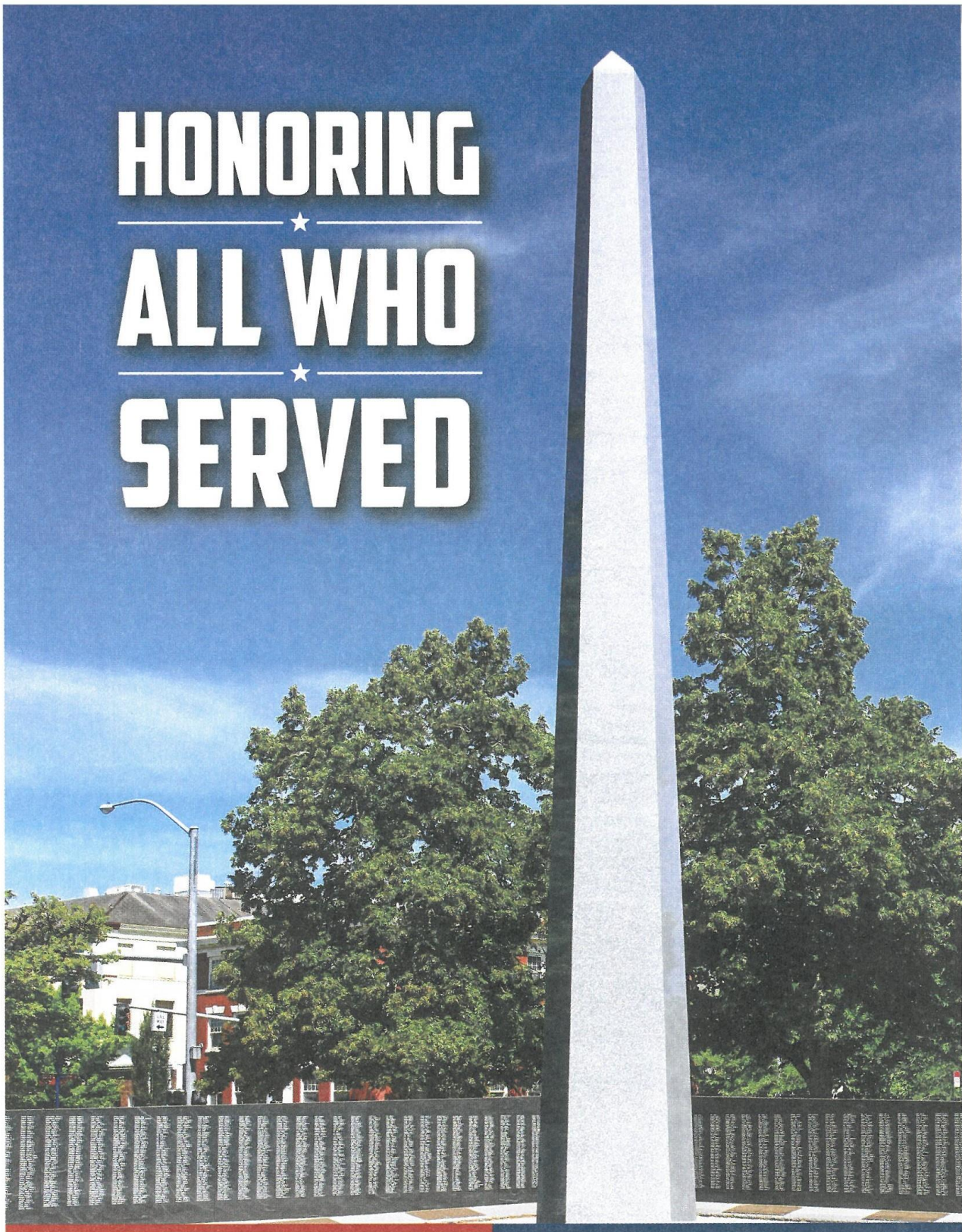


# HONORING ★ ALL WHO ★ SERVED

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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.

