

A photograph of an Arizona desert landscape at sunset. The sky is a deep blue, and the mountains in the background are illuminated with a warm, orange glow. In the foreground, several saguaro cacti of various sizes are scattered across the sandy terrain, along with some smaller desert shrubs and cholla. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of the desert environment.

He
satisfieth
the
longing
soul.

Psalm 107:9a

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Monthly Mission Focus

Long Prairie Emergency Food Pantry

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we ask for light. The unknown lurks in the shadows, terrifying us.

ALL: But honestly, we're usually more scared of the darkness we see inside ourselves.

PASTOR: Evil hides there, too, trying to pull us down into the dim depths.

ALL: The deepest we can be pulled is the grave. LORD, unless Your light shines in us, we will stumble and fall into death!

PASTOR: God sees our darkness, but is not afraid. Instead, He comes as Jesus Christ to bring us back into the light. His death on the cross frees you from every evil, and His return to life three days later defeats your death. God's Son has risen on you, and that is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Show me where to go, what to do, and how I might bring Your light to others who are lost in the dark. Amen.

♪ Opening Song "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#651 WOV

First Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Psalm 25:8-12

READER: 8 The LORD is good and does what is right;

He shows the proper path to those who go astray.

**ALL: 9 He leads the humble in doing right,
teaching them His way.**

READER: 10 With unfailing love and faithfulness,
the LORD leads all who keep His covenant
and obey His demands.

**ALL: 11 For the honor of Your name, oh LORD,
forgive my many, many sins.**

READER: 12 Who are those who revere the LORD?
He will show them the path they should choose!

Second Reading

Revelation 3:14-16, 19

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 17:1-9

The Nicene Creed

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father. Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven; by the
power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered
death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in
glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will
have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the
Son He is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the
prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon “Too Warm”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Mighty to Save”

The Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion
“Open Our Eyes”
“Thy Word”

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 “My Lighthouse”

Sending Song

We go 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!

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Bob & Tammie Chapin in honor of their sons and their families. 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: March 9, 2025

Genesis 32:22a, 24b-30 Ephesians 6:12-13

Psalms 35:1-8 Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon Title: “Love and Dancing”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: William Young

Deacon: Betty Oliver

Reader: Kirk Olson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 8th.

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



🕒 5:15 p.m. MEAL ▶ 6:00 p.m. MUSIC & MESSAGE

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| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 | ASH WEDNESDAY | Message: "The Wrestler" |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 | The Anderson Family Band | Message: "Just What the Doctor Ordered" |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 | The Prairie Doves | Message: "Breaking the Fourth Wall" |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 | Alyssa & Ethan | Message: "Hidden in My Heart" |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 | FLBC Gospel Band | Message: "Graveyard Man" |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 | Lori & Sue | Message: "The Return of Lazy Russ" |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 13 | 9:00 a.m. PALM SUNDAY | |
| 🕒 THURSDAY, APRIL 17 | MAUNDY THURSDAY Passover Seder Meal | |
| ▶ FRIDAY, APRIL 18 | GOOD FRIDAY | Message: "In Denial" |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 20 | 7:00 a.m. EASTER Sunrise Worship Service | |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 20 | 9:00 a.m. EASTER Resurrection Morning Worship Service | |

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.

February 23rd — Postponed!

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 March is our Long Prairie Food Shelf. A box for food donations is in the narthex. Food and money donations are needed. Earmark your monetary gift "Food Shelf" and we'll make sure they get it. March is Minnesota Food Share month.

Long Prairie Emergency Food Pantry 2024 Recap:

Source of income: Community members, churches, businesses and some grants

Cost of operation: Approximately \$7,000.00 per month

Food sources: Coborns (15 tons), Walmart (Sauk Centre) (26 tons), Local garden produce

Volunteers: 50 volunteers serve Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00am – 11:30am and endless hours behind the scenes driving, loading, unloading, ordering and cleaning.

Served in 2024: 1891 households (7166 individuals) receiving 194,624 pounds (97 tons) of food

The clientele grows each year.

Open hearts, wallets, and volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Source: Kris Mechels, President of Long Prairie Food Pantry

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 77

General Fund receipts for February: \$14,302.01

General Fund budgeted 2025 February needs: \$18,803.80

As of February 28th, our 2025 YTD General Budget receipts were \$11,794.33 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Larry Adamek, Karl Arenson, Joe Ayers, Bernette Burgeson, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Donna Lardy, Aubrey Olson, Joan Pesta, Eli Poegel, Tabitha Poegel, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, Rose Thorp, the family of Deb Adamek, and the family of Stan Hortness.

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

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. Mar. 2nd: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School

Mon. Mar. 3rd: 8:15 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Mar. 5th: 5:15 pm Family Night Supper
5:30 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service with
Message “The Wrestler”
7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Sun. Mar. 9th: 9:00 am Worship Service with Baptism
10:15 am Sunday School
6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting

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.