



Thou wilt keep him
in perfect peace,

whose mind is stayed on thee.

Isaiah 26:3a

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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 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 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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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, we wait for Heaven. We eagerly look forward to the eternal Paradise Kingdom You have promised. As we wait, inspire us to turn our eagerness into active energy, guiding us by Your Spirit so we can begin living that new and never-ending life here and now. Amen!

First Reading

Proverbs 22:29

Psalm 145:4-5, 8-13

READER: 4 [My God and King,] Your acts are mighty!
May each generation pass on this truth to its children;
may they proclaim Your power.

**ALL: 5 I will ponder Your majestic, glorious splendor
and marvel at Your wonderful miracles!**

READER: 8 For the LORD is merciful and compassionate,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

ALL: 9 The LORD is good to everyone.

He showers compassion on all His creation.

READER: 10 Everything You make will thank you, LORD,
and Your faithful followers will praise You!

**ALL: 11 They will applaud the glory of Your Kingdom;
listing endless examples of Your good power.**

READER: 12 They will boast about Your mighty deeds,
about the majesty and glory of Your reign.

**ALL: 13 Because Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.
You rule throughout every generation!**

Special Music “Purified”

The Church Choir

Second Reading

Acts 1:6-11

✦ 🎵 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

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PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Matthew, the fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 4:12-17

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Kingdom Come"

✦ 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 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

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✦ ♪ The Offering Response

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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

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♪ Communion Hymns

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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“The Church’s One Foundation”

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Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

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 word of blessing.

♪ Closing Hymn “Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word”

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Postlude

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"EVERY child deserves a birthday", theme for Baby Bottle Campaign 2025. Please consider filling a Baby Bottle to help support our local Pregnancy & Life Resource Center. Bottles are available in the entryway. Please pick up today and return by FEBRUARY 16th. Help to give these "little ones" and their families a "birth"day! Those "birth"days are of utmost importance to God, our creator, Who teaches us: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." Jeremiah 1:5a NIV **THANK YOU** in advance for your generosity!

2025 offering envelopes, 2024 annual reports, 2025 membership directories, and 2025 service group booklets can be picked up on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.

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

The December - February copies of daily devotionals "Our Daily Bread" and "Guidance For the Journey Through" 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.

January 26th

February 23rd

March 23rd

April 13th

May 11th – Spring Program



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 February is Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief. Samaritan's Purse follows Christ's command by going to the aid of the poor, sick and suffering. They reach out to hurting people in our own country and countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 84

General Fund receipts for December: \$48,659.44

General Fund budgeted 2024 monthly needs: \$20,236.62

General Fund Year to Date (2024 YTD) as of 12/31/24:

Budgeted needs: \$242,839.48

Receipts: \$228,674.52

Actual expenses: \$214,732.34

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PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Karl Arenson, Joe Ayers, Bernette Burgeson, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Joan Pesta, Julie Schultes, Roger Schultes, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, and Rose Thorp.

Our ongoing prayer list includes Philip Rawat 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

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. Feb. 2nd: **8:15 am** Choir Practice
 9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**
 10:15 am **Sunday School**

Mon. Feb. 3rd: **6:00 pm** Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Feb. 5th: **5:00 pm** **Family Night Supper**
 6:00 pm Confirmation Class
 6:00 pm Youth Group Grades K-6
 6:30 pm Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Group Grades 7-12
 8:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Sun. Feb. 9th: **9:00 am** **Worship Service**
 10:15 am **Sunday School**

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.