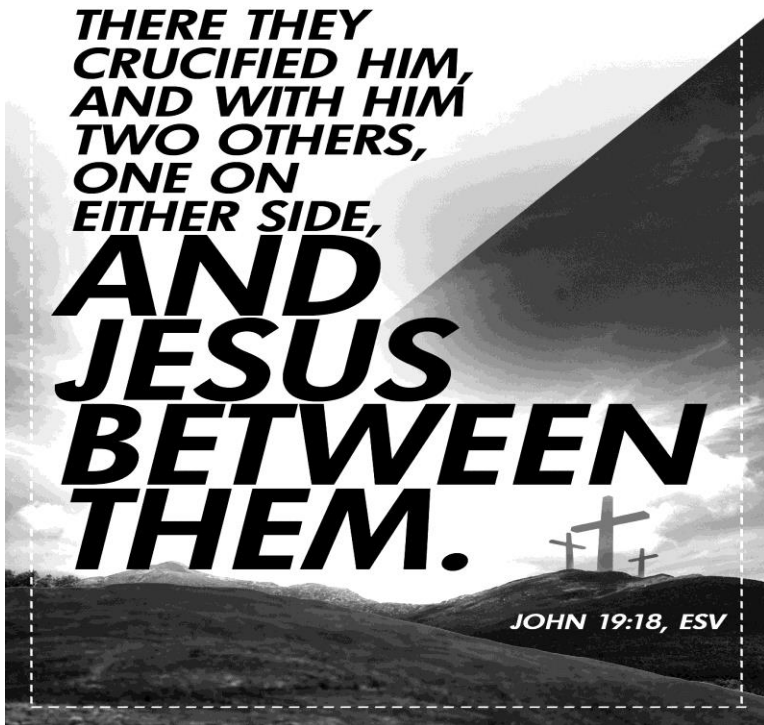


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



5th Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018 9:00 am

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship

Sundays 9:00 am Worship

Wednesdays 6:00 pm Worship & 6:30 pm BAM

Pastors Sarah Tadé and Henry Campbell

Ministers: Everyone

WELCOME

WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

If you are new to us or visiting from another church, please fill out a postcard for us. We'd love to be in touch with you.

A table with PRAYER CANDLES is located near the front of the church on each side. You are invited to light a candle and say a prayer while you are here.

WORSHIP BAGS with a variety of quiet toys for small children are available at the back of the church.

LITTLE READERS BOOK NOOK in the Narthex, has books from our church library for kids to borrow for service or to take home.

COFFEE HOUR immediately follows our services every Sunday morning in our Skylight Court. ALL are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship.

GATHERING MUSIC

Dustin Stevens, Pianist

SING ALONG

“Who Am I”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

“Jesus Film” Project

Matt Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

C: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in it.

L: The Lord executes justice for the oppressed and sets the prisoners free;

C: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

L: The Lord will reign forever,

C: Your God, O Zion, for all generations.

OPENING SONG

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

ALC #35

STATEMENT OF MISSION

P: In the name of the Triune God,

C: We welcome all, walk together, reflect love, and serve creation.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Merciful Lord,

C: We walk through these forty days in somber realization that we have not been your faithful servants. We have helped ourselves before helping others. We have denied our belonging to you out of fear, embarrassment, or timidity. And we have abandoned those who need us the most: the tormented, the unfortunate and the powerless. Forgive us, Lord, for all that we have done and not done, and grant us your promised peace, Amen.

L: God has never abandoned us, even when we felt most alone. Be assured of your pardon through the mercy of Jesus Christ, who goes before you and bids you follow after. Receive God's forgiveness with thanksgiving. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *"Awesome God"* (3 times) ALC #143

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen

ALC CHOIR "Once Upon a Tree"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

READING

John 19:1-16a

Pew Bible p.881

The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

*(During cold and flu season,
The Sharing of the Peace has been suspended.)*

OFFERING

We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's love.

RESPONSE **“Change My Heart, O God”** ALC #82
PRAYER

Your generosity persists, even when your servants are undeserving. Teach us the way of emptying ourselves, that we might be full of your spirit's abundant life. Bless these gifts as a witness to a world indifferent to suffering and callous toward those in need. Have mercy, O Lord, we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG **“Above All”** (Screens)
DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. / **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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RADIO SPONSORSHIP: is given today in honor of LeRoy & Elaine Larson's 55th Wedding Anniversary on March 3rd by their family.

REPAIR OUR CHURCH FUND: A gift has been given in celebration of Fred Frederickson's 90th birthday on Saturday, March 24th, from his 3 daughters: Judy Johnson, Ellen Tilton and Elizabeth Mortenson, 6 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

SCRIPTURE READER: Anna Holtz and Bekah Johnson

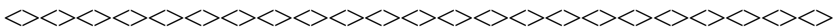
GREETERS: Girl Scouts

ASSISTANT MINISTER: Jean Johnson



Attendance last Wednesday 179; Saturday 20; Sunday 118

Offerings Received: \$3,371



TODAY WE WELCOME Matt Johnson from 1st Baptist Church here to share information about the “Jesus Film” project launched by the Windom Area Ministerial Association. If you would like to donate to the Jesus Film, please stop by the office, or write a check with “Jesus Film” in the memo line between now and April 1st (Easter Sunday) Thank you!

EASTER SCHEDULE UPDATE: Based on past attendance records, the Worship & Music Board recommended and the Church Council has approved the addition of an 11:00 AM worship service on Easter Sunday, April 1. Be sure to join us for worship on Easter Sunday!

