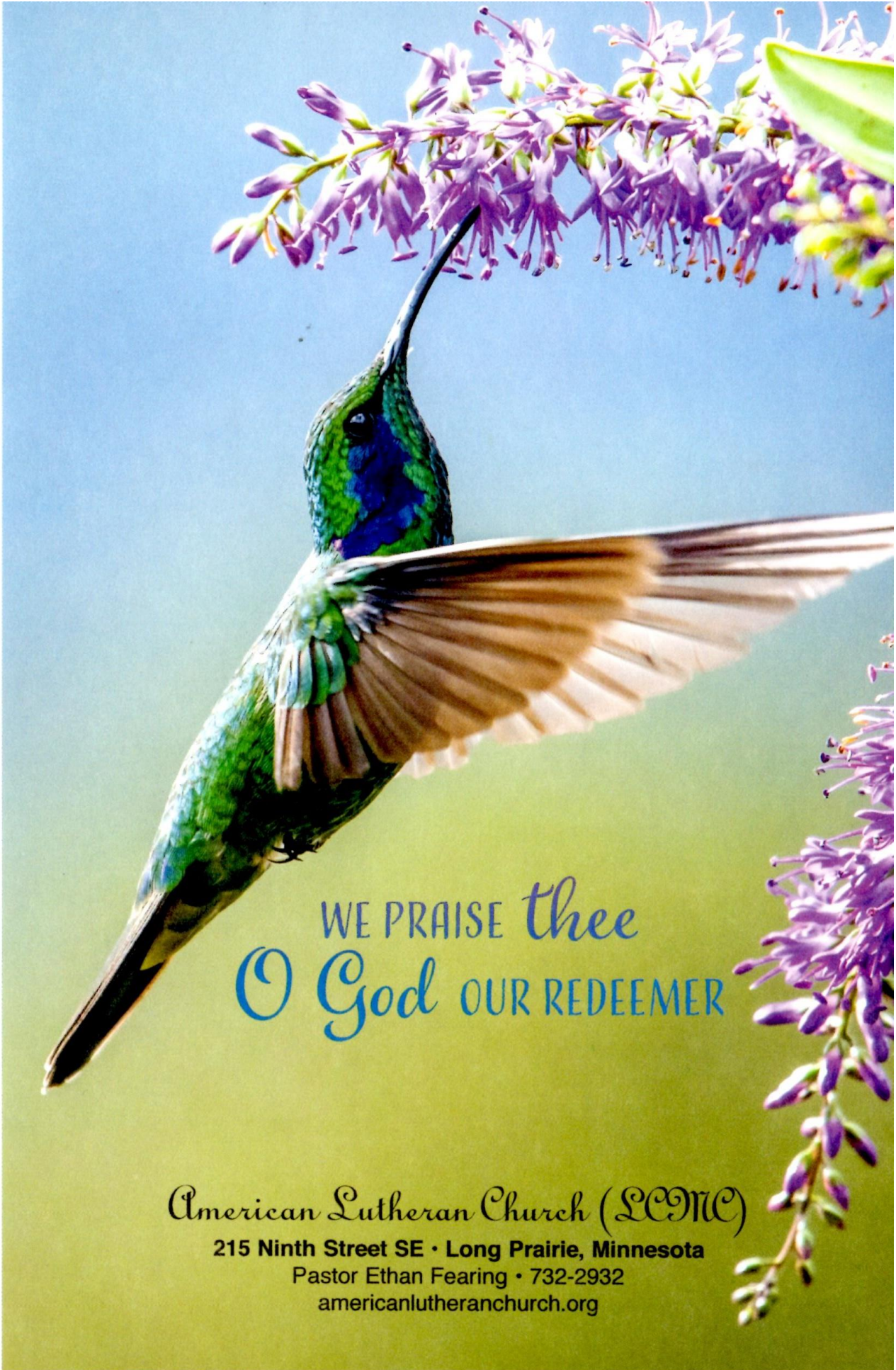


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WE PRAISE *thee*
O God OUR REDEEMER

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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, we are blind.

ALL: We have closed our eyes to Your perfect love.

PASTOR: We have run from Your light into the cold and bitter darkness.

ALL: Lost, we stumble. We fall.

PASTOR: Afraid, we focus only on ourselves.

ALL: Others are lost all around us, but we can't help them. We can't even see them!

