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THE GOOD

FIGHT!

**TRAINING TO FACE TODAY'S CULTURE
SERMON SERIES FROM 1+2 TIMOTHY**

✦ 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, sometimes we only pretend to love you.

ALL: Our faith is just a show, a mask we use to impress others.

PASTOR: But You are never fake with us.

ALL: Your love for me is real, and You have always been faithful.

PASTOR: God fully commits Himself to us. That is why He came as Jesus Christ, why He chose to die on a cross to win forgiveness for our sins, and it is why He rose again three days later to give us the gift of Heaven. Your new and never-ending life with God begins now. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, we pray for the true faith that leads to true living. Cut through the lies, remove our masks, and give us trusting belief in Your perfect love. Amen.

♪ Opening Song "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

#368 LBW

First Reading

Ezekiel 13:9

Psalm 138:1-2a, 3, 7a, 8

READER: ¹ I give You thanks, O LORD, with all my heart;

I will sing Your praises before every false god.

ALL: ^{2a} I bow before Your holy temple as I worship.

I praise Your name,

singing of Your unfailing love and faithfulness!

READER: ³ As soon as I pray, You answer me;
You encourage me by giving me strength!

**ALL: ^{7a} Though I am surrounded by troubles,
You will protect me from the anger of my enemies.**

READER: ⁸ O LORD, You will accomplish
every good plan You have for my life...

ALL: ... because Your faithful love endures forever!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:3-4; 4:1-2

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 7:15-20

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.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon "The Good Fight: Life or Lies"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "The Church's One Foundation" #369 LBW

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 "Lift High the Cross"

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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.



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 the Guthrie family in memory of Lonnie. 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: August 11, 2024

Job 1:18-22 1 Timothy 2:8-10

Psalms 15:1-4 John 4:23-24

Sermon Title: “The Good Fight: Worship the LORD Only”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Deacon: Kathie Guthrie

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Reader: Theresa Pachan

Acolyte: Dawson Hasse

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 the month of August is our radio broadcast ministry through KEYL. We are thankful for all of you who are willing to support this with your donations.

Weekly Report:

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. 11th: 9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Missions Committee Meeting

Mon. Aug. 12th: 6:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wed. Aug. 14th: 9:30 am Esther Circle

6:00 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Full Church Council Meeting

Sun. Aug. 18th: Performing Arts Camp

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.