PLEASE SIGN UP to contribute to the Easter Breakfast; Egg Bakes, milk & juice are still needed. Sign-up sheets are located on the office bulletin board.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed for Holy Week and Easter. Please sign up on the Worship & Music bulletin board to be a scripture reader, greeter or communion assistant.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE: Each Wednesday noon during Lent, the community of Windom is invited to gather at the Presbyterian Church for a brief worship service and meal. This year’s theme is “Thy Will be Done.” This Wednesday (March 21) the service and meal leadership will be by the Presbyterian Church, with a focus on “God’s Will and My Response.”

PRAYER VIGIL: Lent provides a wonderful opportunity to let Christ’s love flow through our lives toward God and our neighbors. On Good Friday, March 30th, you are invited to PAUSE in your day and come to the church between 7:00 Am and 5:00 PM for prayers at the sanctuary altar or in the chapel. Family, friends and neighbors are all welcome to participate. Bibles, prayer books and readings will be available. May you experience peace & comfort through this Prayer Vigil.

FUNDRAISERS for the youth trip to Houston continue. There is a Gas Can that is set up in the Skylight Court to raise money for gas. “Take Stock in our Youth” donation envelopes are available on the Youth Bulletin Board.

ALL-STATE LUTHERAN CHOIR invites applications by students who will complete Grades 9 - 12 this spring. More information about this great 13-day camp and tour is available at concordiacollege.edu. The online application form is due by April 1.

THANK YOU to the Girl Scouts who are participating in leading our worship today. The Windom Area Girl Scout Service Unit includes 71 girls from Windom, Mt. Lake, Lakefield, Jackson, Heron Lake, and Okabena. The Girl Scout program helps girls try new things, develop a range of skills, take on leadership roles, learn about goal setting, money management, people skills, and business skills. For more information about Girl Scouts, contact Tammy Holtz at holtztammy@gmail.com or call 822-2075.

MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH! Church and Society will be collecting items through March for the local food shelf.

- ❖ Third week - Breakfast Items (Juice, cereal, oatmeal...)
- ❖ Fourth week - Canned Goods (Fruits, veggies, soup,...)

We will take any items anytime – these are suggestions only!! Cash is also great!!!

SPRING 2018 SCRAP, STAMP, CRAFT RETREAT starts April 13th from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM & Saturday April 14th 9:00AM – 7:00 PM. Cost is \$35.00 a day, or \$50.00 for both days. All proceeds will go the American Lutheran Church Youth Program. For more information contact Mary Mohlencamp at marymohl@rconnect.com or 507-822-1179. Registration and payments are due by Friday March 30th, 2018.

IN SEARCH OF CRAFT ITEMS TO SELL: Are you doing some spring cleaning in your craft room and have a box of stuff you just want to get rid of? Consider donating it to the youth to put on their craft rummage sale during the retreat to raise money for Houston. We will take donated items up until April 10th. It will be open to the public for shopping on Saturday April 14th at 1 pm-4pm. Call Mary Mohlencamp 822-1179 with any questions.

NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF MISSIONS:

- Personal Care Kits: light weight bath towels (new), bath size bars of soap, adult size toothbrushes, sturdy wide tooth comb (no hair picks), and metal nail clipper.
- Baby Kit Supplies: hand towels (dark colors preferred), flannel material, instead of baby gowns, size 6 to 24 month tops and pants. Any of these items can be dropped off at the church office. Thanks for caring and giving!

Mission in Action Secretary,
Carolyn Janssen (831-3082)

THE HUGE Game Night Extravaganza has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 15th. Get your friends together (groups of 6-8) and reserve your team's tables today. (\$20/per table). Play some Trivia as a team, watch "The Not So Newlywed Show". After that find out who has earned a pie in the face.

MEMBERS ARE STILL NEEDED to fill the Worship & Music, Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship, and Youth & Family Boards. If willing to serve, please contact the church office!

PART TIME CUSTODIAN at ALC needed: up to 28 hours a week including 2 weekends per month. Stop in the office for a job application, complete and return it by March 30.

Holy Week and Easter at ALC/Bethany

March 25th - 9:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship Service

March 29th - 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion

March 30th - 6:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service



EASTER SUNDAY

April 1st - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM - Youth-Led Sunrise Worship Service w/Holy Communion

8:00 AM - Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM - Worship Service w/Holy Communion

11:00 AM - Worship Service w/Holy Communion (This is an addition)

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

READY
FOR
Spring?



Sunday, March 18th

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 Coffee Hour & Hotdish for Houston
- 5:00 PM Soup & Bread
- 6:00 PM Jr. League
- 6:00 PM YG 2018 Parent Mtg.

Monday March 19th

- 6:00 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday March 20th

First Day of spring / Messenger Deadline

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Quilting Day
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM ALC Choir

Wednesday March 21st

- 12:00 PM Ecumenical Service (Presb. Church)
- 5:15 PM Supper (Served By: South African Partnership)
- 6:00 PM Worship
- 6:30 PM Bible Study
- 6:30 PM BAM (Family Easter Movie)
- 6:30 PM Confirmation
- 8:00 Senior League

Thursday March 22nd

- 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
- 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

Friday March 23rd

- 6:00 – 9:00 PM Kid Drop

Saturday March 24th

- 5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday March 25th

Palm Sunday

- 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & BAM N-Gr.4 Sing
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour

