



Hallelujah!

Christ Arose!

NEW
TESTAMENT
PSALMS & PROVERBS

American Lutheran Church (LCMC)

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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.

✦ The Return to Life – Psalm 118:24, Psalm 98:1, John 11:25-26

PASTOR: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

PASTOR: This is the dawning of the new day,
of the day the LORD has made.

ALL: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

PASTOR: Sing a new song to the LORD
because He has done wonderful things!

**ALL: His powerful hand has won a mighty victory;
His miraculous power has saved us!**

PASTOR: The LORD came in person and boldly told us,
“I am the resurrection and the life.”

**ALL: As Jesus Christ, He promised, “Anyone who believes in Me
will live, even after dying, and everyone who lives in Me and
believes in Me will never truly die!”**

The Gospel, God’s Good News

PASTOR: This new day changes everything, both now and
forevermore. As the sun rises, the LORD has the greatest of good
news to share, so hear His Word for you.

John 20:1-18

PASTOR: Hallelujah! The LORD is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

♪ Opening Hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

#151 LBW

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.

The Sharing of God's Peace

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, You have defeated death. You returned to life after suffering and dying on the cross, and You did it all for us, forgiving our faults and failures while making our graves nothing more than a resting place. For this reason, we ask You to pull us out of our despair, giving us true life instead, a new and eternal life with You that begins now. Amen!

First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-26

Psalm 16:8-11

READER: 8 I now know the LORD is always with me.

I will not be shaken, because He will stay beside me.

ALL: 9 No wonder my heart is glad – my joy never ends!

And my body can rest, because He has given me safety.

READER: 10 God will not leave my soul among the dead.

No! He makes me holy, pulling me from a rotting grave.

ALL: 11 The LORD shows me the way of life!

READER: He promises to stay with us,

to give us the constant elation His presence.

**ALL: And we will also know the pleasure
of living with the LORD forever!**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Love Beyond All Measure"

♪ Our Offering of Worship “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

**How deep the Father’s love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished**

**The stillness of a morning’s dew
And hush along the garden way
Find me outside His solemn tomb
To search for where the body lays
Yet triumph sounds a trumpet call
An empty grave is Heaven’s laud
I turn to find my darkness pierced
By the rising of the Son of God**

**I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom**

✦ The Words of Institution

♪ Communion Hymns

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (verses 1-4)	#170 LBW
“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”	#535 LBW
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	#543 LBW
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”	#130 LBW

✦ 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 Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” #143 LBW

Postlude Music

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!

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Deb Fearing in honor of her grandchildren. Thank you for supporting this ministry, 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: April 27, 2025

Joel 2:28-32a Acts 5:12-20
Psalm 145:1, 3-7 John 20:19-31
Sermon Title: "Changed for Good"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver
Deacon: Kathie Guthrie

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing
Acolyte: Dawson Hasse
Reader: Liza Hasse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW2U 2025: ALC Women's project will be accepting your GIFTS, May 1 through May 7th.. [Daily 8a.m- 4pm] Closing out donations at 4pm on May 7th.. LADIES: your help will also be needed to sort and prep during that time. The sale is scheduled for Friday May 16 and Saturday May 17. THANK YOU in advance for your help and support!

Reminder: we are NOT able to accept: TVs, large appliances, books, electronics, etc.. Thank you for understanding. If you have any questions or concerns: please don't hesitate to contact Deb @ 701-471-9384 or Julie S @ 320-533-1070.

You're invited! Our Sunday School Spring Program will be Mother's Day, May 11th at 10:30am. We're so excited for our students to showcase what they've been doing and learning this year! This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to recognize our Sunday School students, and we'll be done in time for Mother's Day lunch. We can't wait to see you there!

Save the date: Vacation Bible School will be June 15th-19th, 2025 with supper starting at 5:30pm and VBS ending at 8pm. Mark your calendars for a fun week of worship, growth, and learning! Share your helping hands - we have jobs for all! Talk to a Board of Education member about the talents you can bring to the table.

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has many shawls available. Shawls may be given to people who may be ill, in some kind of stressful situation, or who are in special need of an act of love and friendship. These shawls have been knitted or crocheted by crafters who work with a pray-ful attitude, thoughtful of the love of Jesus the shawl is intended to represent. Contact Jan Jorgenson or Lori in the office for a shawl to gift.



