

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Statue of Liberty in New York City. The statue is shown from the waist up, holding the torch in her right hand and the tablet in her left. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The word "America!" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the top right of the image.

America!

God
shed
His grace
on thee

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: Heavenly Father, we have all taken a wrong turn. You wanted us to climb higher, to do the best possible good, but instead we have fallen down.

ALL: Now I am lost. I am broken. My heart wanted plans that weren't Yours, and that's what I chose: to wander from You.

PASTOR: We rejected Your perfect love, Your gift of life! We ran head-first into danger disguised as happiness.

ALL: Now, only You can change me. Only You can rescue me!

PASTOR: God came down to us as Jesus Christ for this very reason. Him dying on the cross miraculously forgives our faults and failures, saving us from the death into which we eagerly wandered. His return to life then promises our return to Him, a return to life with God forever in His heavenly Kingdom! That life begins now, and it is why we worship the LORD today.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, we call You our Heavenly Father. Guide us back to You, O LORD, so we might live in Your house now and forever! Amen.

♪ Opening Song "Ancient Words"

First Reading

Proverbs 21:16

Psalm 42:9-11

READER: 9 O God, my Rock,
Why have You forgotten me?

**ALL: Why must I wander around in grief,
oppressed by my enemies?**

READER: ¹⁰ Their taunts break my bones.

They scoff, “Where is this God of yours?”

**ALL: ¹¹ I find myself feeling discouraged, but why?
Why is my heart so sad?**

READER: I will put my hope in God!

**ALL: I will praise Him again
for He is my Savior and my God!**

Second Reading

James 5:19-20

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-20

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.**

Blessing of New Members

Sermon “Wandering”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Run to the Father”

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

“10,000 Reasons”

“As the Deer”

“Good Good Father”

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 “Unstoppable God”

Sending Song

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

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 Gary & Gloria Larsen in honor of their grandchildren. 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: July 7, 2024

2 Chronicles 6:12, 18-21 Romans 8:26-28

Psalms 18 Matthew 6:7-13

Guest Preacher: Chaplain Dave Greaver

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Katylin Saarela

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Reader: Christie Ruda



A wooden pier extends from the foreground into a misty lake. At the end of the pier stands a simple wooden cross. The sky is filled with soft, colorful light from a low sun, creating a gradient from warm orange and red on the left to cool blue and purple on the right. The water is calm and reflects the light, with a layer of mist or fog hanging over the surface. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

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 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: 78

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, Emily Hershberger and baby Boydin, 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 30th: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Worship Service
10:30 am Missions Committee Meeting

Mon. July 1st: 6:00 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. July 3rd: 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Thu. July 4th: Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Sun. July 7th: ALCW 5 Minute Meeting
8:00 am Choir Practice
9:00 am 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.