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

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: Almighty God, we have so much for which we can be thankful. That's why we dedicate this time of year to gratitude. At the same time, we often fail to consider the bounty of our blessings.

ALL: We take our lives for granted.

PASTOR: Do we honor the good gifts the LORD God has given us?

ALL: Not always, no.

PASTOR: But this is an opportunity for change. We have gathered for thanksgiving, so let us pause. Let's reflect. Let's see the perfect goodness of God working in our lives despite the chaos and ruin of the world around us. How is God blessing you today, and what has He done for your yesterday and tomorrow?

Silence for personal reflection.

PASTOR: Most merciful God...

ALL: ...You came in person to give us the greatest gifts. As Jesus Christ, You lived, suffered, died, and defeated death by rising again.

PASTOR: Those miracles won the forgiveness of our sins, delivering us from eternal death. God gives you instead a new and eternal life with Him!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Heavenly Father, we thank You tonight for every good thing. We count our blessings, knowing some have been

overlooked. Help us to see, to know, and to cherish, to truly give You thanks for this life and every opportunity it offers. Guide us by Your Spirit, that we would live in gratitude, and show us how we might best share our gifts with those in need. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

♪ Opening Praise and Worship

“Give Thanks”

“Father, I Adore You”

“I Love You, Lord”

“You are My All in All”

First Reading

1 Chronicles 16:34-35

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a

READER: ¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

ALL: ² Let us come to Him with thanksgiving.

Let us sing psalms of praise to Him.

READER: ³ For the LORD is a great God,
a great King above all gods.

ALL: ⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,

^{7a} for He is our God.

READER: We are the people He watches over.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon “Bread and Fish”

♪ Our Offering of Praise and Worship

“Glorify Thy Name”

“We Will Glorify”

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

“We Bow Down”

Thanksgiving 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.

Sending Song

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!

Bible Readings for Sunday, December 1, 2024

Isaiah 7:14 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Psalms 96:1-13 Matthew 1:18-23

Sermon Title: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Betty Oliver

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Acolyte: Kaida Menge

Reader: Wanda Thompson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 December - February copies of Our Daily Bread are at the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.



YOUTH DECORATING PARTY

CHRISTMAS *Cookies*

DECEMBER
01/2024

6:00 - 8:00

Come hang out at the church,
and help decorate cutout
cookies that will be served for
the Christmas program.

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: 101

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 \$33,763.26 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, 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

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

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

Mon. Dec. 2nd: 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Wed. Dec. 4th: 5:00 pm Family Night Supper

6:00 pm Youth Group Grades K-6

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Group Grades 7 – 12

8:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Sun. Dec. 8th: 8:00 am Board of Education Meeting in Library

9:00 am Worship Service

10:15 am Sunday School Christmas Program
Practice

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.