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A photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, there are two wooden planters filled with vibrant red and orange flowers. To the right, a stone path leads through a garden with various plants, including blue flowers and ferns. In the background, there are more potted plants and large rocks.

As for
God,
his way
is perfect
Psalm 18:30

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude Music

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Greetings, Announcements, and the Sharing of God's Peace

♪ Opening Hymn "America the Beautiful"

**ALL: O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!**

**America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
across the wilderness!**

**America! America! God mend thine every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self-control
thy liberty in law.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!**

**America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,**

undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea!

First Reading

2 Chronicles 6:12, 18-21

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

Romans 8:26-28

♪ Song for Reflection "God, Shed Your Grace on Us"

Many came for freedom, many fought for faith
Many came because they saw the hand of God's own grace.
Many came with nothing but dreams upon their face.
Many came because they found a refuge in this place!
But somewhere we lost sight of God and the guidance of His hand.
We have sacrificed our faith in God for the selfishness of man.

*God, shed your grace on us.
Restore our hope, rebuild our trust.
Pour our Your grace and mercy on this land.
God, shed Your grace on us, with all that you call good and just.
By your amazing grace, help us to stand.
God, shed your grace upon this land.*

*Built on one foundation, one freedom for all men.
One people made of many with one common place to stand.
Lord, help us now to seek Your face and the guidance of Your hand
For without Your grace and mercy, Lord,
How will this nation stand?*

*God, shed Your grace upon this land.
In our time of need, Lord, we fall humbly on our face.
Lord, we cry for mercy! "Lord, we cry Pour out Your grace!"*

*God, shed Your grace on us,
Restore our hope, rebuild our trust.
Pour out Your grace and mercy on this land.
God, shed Your grace on us, with all that You call good and just.
By your amazing grace help us to stand.
God, shed your grace upon this land!*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 6:7-13

Sermon

Chaplain Dave Greaver

♪ Our Offering of Worship "God of Our Fathers"

**ALL: God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be Thy strong arm our ever strong defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.**

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

♪ Petition "Heal Our Land" *Congregation sings the second time through.*

**ALL: Heal our land, Father, heal our land;
Hear our cry and turn our nation back to You.
Lord, heal our land, Hear us, O Lord, and heal our land;
Forgive our sin and heal our broken land.
Forgive our sin and heal our broken land.**

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 "Get Together"

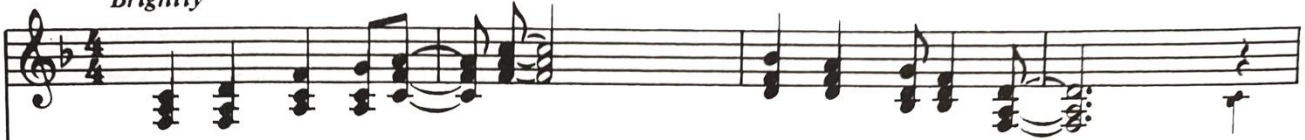
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GET TOGETHER

DERRIC JOHNSON

F Bb Dm C7

Brightly



1. Let's all get to- geth - er ___ in A - mer-i - ca. ___
 2. Let's all walk to- geth - er ___ through A - mer-i - ca. ___
 3. Let's all sing to- geth - er ___ of A - mer-i - ca. ___
 4. Let's all pray to- geth - er ___ for A - mer-i - ca. ___



F Dm F G7 C7



Our land's des - ti - na - tion is ev - 'ry-one's con-cern. ___
 You don't take your first step ___ 'til you learn to stand. ___
 We all pledge al - le - giance, sweet land of lib - er - ty. ___
 Don't con - fuse the is - sue, the re - al ques-tion is: ___



F F7 Cm7 F7 Bb



Ev - 'ry - one's in - vest - ment in - sures a joint re - turn. ___
 Then you help a - noth - er ___ by reach - ing out your hand. ___
 Stars and stripes for - ev - er ___ from sea to shin - ing sea. ___
 Not if God's on our side. ___ but if we are on His. ___



B⁰ F Dm7 D7 Gm C7 F



Let's all get to - geth - er ___ in A - mer - i - ca. ___
 Let's all walk to - geth - er ___ through A - mer - i - ca. ___
 Let's all sing to - geth - er ___ of A - mer - i - ca. ___
 Let's all pray to - geth - er ___ for A - mer - i - ca. ___



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Postlude Music

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 Jonathan and Joni Young 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 14, 2024

1 Samuel 9:17-19, 25-27; 10:1

Galatians 3:26-29

Psalms 51:1-12

Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17

Sermon Title: “Baptism”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Music: Church Choir

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Riece Falzone

Deacon: Kathy Guthrie

Reader: Emily Steinert.



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 a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The water is calm and reflects the light from the sky. 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

Todd County Fair Food Stand - Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this year's food stand a success! We are greatly appreciative of those who worked and of those who chose to stop in and eat!

We are again pleased to offer unopened foodstuffs for sale - please speak to a fair stand board member or email Katrina Holman

(kmcorcor@gmail.com) for more information. This year's sale items include hot dogs, hamburger patties, fries (cases and individual bags), onion ring bags, and 12pks of Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, Coca-Cola, root beer, and Shasta Twist.

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 today 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 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 June: \$14,745.64

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 7th: ALCW 5 Minute Meeting
8:00 am Choir Practice
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**

Tue. July 9th: **8:15 am** Staff Meeting

Wed. July 10th: **9:30 am** Esther Circle
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Fri. July 12th: **11:00 – 1:00 pm** **Visitation for Alisha Hanson**
1:00 pm **Funeral for Alisha Hanson**

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

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.