰ An awe-filled respect for the LORD
is the foundation of true wisdom.**

READER: Everyone who follows His Law
will grow in wisdom.
Praise the LORD forever!

Second Reading

James 3:13-18

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 7:24-29

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.

The Holy Baptism of Everleigh Nicole Young

Sermon “Wisdom”

♪ Offering of Worship “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” #293 LBW

The Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” (sung twice) #713 WOV

“Blessed Assurance” #699 WOV

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 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” #781 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 the Orr family in memory of Tom Orr. We all miss and love you. 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 12, 2024

Proverbs 3:5-6 James 4:1-10

Psalms 63:1-3, 7-8 John 15:1-5

Sermon Title: “Intimacy”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

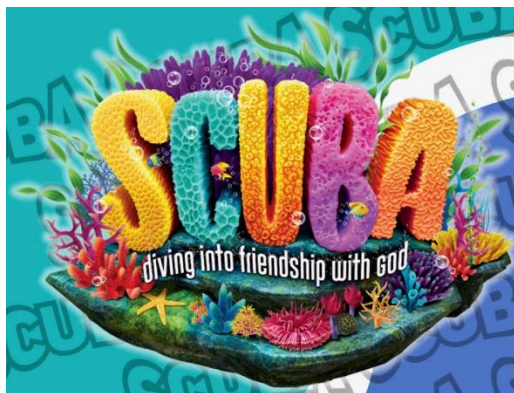
Deacon: Janie Thole

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Acolyte: Ali Barthel

Reader: Marlyne Klinder





COME JOIN US FOR VBS!

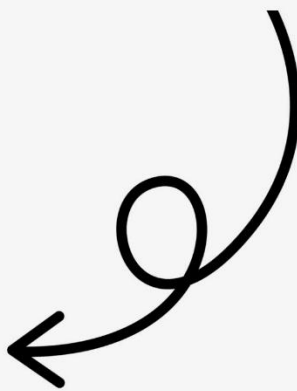
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JUNE 9TH - JUNE 13TH, 2024

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GRANDKIDS!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Baptism today for Everleigh Nicole Young of parents Jonathan and Joni Young with sponsors Brian and Jodie Young.

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!

SPRING CLEANING: please consider donating your "cast-offs" to NEW 2 U sale. ALCW will be accepting your **GIFTS** from APRIL 25 through May 1. Ladies: your help will also be needed to sort and prep during that time. The sale is scheduled for Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th. **THANK YOU** in advance for your help and support! **REMINDER;** we are **NOT** able to accept: TVs, large appliances, books, electronics. Thank you for understanding. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Deb 320 732-4184 or Julie at 320 533- 1070.

Our ALCW annual New 2 U sale is coming up soon. If you'd like to share your Talents by **baking** something [rolls, cookies, bars] to serve with coffee or to sell....please have those items in the church kitchen by 7:30 a.m on Friday May 10th. In the past, sometimes folks have donated jam, jelly, home canned goods, etc as well. These are a nice addition too. 😊 Thank you so much!

Youth/Sunday School Program will be May 12th. Practice for the program will take place after the church service on May 5th. Please contact Sierra, our Youth and Family Coordinator, along with your Sunday School teachers for details.

VBS dates are June 9th – 13th. 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. 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: 92

General Fund receipts for last month: \$15,113.89

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,631.53

General Fund Year to Date as of 3/31/24:

Budgeted needs: \$60,709.87

Receipts: \$52,817.27

Actual expenses: \$40,422.074

As of April 28th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$11,819.85 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 5th: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School**

Sun. May 5th – Thu. May 9th: New 2 U Setup/Prep

**Mon. May 6th: 6:00 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting**

**Wed. May 8th: 9:30 am Esther Circle
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting**

Fri. May 10th: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm New 2 U Sale

Sat. May 11th: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm New 2 U Sale

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

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.