

... **This is my** ...
Father's world ...

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✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.

LBW: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the green hymn book.

Prelude Music

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

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PASTOR: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection.

PASTOR: Most merciful God...

ALL: ...we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Announcement of forgiveness.

♪ Opening Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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PASTOR: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

♪ The Kyrie, a Prayer for Mercy

PASTOR: In peace, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

ALL: Amen!

♪ Hymn of Praise

PASTOR: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

ALL: LORD God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, LORD God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, as we gather together, unite us. We call ourselves Your followers. We say we are Christians, but bind us not just in Your name, but by Your perfect love! Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 27:17

Psalm 133:1-3

READER: ¹ How wonderful and pleasant it is
when brothers and sisters live together in harmony!

**ALL: ² Harmony is as precious as the anointing oil
that was poured over Aaron's head.**

READER: How it ran down his beard
and onto the border of his robe!

**ALL: ³ Harmony refreshes us
like the dew from Mount Hermon,
like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.**

READER: There, the LORD has pronounced His blessing.

ALL: There, the LORD blessed us with life everlasting!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 5:1-4

✦ 🎵 Reading Response

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**ALL: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words
of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

🎵 The Gospel, God's Good News

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PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 18:20

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "The Good Fight: Community or Clique"

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

♪ Offering Hymn “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

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✦ ♪ The Offering Response

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ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

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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 Hymn “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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Postlude

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 Al & Blanche Tirk in celebration of grandchildren. 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: September 15, 2024

Proverbs 20:3, 29:22-23

1 Timothy 6:3-6

Psalms 109:1-5, 26

Matthew 5:21-22

Sermon Title: “The Good Fight: Debate or Argument”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Kylie Goff

Deacon & Reader: Jammie Hedlund



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Have you seen it? The poster for ordering *Daily Texts 2025* is on bulletin board!

In order to get discount pricing, the deadline is *September 15!!*

Order 1 for a friend and share with each other how the Holy Spirit is ministering to you via the readings and prayer! Challenge yourself to read the entire Bible in 1 year! The *Daily Texts* provides a method using readings from both Old/New Testaments. Add your name to the list, or contact Karen: 320-533-0378!

Deadline is September 15!!

All boards and committees, please submit your 2024 budget requests by October 1st so that the Trustees can begin preparing next year's budget.

REMINDER - for record keeping purposes as per our ALC constitution: Please fill out a communion card once each year. The cards are found in the racks in the pews. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. **THANK YOU!** – Board of Deacons.

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!

CALLING ALL SINGERS!


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**FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL
SEPT 11TH
6:30PM**

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OCT 6TH
8:00AM**

**QUESTIONS?
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320-808-7347**





ALC
SUNDAY SCHOOL
FAMILY KICKOFF RALLY

INFANT - 12TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 8TH
215 9TH ST SE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN
STARTS AT 10:15 AM



COME FOR GAME STATIONS, MUSIC, AND A LESSON!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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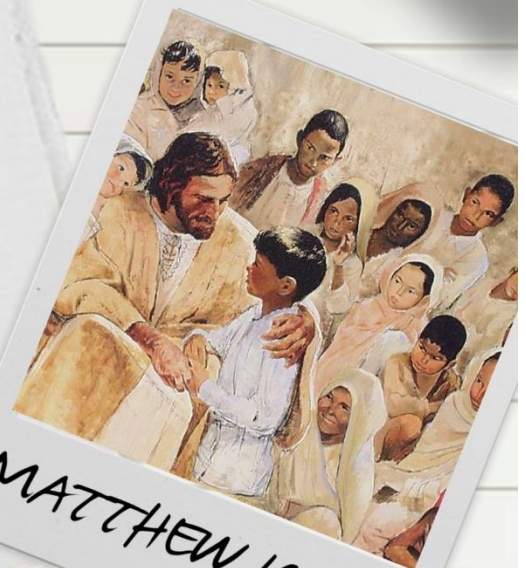
COME LEARN THROUGH SONG, GAMES, AND STORIES!
CONTENT IS TAILORED TO FIT EACH AGE GROUP!



FIT FOR INFANTS TO 12TH GRADERS
10:15AM EVERY* SUNDAY MORNING
BEGINS **SEPTEMBER 15TH**

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* PLEASE VIEW OUR CALENDAR TO
SEE ALL DATES



MATTHEW 19:14

WEDNESDAYS AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

W @ LC

LET'S GO!

time with God and friends
a break from busyness
exciting opportunities

5:00 - 6:00 PM

SUPPER

a weekly and welcoming community meal | all ages

6:00 - 6:20 PM

REAL WORSHIP

songs for K-8 graders

6:20 - 7:00 PM

YOUTH GROUP

K-6 Bible fun and games led by awesome 9-12 graders

CONFIRMATION

next-level lessons on living for Jesus | 7-8 graders

7:00 - 8:00 PM

GROUP

a time for Christians to hang out and unwind | 9-12 graders

STARTS SEPT. 11, 2024

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 September is Chris Mikkelson Evangelistic Ministries, which seeks to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the most remote and unreached parts of the earth.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 84

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 September 1st, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$34,663.42 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, Kim Dols, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Blain Hall, LaMoine Hatton, Larry Hatton, Eugene Holmquist, Stephanie James, Jan Jorgensen, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Joan Pesta, Roger Schultes, Matt Stacey, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, Rose Thorp, and Steph Wehrenberg.

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
- Colton Larson, deputy sheriff in Waseca County, MN, grandson of Sue & Dennis Kaneski
- 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

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Sept. 8th: **8:00 am** Board of Education Meeting
 9:00 am **Worship Service**
 10:15 am **Sunday School Family Kickoff Rally**

Mon. Sept. 9th: **6:00 pm** Staff Meeting

Wed. Sept. 11th: **9:30 am** Esther Circle
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

W@LC – Wednesdays at American Lutheran Church

5:00 pm **Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Youth Group Grades K-6
7:00 pm Group Grades 9 - 12

Sun. Sept. 15th: **8:30 am** Youth & Family Committee Meeting
 9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**
 10:15 am **Sunday School**
 11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting

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.