

<b><u>April 21</u></b>	Rogation Sunday	<b><u>April 25</u></b>	
8:00am	First Word	1:45pm	Befrienders
9:00am	Coffee & Kinship	3:00pm	Caring Ministry
	Contemporary Coffee		
9:15am	Sunday School, Faith Formation	<b><u>April 26</u></b>	<i>Bridal Shower set up</i>
10:15am	Journey Worship	<b><u>April 27</u></b>	Office Closed Rental - Bridal Shower Kristin Appel
	<b>2 Baptisms @ 10:15 Service</b>		
	Rental after service for Baptism- Shari Dale	<b><u>April 28</u></b>	<b>End of Year Party</b>
<b><u>April 22</u></b>		8:00am	First Word
9:30am	Staff	9:00am	Coffee & Kinship
6:45pm	Worship & Music		Contemporary Coffee
		9:15am	Sunday School, Faith Formation
<b><u>April 23</u></b>		10:15am	Journey Worship
7:45am	Men's Fellowship	6-8pm	Nerf Night
11:00am	Worship Planning		
1:00pm	Bible Study		<b><u>Monday-Friday</u></b>
7:00pm	Bells		8:00am-12pm
			<b><u>Office Hours</u></b>
<b><u>April 24</u></b>			<b><u>Monday-Thursday</u></b>
9:00am	Quilt Tying		12:30pm-2:30pm
5:30pm	Meal		
6:30pm	End of Year Party		<b><u>Friday</u></b>
7:15pm	Voice of Praise Practice		Pastors' Sabbath Day

# WELCOME

American Lutheran Church, ELCA– April 21, 2024  
Good Shepherd Sunday & Rogation Sunday

## ABOUT US

We are God's church engaged in following the faith of Jesus as we walk with others. We seek to foster a community of belonging, encouraging generosity, and compassionate service. We are not perfect; yet we are God's beloved people called to love here and now.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We walk in the faith of Jesus as we walk with ours. Our core values are generosity, gentleness, gratitude, groundedness, and grace. We seek to foster participation in ministry. Our vision is to be Christ-like. We value intergenerational faith relationships and are committed to building and sustaining relationships of belonging, starting with Jesus.

## VISITOR INFORMATION

New to this worship service? There are ushers and others to assist and guide you. Worship information is on the screens. There are busy bags and the Grace Space for younger children. The Holy Hub is for young people and youth—even adults. Open Communion is practiced at American Lutheran. Visitors are asked to fill out the white "Communion Form" in this bulletin and place it the offering plate. We want to connect with you!

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### Office Hours

M-Th, 8am – 2:30pm  
Fri, 8am -12pm

Please complete the Communication Form  
included in this bulletin.

**GATHERING**

Prelude: *Mercy Tree*

*Voices of Praise*

Welcome

Community News/Announcements:

Gathering Song: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**ELW 879**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

New Testament Story: Acts 4: 5-12

Gospel Song: *Shepherd Me, O God* (Voices of Praise & Congregation)

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Sermon

**RESPONSE**

Hymn: *Have No Fear Little Flock*

**ELW 764**

Apostle's Creed

**ELW P.. 27**

The Prayers of the Church

Offering: *The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing*

*Voices of Praise*

**MEAL**

Reconciled Earth Communion Liturgy

Lord's Prayer:

**ELW P. 134**

Invitation to the Table

Music During Communion:

*Lamb of God*

**ELW 336**

**Wednesday Night Activities:** April 24. 5:30pm, Koinonia Meal, 6:30 End of the Year Party. This is the final Koinonia Supper for this program year. There is no Worship on April 24.

**Sunday School End of the Year:** The last day of Sunday School for this program year is Sunday, April 28. More details in the upcoming Weekly E-News.

**Calling for Donations for Personal Care Items for Love Inc.** Our supplies need to be refilled. The items needed are Kids Toothbrushes, Toilet Paper, Women & Men's Deodorant, Shampoo & Conditioner.

**Homebound Communion:** There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, April 28 at 9:15am around the baptismal fount. Communion kits will be consecrated at the 8am First Word service. Communion Visitation Ministry begins in May. Connect with one of the pastors if you have questions.

**Thank you for supporting Manna Food Pantry!**

**FINAL AMOUNT:** During the Lenten season, ALC has donated a total of **\$ 5,609** to the Manna Food Pantry which will be matched 100% by the Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation. **THANK YOU** for your generosity!

*From the Stewardship Committee*

**All women are invited to come to the SW MN Synodical Women's Convention** on Saturday, May 4 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls. Although the registration deadline is April 22, walks-ins are welcome. Consider joining many other Lutheran women for a day of renewal, reflection, and celebration as we consider how to "**Be the Light!**" Please contact Kris Besel or Diana Kvilhaug for all the details.

