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FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN

Hebrews 12:14

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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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 have made other things more important that You.

ALL: We have put these idols, these false gods, at the center of our world. What we do revolves around them.

PASTOR: We have even worshipped ourselves!

ALL: Forgive us. We know only You are God, that only You can give us life. Worshipping anything else leads to death.

PASTOR: God came to us to bring us back to reality. As Jesus Christ, He suffered and died on a cross in our place, paying the price for our idol-worship. Three days later, He returned to life, not only proving He is the One true God, but also winning you new and never-ending life in His heavenly Kingdom. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, our ideas about You are often flawed. We imagine false gods and a fake Jesus, a Jesus we can control.

Instead of listening to the good and loving things You say, we put words in Your mouth. We need to stop, to pay attention, and to respond to You in trusting faith. Help us with that struggle.

Amen.

♪ Opening Song "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#559 LBW

First Reading

Job 1:18-22

Psalm 15:1-4

READER: ¹ Who may worship in Your sanctuary, LORD?
Who can approach Your presence on Your holy hill?

ALL: ² Those who lead blameless lives.

**Those who do what is right,
speaking the truth from sincere hearts.**

READER: ³ Those who refuse to gossip
or harm their neighbors
or speak evil of their friends.

ALL: ⁴ And those who cannot tolerate flagrant sinners.

READER: Honor the LORD and His faithful followers,
and keep your promises even when it hurts.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:8-10

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

John 4:23-24

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: Focused or Distracted"

♪ Offering of Worship "Oh, Worship the King" (verses 1-4) #548 LBW

The Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion

"O Savior, Precious Savior" #514 LBW

"Let Us Break Bread Together" #212 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 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #245 LBW

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 Bob & Tammie Chapin 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: August 25, 2024

Isaiah 41:13 1 Timothy 4:6-10

Psalms 37:3-7 Matthew 6:25, 31-34

Sermon Title: "The Good Fight: Spent or Wasted"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Kathy Guthrie

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Acolyte: William Young

Reader: Julie Schulte



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The June - August copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

The poster for ordering *Daily Texts 2025* is up! The information about this year's theme and ordering information is given. This book provides a method of reading through the Bible in a year using readings from both Old Testament and New Testament. It also provides readings and prayer for each day.

Any questions or want to see a copy? Call or text Karen: 320-533-0378

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:

Worship Attendance for last week: 82

General Fund receipts for previous week: \$6,443.79

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 August 4th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$29,356.31 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, Frank Barthel Jr., 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, and Rose Thorp.

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 Kanaski
- 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. 18th: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Sun. Aug. 18th – Sun. Aug. 25th: Performing Arts Camp

Mon. Aug. 19th: 8:45 am Sarah Circle leaves for JoAnn Manlove's Home

Tue. Aug. 20th: 8:15 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Aug. 21st: 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due

Drive-In Movie Family Night

6:30 pm – Gates Open

7:30 pm – Worship Service

8:30 pm – Movie Starts

Sat. Aug. 24th: 6:30 pm Play Performance – Samson Jones and the Aiders of the Tossed Ark

Sun. Aug. 25th: 8:30 am Youth & Family Committee Meeting

9:00 am Outdoor Worship Service

10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service

10:15 am Potluck Dinner after Worship Service

2:00 pm Play Performance – Samson Jones and the Aiders of the Tossed Ark

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.