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American Lutheran Church (ALC) (LCA)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to Lakeside Worship! Today, we gather outside to meet with the LORD, to celebrate His love as we breathe in the beauty of His creation. God gave us this sunshine, these waters, the plants, and each other, so let's prepare to experience and enjoy this holy time with Him.

♪ Welcoming Song “Build Your Kingdom Here”

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You formed the very first man from the earth, from the soil. Then You breathed life into him, into humanity, into every future generation, including those of us who are here today.

ALL: But we forget ourselves. We ignore the life You gave us, choosing instead to lower ourselves back down into the dirt.

PASTOR: Will we stay stuck in this mud, in the muck of our mistakes? Without You, we are destined to return to dust.

ALL: Dust to dust! Without You, I die.

PASTOR: But God will never give up on you. He returns, again and again, to pull us up out of the pit. As Jesus Christ, He lived, died, and returned to life to give you that miracle. He rescues you, washes you clean, and breathes new life into you now and forever. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, You are the King of kings. Others might use their power and influence selfishly, but not You! No, Your reign offers perfect love and never-ending life – Heaven. Only You deserve a starry crown, but You promise them to us, adopting

imperfect people to be Your heirs. Help us to live, now and in Your paradise Kingdom, for You. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Down to the River to Pray”

**As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good LORD, show me the way!**

**Oh brother, let’s go down
Let’s go down, come on down
Come on, fathers, let’s go down
Down to the river to pray**

**As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good LORD, show me the way!**

**Oh sisters, let’s go down
Let’s go down, come on down
Come on, mothers, let’s go down
Down to the river to pray**

**As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good LORD, show me the way!**

**Oh sinners, let’s go down
Let’s go down, come on down
Come on, children, let’s go down
Down to the river to pray**

Psalm 51:1-5, 10-12

READER: 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
with Your unfailing love.

**ALL: In Your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.**

READER: 2 Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.

**ALL: 3 Because I do recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.**

READER: 4 Against You, and You alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in Your sight.

**ALL: 3 You will be proved right in what You say,
and Your judgment against me is just.**

READER: 5 For I was born a sinner –
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

**ALL: 10 But create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

READER: 11 Do not banish me from Your presence,
and don't take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**ALL: 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and make me willing to obey You.**

♪ Meditation “Create in Me”

Internalizing God's Word

Create in me a clean heart, oh God

And renew a right spirit within me! (REPEAT)

Cast me not away from Your presence, oh LORD,

And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Second Reading

Galatians 3:26-29

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17

♪ The Creed “We Believe”

**In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe. We believe.**

**In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe. We believe.**

CHORUS

**We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He’s given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He’s comin’ back again
We believe**

**So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe. We believe! CHORUS**

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now, let love invade
Let the church live loud; our God, we’ll say
“We believe! We believe!”
And the gates of Hell will not prevail
For the pow’r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe! We believe! CHORUS**

Sermon “Holy Baptism”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear;
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the LORD in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the LORD in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge –
Take it to the LORD in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the LORD in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you,
You will find a solace there.**

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.**

♪ Edelweiss Benediction

A song of blessing.

**May the LORD, Mighty God,
bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in ev'ry endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face.
Trust His grace forever!
May the LORD, Mighty God,
bless and keep you forever.**

♪ Closing Song “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

CHORUS

**My chains are gone! I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And, like a flood, His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace**

**The LORD has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures CHORUS x2**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

Sending Song “Oceans”

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

† Ebanora Corrine Boettcher

† Tyler Lee Borchert

† Jasmine Jennifer Johnson

† Sophia Marie Borchert

† Grayson Alexander Hukriede

† Hazel Lee Pederson

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 John & Helen Monson in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on July 25th. 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 21, 2024

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 1 John 4:7-10

Psalm 103:8-18 Matthew 22:34-40

Guest Preacher: Pastor Bill Bakewicz

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Kathy Guthrie

Acolyte: Makenzie Parker

Reader: Marvin Poegel





Baptism Family & Sponsors

† **Ebanora Corrine Boettcher** - Parents: Kila Winkler & Brandon Boettcher; Sponsor: Emma Johnson

† **Sophia Marie Borchert** - Parents: Katrina & Joshua Goertz;
Sponsors: Mark & Teresa Pachan

† **Tyler Lee Borchert** – Parents: Katrina & Joshua Goertz; Sponsors:
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† **Grayson Alexander Hukriede** – Parents: Kyle & Rachel Hukriede;
Sponsors: Ryan & Jill Lubbers and Shaun & Hannah Lenz

† **Jasmine Jennifer Johnson** – Parents: Jennifer Winkler & James Johnson

† **Hazel Lee Pederson** – Parent: Casey Pederson, Grandparent:
Stephanie Wehrenberg; Sponsors: Celeste Miller and Kirk &
Kelly Larson



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

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!

Do you want to help keep our commitment to Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes active and flourishing? There are many ways you can do that!

Wednesday, July 24th, we will get together again for a Shoebox Workday! Beginning at 10 AM, we will organize, sort, count, create items that will go into our 2024 Shoeboxes. We find activities for all abilities. If you need to sit, that is fine! Counting, cutting, pasting, wrapping, unwrapping, every chore done helps! Come for an hour or for all day. We have fun, get to know one another better, share potluck lunch & snacks.

If you cannot be at a workday but are able to shop, many items are still needed to fill boxes: **Items we are always in need of** are large pencil sharpeners / scissors / notebooks or tablets/ markers / bath soap / wash cloths/toothbrushes

clothing (all sizes) flipflops / sunglasses / hats / rain gear

Older boys suggestions : fishing tackle, small tools, clothes

Older girls suggestions: craft kits, sewing supplies, clothes, jewelry, hair accessories

More great gifts: Color books / yoyos / harmonicas /jump ropes /any balls / dolls/puzzles / Frisbees that will fit in a Shoebox

WE CAN ALWAYS USE CASH TO PAY FOR SHIPPING,

“GREATEST JOURNEY BOOKLETS” TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS & any other expenses!

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: 70

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 June 30th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$24,858.47 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, Emily Hershberger and her baby, Stephanie James, Lois Johnson, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Roger Schultes, Matt Stacey, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, and Rose Thorp, and the family of Alisha Hanson.

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. July 14th: 9:00 am Lakeside Worship Service at Lake Charlotte

Mon. July 15th – Sat. July 20th: Youth Mission Trip

**Mon. July 15th: 6:15 pm Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study**

Wed. July 17th: 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due

Sun. July 21st: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

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