**Upcoming Events:**

April—early June, Flamingo A Friend (Connect with Pr. Jeremy)

May 19, New Member Sunday and Graduation Sunday

May 26, Memorial Day Prayer Service at ALC

May 27, Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

June 10-13, Community Kid's Camp

June 14-23, Mission Trip

June 20, Summer Salad Buffet

July 28, Pr. Anne's last Sunday (July 31, Pr. Anne's last day in the office)

## This Week's Birthday Greetings

*-If your birthday is missing or wrong, please let Kelly in the office know or write it on the slips inserted in the Bulletin. Thanks!*

- 21) Michael Harlow, Karen Juber
- 22) Greg Kvilhaug, Jasmine Noerenberg
- 24) Diane DeGroot
- 25) Wyatt Graff
- 26) Jared Ahlers, Lori Heitkamp
- 27) Myra Kluver, Greg Raymo

## Invitation to Prayer | Lift These Concerns to God

### Health Concerns: (Short & long-term illness)

Ruth & John Rusche  
Maci Their  
Gerald Fuerstenberg  
Cheryl Martinez

### For those who are grieving

The family and friends of Lora Lee Timm-Knuth as well as Dale Knuth. Both were buried this past Saturday.

For families who mourn the death of their children.

### Baptism

10:15 Service - Finnegan Thillen & Roman Cummings

### For Support: (On-going life circumstances)

Mitchell Wagner- Grandson of Keith and Kathy Harberts  
Montana Scholten- Granddaughter of Sherri & Kevin Adolph  
Ruth Weiland- Granddaughter of Dee Weiland  
Patrick Weiland- Son of Dee Weiland  
Buddy and Sylvia Richter- Parents of Laura Bourquin  
Mary Hamlin-Palmer- Aunt of Jeremy Hallquist  
Noah Tellez - Nephew of Laura Hoffman  
Myron Martin- Dad of Monica Horn  
Kelly Haberman- Sister-in-Law of Kristin Appel

Communion Blessing

**SENDING**

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Let All Things Now Living*

**ELW 881**

Dismissal

Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping here today! Join this community for a time of Coffee & Kinship in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall after worship.*

### 8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders

**Ministers:** All people of the American Lutheran Church

**Pastors:** Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

**Musicians:** Sherri Isder, Kris & Rich Besel

**Ushers:** Shauna Carroll, Russell Obermoller, Dave Nerem

**Greeters:** Mike & Lisa Peterson

**Sunday Flowers:** **Karla Kirkeby** | *To the glory of God &*

*In Loving Memory of John Kirkeby*

**Open Dates for Flowers:** *May 5, 12, 19, 26 | June 2 | July 14*

### Hospitality & Communion Ministry

**Fill:** Lori Heitkamp

**Refill:** Connie Voss

**Clean up:** Shirly & Bob Wieme

**Communion Servers:** 8:00-Mike & Lisa Peterson, Marv Isder

10:15- Roger & Clasine Lester, Nancy Marco

**Coffee Servers:** Verne & Val Correll, Les Johnson

**GATHERING**

Prelude: *Mercy Tree* Voices of Praise  
Welcome  
Community News  
Call to Worship  
Gathering Song: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs.1 & 4) **ELW 879**  
Rite of Baptism  
Song of Praise: *Child of the Water*

**WORD**

Gospel: John 10:11-18  
Gospel Song: *Shepherd Me, O God* (Voices of Praise & Cong.)  
Message

**RESPONSE**

Song: *Have No Fear, Little Flock,* **ELW 764**  
The Prayers of the Church  
Offering: *The Trumpets Sounds* Voices of Praise

**MEAL**

Reconciled Earth Communion Liturgy  
Lord's Prayer: Modern  
Invitation to the Table  
Music During Communion:  
*Lamb of God* **ELW 336**  
Communion Blessing

**SENDING**

Sending Blessing:  
Sending Song: *Blessed Be the Name*  
Dismissal  
Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping in this faith community. May God's blessing sustain in days ahead until we meet again.*

**10:15 AM | Journey Worship Leaders**

**Ministers:** All people of American Lutheran Church

**Pastors:** Anne Hokenstad & Jeremy Hallquist

**Musicians:** Sherri Isder, Kris & Rich Besel

**Ushers:** Mark & Kay Prunty

**Greeter:** Gary & Mary Brandt

**THANK YOU to the Easter plant deliverers!** On Saturday, March 23rd, beautiful Easter plants were delivered to members of our congregation who have suffered loss of loved ones, who are enduring health issues and who are coping with mobility issues. Easter is the perfect time of year to share the Good News of Christ's love and resurrection with our beloved church family! **31** plants were delivered by these faithful volunteers: Larry and Pat Boots, Dennis and Dee Hale, Harlan and Pam Handevidt, Marchelle Jorgensen, Kieth and Marj Olson, Grant and Maureen Sorensen and Bob and Shirley Wieme. **Thank you** for being the hands of God at this blessed time of year. Together we serve our church family as grateful and generous people!

**Sign up for Meals on Wheels-** We need help for Meals on Wheels delivery for May 1-15 at 11:00. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center and at Door D by the Kitchen. If you have any questions you can contact Shirley Wieme or Donna Cargin.