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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 "He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!"

#501 LBW

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, fill me with the peace that only Your Holy Spirit can offer. Steady me, embolden me for truth, and when I fall, help me to stand once more in the grace You so freely offer. Amen.**

## First Reading

*Proverbs 28:1*

## Psalm 27:1-3, 10-14

READER: <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation –  
so why should I be afraid?

**ALL: The LORD is my fortress,  
protecting me from danger,  
so why should I tremble?**

READER: <sup>2</sup> When evil people come to devour me,  
when my enemies and foes attack me...

**ALL: ... they will stumble and fall.**

READER: <sup>3</sup> Though a mighty army surrounds me,  
my heart will not be afraid.

**ALL: Even if I am attacked,  
I will remain confident.**

READER: <sup>10</sup> Even if my father and mother abandon me,  
the LORD will hold me close!

**ALL: <sup>11</sup> Teach me how to live, O LORD.  
Lead me along the right path,  
for my enemies are waiting for me.**

READER: <sup>12</sup> Do not let me fall into their hands.  
For they accuse me of things I've never done;  
with every breath they threaten violence against me.

**ALL: <sup>13</sup> Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness  
while I am here in the land of the living.**

READER: <sup>14</sup> Wait patiently for the LORD.  
Be brave and courageous!

**ALL: Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.**

✦ **♫ 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**

Page 63 LBW

PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Luke, the eighth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Luke 8:41-48*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Bold Faith"

✦ **The Apostles Creed**

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**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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

#479 LBW

✦ 🎵 The Offering Response Page 75 LBW  
**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.**

The Words of Institution Page 69 LBW

🎵 Communion Hymns  
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” #327 LBW  
“What Wondrous Love Is This” #385 LBW

Prayers of the People  
PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...  
**ALL: ...hear our prayer.**

The Lord’s Prayer Page 76 LBW  
**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 “On Our Way Rejoicing” #260 LBW

Postlude *We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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**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 Leora Hillman in memory of family members that have passed away. 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 24, 2024**

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Psalms 118:1-2, 8, 19-21

Luke 8:41-50

Sermon Title: “Living Faith”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Cade Baker

Deacon: Betty Oliver

Reader: Marlyne Klinder



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Project Joy sponsor sign-up sheet available for 20 children on easel in narthex.** Project Joy gives \$25 in each envelope with a list of wants/needs for each child. The sponsor is then asked to add \$25 to whatever gift(s) they purchase and have them back to church by December 11<sup>th</sup>. Joanne Hillman will have envelopes to hand out after November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have a little more time this year for shopping!

**TODAY is All-Church Shoebox Packing Day** starting at 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate! There will be a potluck lunch at noon.

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

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** will be on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>

9am Worship Service

Christmas Program Practice

December 1st

10:15am Sunday School

December 8th

10:15am Sunday School

Christmas Program Service

December 15<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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: 81

General Fund receipts for September: \$24,015.64

General Fund budgeted monthly needs: \$20,236.62

As of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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, Steph Wehrenberg, and baby Cameron.

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

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>:**    **8:30 am** Youth & Family Committee Meeting  
                            **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**  
                            **10:15 am** **Sunday School**  
                            **10:15 am** **All-Church Shoebox Packing**  
                            **11:15 am** Missions Committee Meeting  
                            **12:00 pm** **Potluck Lunch**

**Mon. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>:**    **6:15 pm** Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place  
                            **7:00 pm** Sarah Circle Bible Study

**Tue. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>:**    **8:15 am** Staff Meeting  
                            **10:00 am** Shoebox Workday – Put Away and  
                                                            Organize Shoebox Room

**Wed. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>:** **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due

### **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. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>:**    **8:15 am** Children’s Choir Practice  
                            **8:15 am** Choir Rehearsal  
                            **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Baptism**  
                            **10:00 am** Prayer at Altar after Service  
                            **10:15 am** **Sunday School**  
                            **10:15 am** **Advent Festival with Potluck Following**

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.