



a Child
has been
born for us;
a Son is given
to us.

Authority rests
upon him, and
he is named
Jesus.

Isaiah 9:6

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH - L.C.M.C.

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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 Announcements

✦ Greeting

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.

✦ Christmas Eve Prayer – Robert Louis Stevenson

ALL: Loving and Heavenly Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus Christ, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-4

Second Reading

Luke 1:26b-35, 37-38

♪ Opening Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#034 LBW

Third Reading

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Fourth Reading

Luke 2:8-16

♪ Celebratory Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

#060 LBW

✦ Fifth Reading

Luke 2:17-20

✦ Sixth Reading

Matthew 2:1-15

Skit Sermon “A Wise Man’s Carol”

Offering of Worship “Away in a Manger”

#067 LBW

The Words of Institution

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♪ Holy Communion

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#071 LBW

“What Child is This”

#040 LBW

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#041 LBW

“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”

#069 LBW

✦ Prayers by Candlelight

PASTOR: LORD, on this holy night...

ALL: ...bless us with peace.

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 festive blessing.

♪ Closing Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night!”

#065 LBW

Postlude Music *We leave in peace, ready to share the good news of Jesus!*

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 Tomorrow: December 25, 2023

Zephaniah 3:17-18 Colossians 3:16-17

Psalm 100:1-5 Luke 2:8-20

Message: “Mary Christmas, Eve”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Dawson Hasse

Deacon & Reader: Jammie Hedlund



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in need of sponsors for our 2025 Radio Broadcasts. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

If you have brought food to the church, please check the kitchen for your pans and bowls.

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!**

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

All boards and committees are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office by December 31st. Thank you!

If you have changed your address or phone number please call the church office and let us know. We are currently updating our church directory for 2025.



T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

RAISING MONEY FOR THE MISSION TRIP VAN

T-shirts will only be available for order for
2 weeks

December 15th-28th

\$20 T-SHIRTS

only 6 designs





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 December is Kidstown International.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 95

General Fund receipts for November: \$14,413.63

General Fund budgeted monthly needs: \$20,236.62

General Fund Year to Date (2024 YTD) as of 11/30/24:

Budgeted needs: \$219,489.53

Receipts: \$180,015.08

Actual expenses: \$197,622.22

As of December 8th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$38,084.98 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, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Joan Pesta, Roger Schultes, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, and Rose Thorp.

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 Kaniski
- Tim Schroeder, son of Sue & Dennis Kaniski
- 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 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

- Tue. Dec. 24th: 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service**
“Hymns of Hope” with Communion
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service
“Carols by Candlelight” with Communion
- Wed. Dec. 25th: Office Closed for Christmas Day Holiday**
10:00 am Christmas Morning Worship Service
“Merry Melodies”
11:30 am Free Community Christmas Dinner
- Sun. Dec. 29th: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service

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.