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YOUR
GOD

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GARDEN

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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 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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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 – Martin Luther’s Morning Prayer

ALL: We thank You, heavenly Father – in the name of Your dear Son Jesus Christ – for bringing us safely through the night, for protecting us from all harm and danger. Please also bless this day, shielding us against sin and every evil, so that our every action would be pleasing to You. We trust our lives to You, our bodies and souls – everything! Send Your holy angels to be with us, that the evil enemy would have no power over us. Amen!

First Reading

Proverbs 15:8

Psalm 18:2, 4-7, 9a, 13a, 16a, 19a

READER: 2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress,
and my savior.

**ALL: My God is my rock, in Whom I find protection...
He is my place of safety.**

READER: 4 The ropes of death entangled me,
the destructive floods swept over me...

**ALL: 5 ... and the grave wrapped its ropes around me.
Death laid a trap in my path!**

READER: 6 But in my distress I cried out to the LORD...

ALL: ... and my prayer reached His ears.

READER: 7 Then the earth quaked and trembled.

**ALL: The foundations of the mountains shook;
they quaked because of His anger.**

READER: 9a He opened the heavens and came down.

ALL: 13a The LORD thundered from Heaven!

READER: 16a He reached down from Heaven and rescued me;

ALL: 19a ... and He led me to a place of safety.

Second Reading

James 5:13-18

✦ 🎵 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 Matthew, the sixth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 6:7-13

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Prayer"

✦ 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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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.

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our 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 Hymn "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

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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 Al & Blanche Tirk in honor of their 60th 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 30, 2024

Proverbs 21:16

James 5:19-20

Psalms 42:9-11

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-20

Sermon Title: "Wandering"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ashley Saarela

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Reader: Deb Adamek



Live music, an honest message, and good fellowship!
BRING A CHAIR & WE'LL SEE YOU THERE

All are welcome for

LAKE SIDE WORSHIP

July 14, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. • Charlotte Lake
S'mores buffet and fellowship to follow!

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!

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 ALCW will be having a 5-minute meeting on July 7th to vote on an item.

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: 65

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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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, 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 23rd: 8:30 am Youth & Family Committee Meeting
9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:15 am New Member Class

Tue. June 25th: 8:15 pm Staff Meeting

Wed. June 26th: 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thu. June 27th – Sun. June 30th: Todd County Fair Stand

Sun. June 30th: 9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Worship Service
10:30 am Missions Committee Meeting

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.