

Rejoice in the Lord

Philippians 4:4



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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, You have planned and placed people in our lives.

ALL: They are here to help. You loved us so much, You gave us friends who would love us, too, those who would walk alongside us, who would help us stand when we are ready to fall.

PASTOR: And You asked us to return that friendship.

ALL: But we don't always connect with the people you have given us. We ignore them, choosing instead fake friends who fail us when we really need them.

PASTOR: But God's love for you never stops! Even when we make these wrong choices, He is always there to bring you back to His perfectly good plans. That is why God came to us in-person as Jesus Christ, it's why He suffered the final consequence of our every fault and failure on the cross, and it's why He brought those sins to the grave. Three days later, Jesus returned to life, a miracle that offers you a new life, a forgiven life that begins now and continues forever in His heavenly Kingdom. There, with all our true friends, we will worship the LORD God, but we also don't have to wait. Let's start right here, right now!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: God Above, heal my brokenness. Help me to see past the sins of others, just as You did for me, so I can build loving and true friendships. Amen.

♪ Opening Song "Goodness of God"

First Reading

Proverbs 27:9

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

Colossians 3:13-15a

Special Music “Be Strong”

The Church Choir

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Luke 5:17-26

The Holy Baptism of Samuel Thomas Gruendemann

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

PASTOR: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL: 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.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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!

Sermon “Faithful Friends”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

A Prayer for Our Veterans

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 “Praise You Anywhere”

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 John & Jane Hasse in honor of their three great-grandsons, Brannon, Brayden, and Cameron. 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: November 17, 2024

Proverbs 28:1 Hebrews 4:14-16

Psalms 27:1-3, 10-14 Luke 8:41-48

Sermon Title: “Bold Faith”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Betty Oliver

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Acolyte: Brannon Karjala

Reader: Joanne Hillman



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention all Veterans: We will be honoring our veterans today. Thank you for your service to our country. Veterans Day is Monday, November 11th.

Holy Baptism today of Samuel Thomas Gruendemann, the son of Adam & Rachel Gruendemann. His sponsors are Dann and Becky Gould, Tom Gruendemann, and Colette Hurias.

Potluck Wednesday Night Supper Team this week. Please bring a dish to share to the 5:00 pm, November 13th, Wednesday Family Night Supper. Thank you for your participation!

STILL NEEDED FOR SHOEBOXES: colored pencils / markers /large erasers / large pencil sharpeners / miscellaneous clothing items ie: socks, gloves, hats, scarves, flip-flops for ages 5 through 14, boys or girls and SCHOOL NOTEBOOKS

ALSO:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 10 AM – WORKDAY to finish organizing items

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 10AM - ONE FINAL WORKDAY of last minute set-up for All-Church packing on Sunday, November 17th, following worship.

Advent Festival (Christmas Decorating) will be Sunday, November 24th following the worship service. Please bring a dish of food to share after we decorate.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of a Praise and Worship Team for the Thanksgiving Eve worship service, please sign up on the easel in the narthex or contact Alyssa.

Dear Congregation, “For God is working in you, giving you the DESIRE and the POWER to DO what pleases Him.” *Philippians 2:13* Please, personally, consider this promise from God's Word, if you are contacted by a member of the nominating committee for serving on a board or committee in 2025. **THANK YOU!**

Do you like taking pictures? We would like photos of church events and children’s activities for posting in church and on-line. Sunday School parents have filled out permission slips for children’s photos to be displayed. The church has a digital camera that could be used if needed. Let Lori in the office know if you are interested in taking pictures.

New Devotional now available for free – “Daily Devotional – The Word for you Today” for months September – November. Pick up your copy from the rear of the sanctuary or from the narthex.

The September - November copies of Our Daily Bread are at the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE

We love to sing at American Lutheran Church!

Sunday School children are invited to sing songs during the 9:00am service. We will practice at 8:15am in the choir room.

Thanksgiving Singing

November 24th

9am Worship Service

Christmas Program Practice

December 1st

10:15am Sunday School

December 8th

10:15am Sunday School

Christmas Program Service

December 15th

9am Worship Service

Questions?

Call Alyssa Fearing 320-304-3691



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 November is Dan & Nancy Butkowski with CRU.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 85

General Fund receipts for September: \$24,015.64

General Fund budgeted monthly needs: \$20,236.62

As of October 20th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$37,031.69 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, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Jan Jorgensen, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Mark Pachan, Joan Pesta, Roger Schultes, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, Carole Thompson, 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
- Kristi Ruess & Tim Huston, Todd County Sheriff's Department Assistant Chaplains

2024-25 Wednesday Night Family Supper Schedule

November 13th – Team 2 – Potluck
November 20th – Team 3 – Spaghetti
November 27th – **No Supper** – Thanksgiving Break
December 4th – Team 4 – Taco Temptations
December 11th – Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
December 18th – Team 5 – Soupers
December 25th – **No Supper** – Christmas Break
January 1st – **No Supper** – New Year’s Break
January 8th – Team 1 – Duke’s Mixture
January 15th – Team 2 – Potluck
January 22nd – Team 3 – Spaghetti
January 29th – Team 4 – Taco Temptations
February 5th – Team 5 – Soupers
February 12th – Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
February 19th – Team 1 – Duke’s Mixture
February 26th – Team 2 – Potluck
March 5th – Team 3 – Spaghetti
March 12th – Team 4 – Taco Temptations
March 19th – Team 5 – Soupers
March 26th – Team 1 – Duke’s Mixture
April 2nd – Team 2 – Potluck
April 9th – Team 3 – Spaghetti
April 16th – Team 4 – Taco Temptations
April 23rd – Team 5 – Soupers
April 30th - ALCW

