



# *Almighty God,*

YOUR GREAT NAME  
WE PRAISE.

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming Song

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we call out to You in these unstable times. Our lives often feel shaky, like we're standing on unsteady ground.

**ALL: But You, O LORD, have promised to be our Rock. You are our solid foundation.**

PASTOR: And yet, we often don't stand on You first. We depend upon our own strength, hoping to withstand the disastrous quaking of this broken life, of this sinful world.

**ALL: Which is why we fall; we fail.**

PASTOR: But You, LORD God, pull us back to our feet. You came as Jesus Christ to forgive our faults, to save us from our sins. You brought them to the cross to die, but only You returned to life three days later, promising us a new and eternal life with You in Your heavenly Kingdom. That is why we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

**ALL: Loving God,**

**Your oath, Your covenant, Your blood**

**Support me in the whelming flood**

**When all around my soul gives way**

**You then are all my Hope and Stay.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand**

**All other ground is sinking sand! Amen.**

♪ Opening Song "Amazing Grace"

#448 LBW

First Reading

*Joshua 6:1-5*

Psalm 150:2-6

READER: 2 Praise God for the mighty things He has done;  
praise His unequalled greatness!

**ALL: 3 Praise Him with a blast of the ram's horn;  
praise Him with the lyre and harp!**

READER: 4 Praise Him with the tambourine and dancing;  
praise Him with strings and flutes!

**ALL: 5 Praise Him with a clash of cymbals;  
praise Him with loud clanging cymbals.**

READER: 6 Let everything that breathes  
sing praises to the LORD!

**ALL: Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading

*Hebrews 11:30-31, 33-34*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Mark 10:46-52*

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.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Love and Support"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "O Christ the Same"

#778 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 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

#780 WOV

Sending Song

*We go in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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### **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 the American Lutheran Church Women (ALCW) in honor of the women of our church. 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 30, 2025**

1 Kings 17:1; 18:20-24, 41      James 5:16-18

Psalm 40:1-4      Matthew 6:24

Sermon Title: "Love and Loyalty"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Betty Oliver

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Acolyte: Cade Baker

Reader: Katrina Holman



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LCMC Lenten Devotional Booklets** are available in the narthex on the table next to the bulletin board.

**Please sign up for the Passover Seder Meal** on the easel in the narthex by April 10<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend. The Passover Seder Meal will be at 5:15 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**We are in need of people to sign up to bring Easter lilies** to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets posted on the easel in the narthex. Be sure to mark how many you will bring and who they are in honor or memory of. The last day to sign up will be Palm Sunday so we are able to get it in the Easter bulletin. Please bring your lilies by 8:30 am Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (the morning before Easter Sunday). You can take your lilies home following the service.

**New2U 2025 is MAY 16th and 17th.** ALCW will receive your donations May 1st through 7th. Please stay tuned for further details, as some may have changed. Thank you in advance!

**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.

**The March - May copies of Our Daily Bread and the Daily Devotional "The Word for you Today"** are available on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary and 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         | Sonrise 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 23<sup>rd</sup> — Postponed!

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

April 13<sup>th</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup> — 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](mailto: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: 160

General Fund receipts for February: \$14,302.01

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

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 2/28/25:

YTD Budgeted needs: \$37,607.60

YTD Receipts: \$25,813.27

YTD Actual expenses: \$28,401.33

As of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, our 2025 YTD General Budget receipts were \$11,073.29 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Our current prayer list includes** Larry Adamek, 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, and the family of Ron Guse.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> – Team 1 – Soupers

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Team 2 – Potluck

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Team 3 – Spaghetti

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Team 4 – Taco Temptations

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – **No Supper – Holy Week**

April 30<sup>th</sup> – ALCW



## **Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church**

**Sun. Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9:00 am Worship Service  
10:15 am Sunday School**

**Mon. Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>: 8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>: 5:15 pm Family Night Supper  
6:00 pm Lenten Worship Service with  
Music from Alyssa & Ethan  
and Message “Hidden in My Heart”**

**Sun. Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>: 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.