PASTOR: This is why God came to us as Jesus Christ. He entered the darkest of depths, dying on the cross and descending into hell. Our faults and failures died with Him. Three days later, Jesus returned to life, offering forgiveness and a new, never-ending life in His heavenly Kingdom. The LORD has warmed You in His Light, and He invites you to share that brightness with others. That is why we worship Him today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, open our eyes. Help us to see where You want us to go and what You want us to do, so we can bring Your loving Light to this dark world. Amen.

♪ Opening Song "Goodness of God"

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:9

Psalm 36:5-9

READER: 5 Your unfailing love, O LORD,
is as vast as the heavens;

Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds!

**ALL: 6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
Your justice like the ocean depths.**

READER: You care for people and animals alike, O LORD!

ALL: 7 How precious is Your unfailing love, O God!

READER: All humanity finds shelter
in the shadow of Your wings.

**ALL: 8 You feed them from Your house's abundance,
letting them drink from Your river of delights.**

READER: 9 For You are the fountain of life,
the light by which we see.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1, 6-8

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 10:1, 7-8

♪ Message Song "Gratitude"

Testimonies from the Mission Trip Team

♪ Offering of Worship "Who You Say I Am"

The Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

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 “Great Are You Lord”

Sending Song

We go 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Mission Trip Team 2024 Green Bay, WI



Back (left-right): Addison Young, Ellianna Young, Ali Barthel, Ronelle Hasse, Caden Schultz, Gavin Hasse, Dawson Hasse, Jonathan Young and William Young.

Front (left-right): Rebekah Hibbs, Addie Ellingson, Miah Posterick, Sierra Larson, Blake Schultz and Seth Hibbs

Our Week

Monday: Serving at We All Rise/Transformation. We All Rise is not a ministry but a non-profit organization serving the under-resourced African American Community in Green Bay. We All Rise is to create and help restore a vibrant African American community. Through uplifting, skill building, and intentionally targeting root causes of systemic oppression, we actively promote the healing of all. While we were there we cleaned, organized, power washed, picked weeds and cleaned a house that was vandalized with paint.

Tuesday: We served at Camp Daniel. Camp Daniel is a camp specially designed for disabled or impaired children and adults. Each day they run a different theme for their campers and today's was carnival themed. It was truly a blessing to see the love and care displayed throughout this whole camp. What a wonderful place.

Wednesday: Altrusa House & Green Bay Botanical Gardens. Weeds, weeds and more weeds. Altrusa Hospitality House; serves patients from all local Healthcare systems and are proud to remove the financial and logistical burden of lodging for our families facing healthcare challenges.

The GB Botanical Gardens; is more than merely a beautiful curated area showcasing many decorative named variety show plants, the GBBG helps leading the area in gardening education, providing vegetable plants to local food security initiatives, helped establish the free 'lending' seed library initiative with our local library, and participates in setting vision for local sustainable community food systems

Thursday: Rooted In - gardens & Freedom House

Rooted In Inc. After all the weeding we did yesterday it was not the most exciting thing to hear we were heading to yet another garden today, but the students handled it like champs and got right to work on weeding. Rooted In Inc's goal is to improve local food access from seed to table. They have a local garden but also teach people how to use the food they are growing creating less food waste.

Freedom House shelters families in need they also equip families with the skills and resources needed to become self-sufficient and maintain self-sufficiency. Freedom House serves a diverse population of homeless families in the community. We helped clean 5 new apartment, scrubbing top to bottom and a few of our students helped with weed whacking along a very long fence.

We finished cleaning early so the students enjoyed a well deserved treat of shaved ice. Big smiles and happy tummies after the fun treat.

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 July is our local outreach, Long Prairie missions. Spanish language bibles are purchased and distributed at the food shelf and fair stand. Coborn's gift cards have been given out to people coming to the church in crisis.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 60

General Fund receipts for the month of July: \$12,351.32

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 July 28th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$31,130.11 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, Alice Arenson, Joe Ayers, Bernette Burgeson, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Roger Schultes, Matt Stacey, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, Rose Thorp, the family of Lois Johnson, and the family of John Monson.

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. Aug. 4th: 8:00 am Board of Education Meeting
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**

Mon. Aug. 5th: 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Aug. 7th: 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Sun. Aug. 11th: 9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:00 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.