



Sunday, August 6, 2023
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Today: Sermon Series: #FOR | “For gray”
Next Sunday: Sermon Series #FOR | “For you”

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**American Lutheran Church walks in the faith of Jesus
as we walk with others.**

All are welcome to be a part of God’s Church. There is a place for you here at American Lutheran Church. Our mission is to “share the good news of what God has done for us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!”

August Birthday Greetings this week . . .

- 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!

- 6) Tyler Obermoller
- 7) Kristin Appel, Robert Demuth
- 8) Marj Olson
- 9) Shane Rose
- 11) Diane Jurgensen
- 12) McCoy Heidebrink, Debra Kruger, Ashley Noerenberg
- 13) Donna Cargin, Nathan Getting, Tammy Koller, Cara Petersen, Shirley Wieme

Today’s Flower arrangement is given by:

Kris & Rich Besel
Celebrating their Anniversary

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers for 2023, contact Kelly Henkels in the office or Dee Hale at (507) 372-2786. The cost of a bouquet of flowers is \$27.00. You can keep them or donate them. Please remember to pay for your flowers in the office.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday’s worship services:

Hymns, prayers, and preaching will be drawn from the themes in these stories.

Luke 15:11-32

8 AM | First Word Worship Order

FM Ministry for this service is 88.3

GATHERING

Prelude

“Again and Again”

Welcome

Gathering Song:

Eternal Father Strong to Save

ELW 756

Greeting

WORD

Sermon Series #FORTheme Song: *Ask the Complicated Questions*

ACS 1005

Prayer of the Day

Gospel Acclamation: *Word of Life*

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Gospel: Matthew 17:1-13

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn:

Better Than A Hallelujah

Creed and Confession

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering Invitation

Community News

Offering

We Come Now to Your Table Lord

ACS 970

Offering Prayer

The Prayers of God’s Church

MEAL

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer (Traditional)

Communion Instructions

Communion:

Just As I Am

ELW 592

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn:

Kyrie Eleison

ELW p.184

Postlude

8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders

Ministers: All people of the American Lutheran Church

Pastors: Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

Musicians: Sherri Isder & Ellie Hallquist

Ushers: Greg Kvilhaug, Scott Langerud, Alec Langerud

Greeters: Mike & Lisa Peterson

Caring News | Prayer Ministry

Health Concerns: (Short and long-term sickness and illness)

- Ruth Rusche
- Maci Their
- Gabby Peterson
- Gerald Fuerstenberg

In Sympathy: (Grieving the death of family)

- Family & friends of Betty Herreid who was buried on Friday, July 28 at 2pm.
- Family & friends of Josh Noerenberg grandson of Roxann & Alfie Polzine and great-nephew to Ronnie & Ruth Noerenberg.
- Family & friends of Jane Scotting, sister to Judy Fischer who died this past week.

Our prayer list will be updated every two weeks. Please notify the office or pastors if you wish to have someone remain on the list.

Praise the Lord: (Joys and Answered Prayers):

- For those in our community helping their neighbors

For Support: (On-going life circumstances)

- Jo Strube- Mother of Cathy Buxengard
- Mitchell Wagner- Grandson of Keith and Kathy Harberts
- Marvella- Mother of Sherrie and Kevin Adolph
- Montana Scholten- Granddaughter of Sherrie and Kevin Adolph
- Ruth Weiland- Granddaughter of Dee Weiland
- Buddy and Sylvia Richter- Parents of Laura Bourquin
- Patrick Weiland- Son of Dee Weiland
- Mary Hamlin-Palmer- Aunt of Jeremy Hallquist
- MaryJo Duerksen- Aunt of Shirley Rempel

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Gathering Song: *In Christ Alone*
Greeting

WORD

Sermon Series #FORTheme Song: *Ask the Complicated Questions* **ACS 1005**
Prayer of the Day
Gospel Acclamation: *Every Promise* (vs. 1)
Gospel Matthew 17 1-13
Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn: *Better Than A Hallelujah*
Creed and Confession
Sharing the Peace of Christ
Offering Invitation
Community News
Offering *We Come Now to Your Table Lord* **ACS 970**
Offering Prayer
The Prayers of God's Church

MEAL

Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer (Traditional)
Communion Instructions
Communion: *Here At the Table*
Post-Communion Blessing
Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Blessing
Sending Hymn: *Kyrie Eleison* **ELW p.184**
Postlude

10 AM | Journey Worship Leaders

Ministers: All people of American Lutheran Church

Pastors: Anne Hokenstad & Jeremy Hallquist

Musicians: Sherri Isder & Ellie Hallquist

Ushers: Bruce Juber, Dave Skog, Marc Janssen

Greeter: Mark & Kay Prunty

This Sunday 8/6	Next Sunday 8/13
Fill: Sharon Johansen	Bob & Shirley Wieme
Refill: Marlyn & Corrine Mammen	Karen Pfeifer
Clean up: Paul & Marlys Busse	Sue Rose
Communion Servers: 8:00- Connie Voss, Rod Obermoller 10:00- Mary Turner, Linden Olson, Nancy Marco	8:00- Bob & Sandy Demuth, 2 youth 10:00- Karen Pfeifer, Laura Hoffman, 2 Youth

Church Lock-up: Paul Hanbury

Coffee Servers: Les Johnson & Karen Pfeifer

Announcements |August 6-13, 2023

Staff Summer Travel

Please note that between the middle of July – end of August, all of the staff will be exploring God’s world with friends and family at various times or traveling for ministry. One of the pastors will always be in town and the office hours will be staffed.

