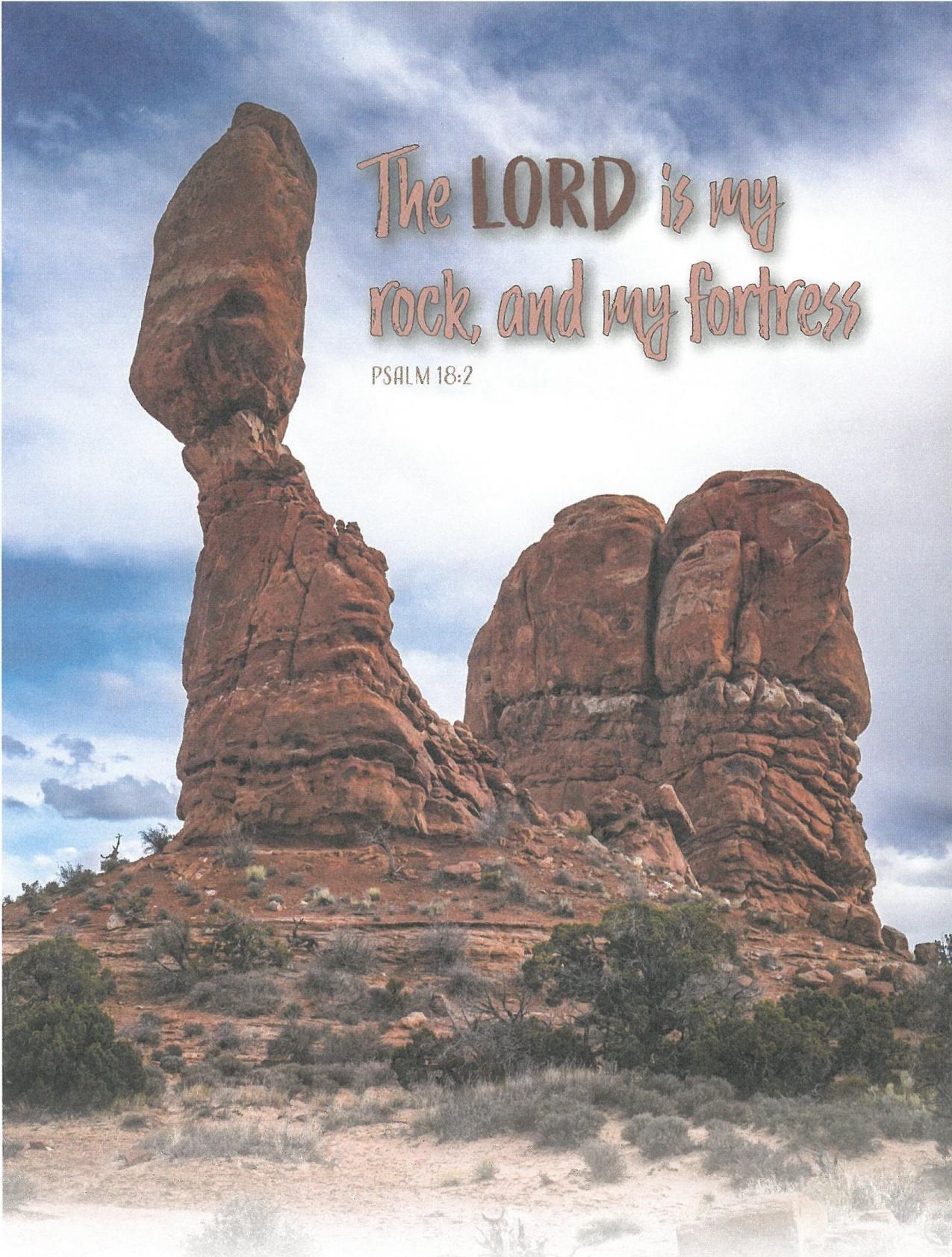


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The LORD is my
rock, and my fortress

PSALM 18:2

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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 are impatient!

ALL: We have needs, but we also have wants. Sometimes, we confuse them.

PASTOR: And sometimes, in this bent and broken world, we can't wait for Your timing. We want Heaven now! When we don't get it, when our lives aren't perfect, we sometimes blame You.

ALL: We are sorry for our lack of trust. Forgive our failed faith.

PASTOR: God's timing is perfect. He chose a specific moment in history to come to us, to arrive in-person as Jesus Christ. In that time, He was able to bring us the promise of Heaven, taking our faults and failures to the cross. Those sins died there with Him. Three days passed, and Jesus returned to life, promising the same to you. God will, in time, bring you from this sin-tainted world and into the never-ending life of His heavenly Kingdom. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, shake us! Wake us! Bring us back to life through faithful trust in You. Amen.

♪ Opening Song "Oh, Sing to the Lord" (verses 1-5)

#795 WOV

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

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

READER: ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

ALL: 2 Let all of God's people sing this chorus:

"His faithful love endures forever!"

READER: 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in people.

**ALL: 19 Open the gates for us! Allow the righteous in
so we can go and thank the LORD.**

READER: 20 These gates lead into the LORD's presence,
and the godly may enter there.

**ALL: 21 And as we enter these gates, we thank You.
You, O LORD, have answered our prayers.
Because of You, we now have victory!**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Special Music "Thanksgiving Canticle"

The Church Choir

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Luke 8:41-50

The Holy Baptism of Henry Steven Wolbeck

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!**

Thanksgiving Song

The Sunday School Singers

Sermon “Living Faith”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “There is a Balm in Gilead”

#737 WOV

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 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#771 WOV

Sending Song

We go in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

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 Dick & Emily Steinert in celebration 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 Thanksgiving Eve: November 27, 2024

1 Chronicles 16:34-35 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a John 6:1-13
Sermon Title: “Bread and Fish”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Pianist: Alyssa Fearing
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Taylor Lubbers
Deacon: Betty Oliver	Reader: Deb Fearing



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Baptism today of Henry Steven Wolbeck, the son of Brandon Wolbeck and Taylor Irwin. His sponsors are Tenley Irwin and Cody Rahn. Henry is the grandson of Steve and Joretta Hinrichs.

Today is our Advent Festival (Christmas church decorating) following the worship service. There will be a potluck lunch 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.

Project Christmas Joy deadline to bring in gifts to church office is December 11th.

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: 75

General Fund receipts for October: \$17,325.72

General Fund budgeted monthly needs: \$20,236.62

As of November 10th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$37,864.61 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, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Mark Pachan, Joan Pesta, Roger Schultes, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, 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 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

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Nov. 24th:** **8:00 am** Board of Education Meeting
 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**
- Tue. Nov. 26th:** **8:15 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Nov. 27th:** **6:00 pm** **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service**
- Thu. Nov. 28th:** **Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**
- Sun. Dec. 1st:** **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**
 10:15 am **Sunday School Christmas Program**
 Practice
 6:00 pm **Youth Christmas Cookie Decorating**

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.