

**BLESSED BE THE  
KING THAT COMETH IN  
THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

Luke 19:38a

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming Song “Morning Has Broken”      *We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

PASTOR: LORD God, we are not always prepared to welcome You. While You hope to bring us into Your eternal heavenly Kingdom, that very idea somehow offends us.

**ALL: We feel invaded! You want Your way for our lives, but we want ours, and so we rebel. We rebel against Your reign, against Your perfect loving goodness.**

PASTOR: Maybe it’s because we’ve been building our own little kingdoms. We want to be in charge. So, while we should greet You with shouts of joy, with the praise the Savior King deserves, we often sneer instead of cheer.

**ALL: But still You came!**

PASTOR: As Jesus Christ, You came to show us the glory of Your Kingdom, but Your mission also brought You to the cross. By dying, and by rising again, You won for us the victory over sin, death, and every power of evil. That is why we worship You today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, You came to us as the victorious Savior King. This week, as we reflect on that ultimate triumph, remind us of the riches You have given us as Your heirs, as heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. In You alone, we have forgiveness, a new and eternal life, and love beyond all measure! Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

#108 LBW

First Reading

*Isaiah 56:1-2, 6-7*

Psalm 8:1-2, 9

READER: <sup>1</sup> Oh LORD, our Lord,  
Your majestic name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> And so, You have taught even children and infants  
to give You praise!**

READER: They tell of Your strength,  
of how You silence Your enemies  
and all who oppose You.

**ALL: <sup>9</sup> Oh LORD, our Lord,  
Your majestic name fills the earth!**

Second Reading

*Philippians 2:5-11*

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

*Matthew 21:1-11*

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.**

Song “Hallelu, Hallelu (Praise Ye the Lord)” The Sunday School Singers

Sermon “The King is Coming!”

♪ Offering of Worship “All Hail the Power” (verses 1, 2, 5, 6) #328 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.*

♪ Pancake Breakfast Prayer “The Doxology”

Sending Song

*We depart 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.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please join us for a Palm Sunday Brunch today after worship service.**  
This is a Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser.

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

**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:** 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 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.

**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!

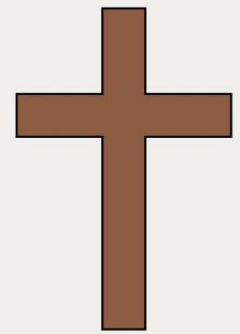
**The Prayer Shawl Ministry has many shawls available.** Shawls may be given to people who may be ill, in some kind of stressful situation, or who are in special need of an act of love and friendship. These shawls have been knitted or crocheted by crafters who work with a pray-ful attitude, thoughtful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



🕒 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	





# Palm Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast

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**Mission Trip 2025 to  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Fundraiser  
10:15-11:30  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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American Lutheran Church

# EASTER

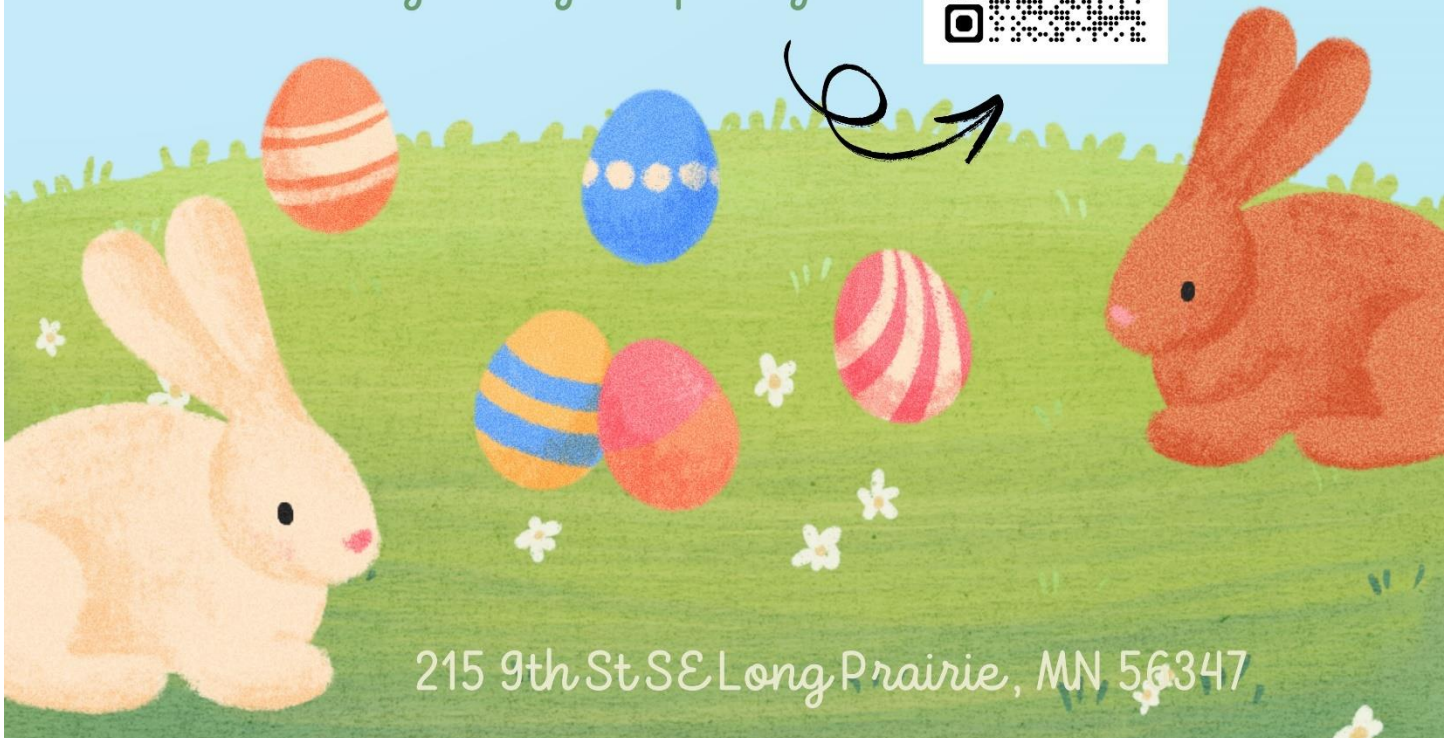
## Egg hunt

Join us on

**April 18th at 9am**

for some egg-citing fun for the whole family!

Please Register your family



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# 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 Mikkelsen.

**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 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: 91

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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## **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, 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, 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 16<sup>th</sup> – No Supper – Holy Week**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Team 4 – Taco Temptations**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> – ALCW**

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

**Sun. Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Service**

**10:15 am Sunday School**

**10:15 am – 11:30 am Pancake Breakfast Youth  
Mission Trip Fundraiser**

**Mon. Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>: 8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>: 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due**

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

**Thu. Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>: 5:15 pm Maundy Thursday Passover Seder  
Meal**

**Fri. Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt**

**5:30 pm Choir Practice**

**6:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service with  
Message “In Denial”**

**Sat. Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 a.m. Deadline for bringing Easter Lilies**

**Sun. Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>: 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**

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.