Our 2025 Shoebox project surges ahead! "Our Room" has already started to gather MANY gifts. We will begin organizing these "gifts" on our first 2025 Shoebox Workday on Wednesday, April 23, beginning at 10 AM! Details remain as on past Workdays:

EVERYONE is welcome! We find tasks for all abilities!

Potluck lunch is shared!

Any items you have to share are welcome! **WE CANNOT SEND SOAP** this year. (Any bars of soap already donated will be passed on to the Baby Care Kit ongoing project).

Come, share the fun, fellowship and Mission!

REMEMBER THIS COMING WEEK TO check clearance sales for Easter themed items that will be perfect for Shoeboxes, ie: stuffies/pencils/toys/erasers/other school supplies/clothing etc.



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

🕒 ▶ 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 Mikkelsen.

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 April is the Todd County Chaplaincy, a program designed to develop trusting relationships with law enforcement, emergency personnel and provide intervention for those who are in crisis, and to offer a mentorship that will help them with accountability, making better choices, lending support, and acquiring necessary skills to be productive people. Our Todd County Chaplains act as first responders giving emotional and spiritual help to any agency or corporation where there is a critical incident or an accidental or natural fatality. The chaplains are on call for emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 172

General Fund receipts for March: \$17,793.36

General Fund budgeted 2025 March needs: \$23,504.75

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 30th, our 2025 YTD General Budget receipts were \$17,505.72 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sanctuary Easter Lilies were donated by...

Larry & Bonnie Alsleben in honor of children and grandchildren.

Al & Melinda Bruder in memory of Kylie Goff.

Tammie & Bob Chapin in honor of our sons and families.

Tammie & Bob Chapin in memory of our parents and Bob's brother.

Dale & Sue Ellingson in memory of Sue's brother Ed.

Kevin & Donna Faust

Deb Fearing in memory of Lee.

Woody & Marilyn Gustafson in honor of our family.

Kathy Guthrie in memory of Lonnie.

John & Jane Hasse in memory of Mom, Dad and Jean.

LaMoine & Linda Hatton in memory of our parents.

Linda Haugen in honor of family.

Jammie Hedlund in memory of parents and brother.

Leora Hillman in honor of children and grandchildren.

Stan & Joanne Hillman in honor of children and grandchildren.

Ione Krause in honor of family.

Marlyne Klinder in memory of family members.

Bud & Patsy Malmsten in memory of loved ones.

Gary & Gloria Larsen in memory of parents.

Betty & Denny Oliver in memory of family in heaven.

Kirk & Jane Olson in honor of family.

Barbara Orr in honor of children and grandchildren.

Barbara Orr in memory Tom Orr and Tommy Orr.

Osborne & Hanson family in memory of Alisha Hanson.

Mark & Teresa Pachan in memory of their families.

Ross & Carol Ragan in honor of children and grandchildren.

Richard & Emily Steinert in memory of their parents.

Dean & Julie Schultes in memory of parents and sister.

Sy & Janie Thole in memory of parents.

Wanda Thompson in honor of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Al & Blanche Tirk in honor of children and grandchildren.

Al & Blanche Tirk in memory of our loved ones.

Stephanie Wehrenberg in memory of late husband, Ralph.

Linda, Tom, Karen and Kim in memory Sharon Wiegers.

Bruce & Diane Young in memory of our parents.

PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Bernette Burgeson, Barb Comford, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Dennis Kaneski, Donna Lardy, Francie Maynard, TJ and Cassie Mead, Aubrey Olson, Joan Pesta, Eli Poegel, Tabitha Poegel, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, Rose Thorp, and Al Tirk.

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, 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

April 23rd – Team 4 – Taco Temptations

April 30th – ALCW

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Apr. 20th: 6:30 am Choir Practice
7:00 am Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Communion
9:00 am Easter Resurrection Morning Worship Service with Communion
No Sunday School

Mon. Apr. 21st: 8:15 am Staff Meeting
6:15 pm Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Wed. Apr. 23rd: 10:00 am Shoebox Workday
5:15 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Youth Group Grades K-6
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Group Grades 7 - 12

Sun. Apr. 27th: 8:30 am Youth & Family Committee meeting
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Prayer at Altar after Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am Missions Committee 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.