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A still life arrangement of autumn harvest items. In the center, a white ceramic bowl is filled with golden-brown chestnuts. To the left, a bunch of green grapes sits next to a small white pitcher. A large scythe with a curved blade arches over the bowl. To the right, a clear glass bottle is filled with yellow corn kernels. The background is a rustic wooden wall, and the foreground is scattered with wheat stalks, purple grapes, and yellow leaves.

*Give Thanks
with a Grateful Heart!*

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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 “Sheep May Safely Graze”

Jane Olson, Ruth Zinter,
Melba Granlund

We prepare our hearts for worship. Words for meditation:

Like the sheep who graze in safety while their shepherd watches near, so shall we be watched and guided by our good Shepherd, by our good Shepherd, He shall wipe away all tears. He shall free us of all fears. If our hearts we let Him govern, we shall know true peace of mind, and hope and joy we'll surely find. If we put our faith in Him, Christ our Shepherd, Christ our Shepherd, He will bless our lives with peace and joy.

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 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” #752 WOV

Greeting Page 78 LBW

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 Page 78 LBW

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 Page 81 LBW

PASTOR: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

ALL: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Sing with all the people of

God and join in the hymn of all creation: “Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever! Amen.” This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia! Alleluia!

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

Page 82 LBW

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, Your ways are higher than our ways, and so Your plans are better made than our plans. Inspire us by Your Holy Spirit to follow You. Humble us, show us the wisdom of Your Word, then guide us along life’s paths. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Psalm 143:7-10

READER: 07 Come quickly, LORD, and answer me,
for my depression deepens.

**ALL: Don’t turn away from me,
or I will die!**

READER: 08 Let me hear of Your unfailing love
each morning, for I am trusting You.

**ALL: Show me where to walk,
for I give myself to You.**

READER: 09 Rescue me from my enemies, LORD;
I run to You, hoping you will hide me.

**ALL: 10 Teach me to do Your will,
for You are my God.**

READER: May Your gracious Spirit lead me forward
on a firm footing.

Special Music

Choir

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

✦ 🎵 Reading Response

Page 83 LBW

ALL: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

🎵 The Gospel, God's Good News

Page 83 LBW

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

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 6:7-13

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon and Blessing of Shoeboxes

Prayers:

LEADER: Our great and loving heavenly Father, we are here this morning to pray that these gifts which we are sending out into the world as you have commanded us to do, will bring great joy and the Good News of Jesus to all who receive them!

ALL: Prepare their hearts to recognize the love of Christ as it is shared through these simple gifts

LEADER: We pray you will shelter and lead all people, vehicles and animals delivering these gifts.

ALL: We especially ask you to guide, bless and protect Mark Hasse as he takes our gifts to begin their journey to the far corners of the earth!

LEADER: We pray that the person who donated a gift will be filled with a sense of love and satisfaction, knowing how important their part in this Mission has been. We pray each box will contain the PERFECT material gift for the child receiving it.

ALL: Bless each toy, each clothing item, each school or hygiene need.

LEADER: We pray for Your blessings on the teachers in distant lands as they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We especially pray these boxes will open the path for these children to listen to these teachers and become followers of Christ

who will then share their faith with family, friends and communities.

LEADER: Only You, Lord, know the thousands of details involved in using our Shoeboxes to perform the miracles you have planned for them!

ALL: So to this end, Lord, we ask you to bless each one who handles these boxes, to bless the contents of each box so they will meet the special needs of the receiving child. Again, we pray the heart and mind of each child will be opened to accept the message of Jesus Christ and Your love! *AMEN*

Sermon

Chaplain David Greaver

✦ The Apostles Creed

Page 65 LBW

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 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

#684 WOV

✦ ♪ The Offering Response

Page 86 LBW

ALL: Let the vineyards be fruitful, LORD, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be filled with the Bread of Life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come!

♪ Communion Hymns

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (verses 1-5) #711 WOV

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (verses 1-3) #756 WOV

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” #713 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 Hymn “Soon and Very Soon”

#744 WOV

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.



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!

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Marlys Arenson, Lee Fearing, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, and Tom Wieggers.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Tami & Al Priebe in memory of Lucille & Leland Priebe and Dennis Marcyes and in honor of Bonny Marcyes. 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!

Please consider signing up to serve as an usher or greeter. Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. See Mark and Teresa Pachan, Head Ushers, with any questions.

Bible Readings for Next Week: November 28, 2021

Jeremiah 50:17-20 1 Peter 5:12-14

Psalms 137:1-4, 7-8 Luke 4:14-21

Sermon Title: “Returning the Favor”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Melba Granlund

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Reader: Jean Jacobsen

Acolyte: Ellianna Young

Ushers: The Dave Hasse Family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Communion elements have been consecrated by Pastor Ethan in advance of the worship service.

From Trustees, if there are any changes in your committee's budget, please notify the trustees ASAP. We need to work on that VERY soon.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be Wednesday, November 24th at 6:00 pm.

The December issue of The Daily Walk and copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Help! We need people to help usher on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you!

REMINDER, for record keeping purposes as per our ALC constitution: Please fill out a communion card once each year. The cards are found in the racks in the pews. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. THANK YOU!

From the Nominating Committee, if you are asked to serve in one of our church's elected positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Deacon, Trustee, Youth & Family committee, Board of Education, etc.) please pray about it and ask for the Lord's guidance.

Shoebox Update. You have probably already heard our 2021 Shoebox Good News. Yes, the Lord led YOU to far exceed our expectations. WE packed 640 boxes and your financial donations were more than enough to cover the requested shipping/education costs!

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 November.....is Dan & Nancy Butkowski with CRU.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 75

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,720.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 10/31/21:

Budgeted needs: \$203,586.16

Receipts: \$188,088.54

Actual expenses: \$176,622.63

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YOUTH & FAMILY

November 21st, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

November 21st: Mission Trip Interest Meeting
November 24th: No Quest Kids due to Thanksgiving Holiday
November 28th: Church Family Advent Festival
December 1st: Quest Family Night!



Church Family Advent Festival

November 28 at 10:15

**Stay after worship to help decorate the
church for Advent!**

Bring something to share for a potluck meal at noon.



How's life? Want to talk about it?

Feel free to contact me.

Kari Christians (320)533-3021

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Mission Trip Interest Meeting

We will have a brief mission trip interest meeting after worship TODAY! We will meet in the basement. Bring a parent and your questions!

This trip would be for current 6th-12th graders and would take place summer of 2022.

CALLING ALL PEOPLE OF GOD!

9.12.2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK AND WE ARE
LOOKING FOR TEACHERS!

**YOU CAN TEACH FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
OR A 3 MONTH PERIOD FOR THE FOLLOWING
AGE GROUPS:**

2 YEARS OLD – KINDERGARTEN
1ST GRADE – 3RD GRADE

IF GOD HAS PUT IT ON YOUR HEART TO TEACH,
PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD OF ED MEMBER (JODY ELLINGSON, JULIE
ATKINSON, LAURIE BARTHEL, ALYSSA FEARING) OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Nov. 21st 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
10:30 am – 2:00 pm Shoebox Drop-Off

Mon. Nov. 22nd 9:00 am – 11:00 am Shoebox Drop-Off
6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice

Tue. Nov. 23rd 9:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Nov. 24th 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

Sun. Nov. 28th 9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Church Family Advent Festival
11:15 am Missions Committee Meeting
12:00 pm Potluck Dinner

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 website.