Looking Ahead:

August 6, Sermon Topic: #FOR | “for gray”

August 27, “At the Barn” Celebration Worship and Meal

August 28, Labor Day, “Office Closed

September 10, God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN-

The American Lutheran Men’s Group would like to invite any interested men to join us as we start a new study series August 1st. The new 9 study series is called GROWING OLDER AND WISER. It is a Life Guide Bible Study written by Dale Larsen & Sandy Larsen. We don’t know what we don’t know. Should be fun, we always have fun. We meet every Tuesday morning at 7:45 for one hour in the conference room.



Ways to Financially Support God's Work Through Our Hands

Read about ways you can financially support ministry at ALC. Find a pathway that fits you.




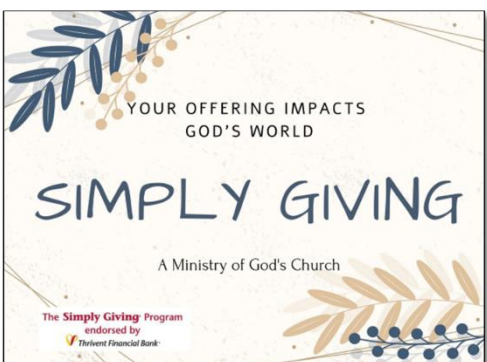
Pathway to Support: Gift Cards

- **Grocery Cards:** Please consider contributing to that debt reduction! Purchase your Hy-Vee and Fareway Gift Cards on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, before services, or on weekdays in the church office. Checks are preferred, made out to American Lutheran Building Fund, with "Gift Cards" on the memo line. Contact Harlan or Pam Handevidt at 507-376-5682.
- **Various Gift Cards:** Make an intentional stop in downtown Worthington to Main Steet Kids and ask to purchase available gift cards for American Lutheran Church. A percentage of your purchase supports the middle school and high school youth program.

Pathway to Sacrificial Giving: Building Debt Retirement: As a congregation, we are focused on a specific ministry of reducing our building debt. If you are able to give sacrificially to this ministry, contact Sandy Demuth in the Church Office.

Pathway to Support: Sustaining Offerings: God's mission relies on all types of givers. What kind of giver are you? Below is a description of types of Americans Givers (donors) to non-profit organizations. *Consider which description best fits your giving.* As a congregation, ALC's ability to serve God and speak about Jesus' love is dependent on each of these types of givers. Connect with Marv Isder, Sandy Demuth, or even one of ALC's pastors as you discover the intersection of financial stewardship and your faith. (This article comes from the Lake Institute of Faith & Giving. This section is reprinted with permission).

- **Planned Givers:** Follow systems or routines of giving and make conscious decisions to give more money away. About 16% of donors are Planned Givers.
- **Habitual Givers:** Follow systems or routines of giving, yet also just happen to give. About 6% of donors are Habitual Givers.
- **Selective Givers:** Make a conscious decision to give, yet also give spontaneously. About 17% of donors are Selective Givers.
- **Impulsive Givers:** Are spontaneous or situational in their giving, which just happens. About 42% of donors are Impulsive Givers.
- **Atypical Givers:** Identified as a non-giver for one question but selected a giver approach for the second. About 19% of donors are Atypical Givers.

 <p>Online Giving Make a safe, secure, online gift by scanning the QR Code with your phone.</p> 	<p>Ways to Give</p>  <p>Text to Give Simply text "Give" to (507) 330-7007 and follow the prompts to donate.</p>	 <p>Mail in or Offering Plates Offerings can be dropped in the offering plate during worship or mailed to 915 Winifred St., Worthington, MN 56187</p>	 <p>YOUR OFFERING IMPACTS GOD'S WORLD</p> <p>SIMPLY GIVING</p> <p>A Ministry of God's Church</p> <p>The Simply Giving Program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank</p>
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Art & Craft Fair Date for Next Year- November 4, 2023, is the date for our 2nd Art and Craft Fair. This is a time to celebrate arts and crafts, as well as baked goods. This year we will also have BarBQ Sandwiches available. Connie Voss is the leader for this event. Please connect with by phone 507-360-8362 or email her at cmvoss10@gmail.com

Help fill Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes THIS SUMMER! *Stop at the red wagons in the entryways to pick up a list of ideas for items or pick up a shoebox to fill on your own or use the envelope provided at the wagon to give a cash donation. Thank You!!*

August 6-13 Calendar

August 6

8:00am First Word
9:00am Coffee & Kinship
10:00am Journey Worship

August 10

10:00am Text Study

August 7

9:00am Staff Meeting

August 11

August 8

7:45am Men's Fellowship
11:00am Worship Planning
2:30pm Golden Horizon
3:30pm Meadows
5:30pm Stewardship
6:30pm Executive

August 12

August 13

8:00am First Word
9:15am Coffee/Kinship
9:15am Contemporary Coffee Hour
10:00am Journey

August 9

9:00am Quilt Tying

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00am – 12:00pm

Monday – Thursday

12:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday

Pastors' Sabbath Day
