

<p><u>April 28</u></p> <p>8:00am First Word 9:00am Coffee & Kinship 9:15am Contemporary Coffee 9:15am Sunday School, Faith Formation 10:15am Journey Worship 6-8pm Nerf Night</p>	<p>End of Year Party</p>	<p><u>May 2</u></p> <p>9:00am Martha</p>	
<p><u>April 29</u></p> <p>9:30am Staff 7:00pm Mission & Ministry</p>		<p><u>May 3</u></p>	
<p><u>April 30</u></p> <p>7:45am Men's Fellowship 11:00am Worship Planning 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Bells</p>		<p><u>May 4</u></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	
<p><u>May 1</u></p> <p>9:00am Quilt Tying</p>		<p><u>May 5</u></p> <p>8:00am First Word 9:00am Coffee & Kinship 10:15am Contemporary Coffee 10:15am Journey Worship</p>	<p><u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:00am-12pm</p> <p><u>Monday-Thursday</u> 12:30pm-2:30pm</p> <p><u>Friday</u> Pastors' Sabbath Day</p>

WELCOME

American Lutheran Church, ELCA– April 28, 2024
5th Sunday after Easter

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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**Please complete the Communication Form
included in this bulletin.**

GATHERING

Prelude:

Welcome

Community News/Announcements:

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gathering Song: *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*

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Greeting

Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

WORD

Acts of the Disciples Story: Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

New Testament Story: 1 John 4: 7-21

Gospel Song:

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Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Sermon

RESPONSE

Hymn: *We Walk By Faith*

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Apostle's Creed

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The Prayers of the Church

Offering and Noise Offering

Offering Prayer

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

Words of Institution

Sunday School End of the Year: Today is the last day of Sunday School for the program year! Thank to all who were teachers, parents and children and youth who came to explore the faith of Jesus.

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 today 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.

Flamingos in Your Yard? Stop in the office or talk with Pr. Jeremy about this Youth Fundraiser!

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)

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 Friends and family of
Alexa Wermuth

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
Joe Bowar - Pastor Anne's Brother

Congregational Life | This Week, Apr 28-May 4, 2024

New!!! Gather, Create, Connect Card Ministry: Recently, there was an event to make cards to send to ALC members experiencing illness and loss. The response to this gathering was strong. Cindy Anderson, Chris Brouwer, Sandy Demuth, and Marj Olson have formed a leadership team for **Gather, Create, Connect Card Ministry**. The mission statement is to gather people, to create cards to connect with others. You are invited to come to the inaugural card making event on Wednesday, May 8 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Center. We will be making Happy Birthday, Thank you, Sympathy, and Blank cards. These will be available at \$2.00/card starting May 12 in the Fellowship Hall. Cards can be purchased in the office during the week. The start-up funds for this ministry were given in loving memory of Connie Weinrank, who was instrumental in the Easter and Christmas Cards.

Lord's Prayer:

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Invitation to the Table

Music During Communion:

Lamb of God

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Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

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Dismissal

Postlude

8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders

Ministers: All people of the American Lutheran Church

Pastors: Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

Musicians: Cindy & Aubrey Anderson

Ushers: Shauna Carroll, Russell Obermoller, Dave Nerem

Greeters: Vern & Val Correll

Sunday Flowers:

Pat Remme | *In Memory of John*

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

Hospitality & Communion Ministry

Fill: Karen Pfeifer

Refill: Audrey Brake

Clean up: Dennis & Dee Hale

Communion Servers: 8:00- Dee & Dennis Hale, Lola Lindquist

10:15- Steve & Lori Dudley

Coffee Servers: Shirly & Bob Wieme

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Community News/Announcements:
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Gathering Song: *Mighty to Save*
Call to Worship
Hymn of Praise: *All the People Said Amen*
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Acts of the Disciples Story: Acts 8: 26-40
Psalm 22: 25-31
New Testament Story: 1 John 4: 7-21
Gospel Song: *Shalom, Shalom*
Gospel: John 15: 1-8
Sermon

RESPONSE

Hymn: *We Walk By Faith*
Easter Statement of Faith
The Prayers of the Church
Offering and Noise Offering
Offering Prayer

MEAL

Invitation to Communion
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Table

Music During Communion: *Instrumental*
Communion Blessing

SENDING

Sending Blessing:
Sending Song: *Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love*
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: Cindy & Aubrey Anderson

Ushers: Mark & Kay Prunty

Greeter: Shirley Rempel

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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!

- 29) Sheila Pederson
- 30) Jordan Jensen
- 1) Jocelyn Horn, Darlene Iverson, Marc Janssen
- 2) Garner Dickman, Dave Nerem
- 3) Cody Graff
- 4) Dale Fellger
- 5) Brayden Raymo