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Fear God,
and keep his
commandments

Ecclesiastes 12:13

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Opening Hymn *“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”* LBW 543

Confession of Sins

P: Let us confess our failures, fears, and weaknesses to God, asking that we be restored to wholeness and peace.

C: **God, Who cares for all, we confess that we have not loved You and have not cared for ourselves, our neighbors, or the earth You created. Forgive our lack of care and our failure to attend to Your creation in us and around us. Take away our sins, and make us strong witnesses in word and action to Your redeeming love.**

Amen.

P: Our God is merciful, slow to anger, and rich in steadfast love. I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of Jesus, Who has restored us to God our Creator. By the power of the Holy Spirit, be renewed to wholeness of life.

C: Amen.

Kyrie: page 57

Hymn of Praise: *“This is the Feast”* page 60

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Joshua 1:5-9

Psalm: Psalm 46:1-11

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-8

Gospel Response: page 63

Gospel: Matthew 7:24-27

Children's Sermon

Sermon Hymn: *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* LBW # 293

Sermon: “The House (Country) That Will Stand” Matthew 7:24-29
Sermon by Pastor Bill Bakewicz

Special Music “Each Step I Take”
Sung by Kathy Carlson, Carol Collier and Diane Young
Pianist Susan Paulsen

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Offering Hymn - *“We Give Thee But Thine Own ”* LBW #410

Offering Response: *“Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord”* page 66

Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Special Music “In the Image of God” and “Jesus Loves Me”
Sung by Kathy Carlson, Carol Collier and Diane Young
Pianist Susan Paulsen

Post Communion Canticle: *“Thank the Lord”* page 72

Prayers/Lord's Prayer (sung)

Benediction

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 Pat & Tracy Schultz in honor of their 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: July 28, 2024

Exodus 31:1-11 Philippians 4:8-9
Psalm 91:9-14 Mark 6:1-6, 41-42

Guest Speaker: Kirk Olson

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver
Deacon: Kathy Guthrie

Organist: Mason Ellingson
Acolyte: Brannon Karjala
Reader: Karen Bakewicz



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: 62

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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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, 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 21st: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Wed. July 24th: 10:00 am Shoebox Workday

Sun. July 28th: 9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Worship Service

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.