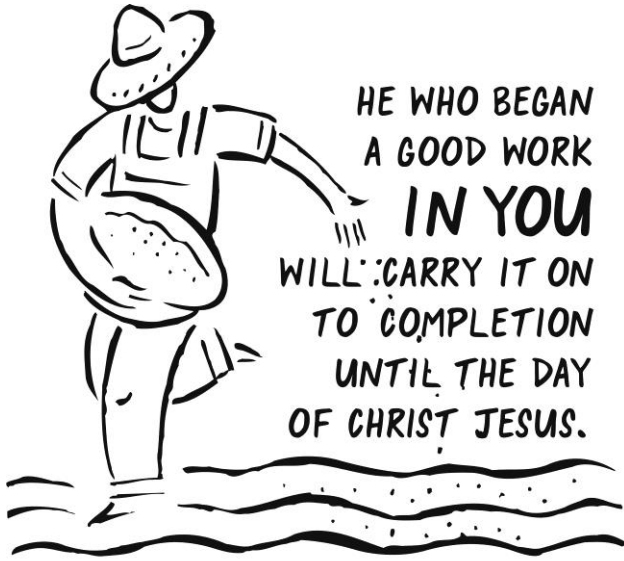


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



PHILIPPIANS 1:6, NIV

6th Sunday of Easter
Rural Life Sunday
May 6, 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

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The one who began a good work among you...

C: Will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

L: May your love overflow with knowledge and full insight,

C: So that in Christ you may be pure and blameless,

L: Having produced the harvest of righteousness,

C: For the glory and praise of God.

OPENING HYMN

"I Come With Joy"

ELW #482

STATEMENT of MISSION

P: In the name of the Triune God,

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.
Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Risen Lord,

C: **It's spring! As we look around and see trees budding, perennials growing, and crops getting planted, we confess our own need for renewal. Instead of having hope we are often ruled by our fears. Instead of joyfully embracing Good News, we frequently yearn for the past. Instead of loving and forgiving, we are habitually concerned about being right. Forgive our failures and inspire us to applaud and affirm the new life emerging around us. Amen.**

P: Christ is gracious and merciful. We are forgiven! God does not hold our mistakes against us. Easter is God's gift of life, hope, and new directions. Let us rejoice in God's promises of renewing us and challenging us to live in His love.

C: **Alleluia! Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*" (vs. 1) ELW #392

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all insight, you grant us wisdom in ways that the world cannot. Open our ears to listen for your call, that your love might overflow through us into a world desperately in need of your grace. Create in us the pure trust of a little child to follow you, even when it seems you are far away. In your name, we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Hank

PSALM

Psalm 65:9-13

Pew Bible p. 459

Read responsively by whole verse

READING

Philippians 1:1-18a

Pew Bible p.953

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Hank

SONG OF THE DAY *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* (vss.1-2,5)

ELW #879

APOSTLES CREED

ELW p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

RESPONSE

“Be Not Afraid”

(2 times)

ELW #388

PRAYER

Lord, you aid all who cry for help in the Spirit. Help us to rise above our circumstances and live every day to your glory, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION: ELW #656, #471

Individual Prayers for Healing are available with the pastor at the side after you have received Holy Communion.

BLESSING OF SEED, PLANTING, AND THE SEASON

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

L: Let us pray for God's blessings (please raise your right hand).

C: **To you, O Lord, we lift our voices and pray: Bless the seeds being planted. Bless those seeds with vigor as they sprout and emerge becoming living plants. Strengthen them with the gentle movement of soft winds, refresh them with nurturing rains from heaven, and give them the vitality of photosynthesis with plenty of bright sunshine. Bless our season with warm days and gentle weather. In your creating name we pray, AMEN!**

BENEDICTION

May God the sower make you good and fertile soil.
May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions.

May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *“As Rain for the Clouds”* (vss. 1&3)

ELW #508

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord! / **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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RADIO SPONSORSHIP: is given today in memory of Ralph Poynter by his Family.

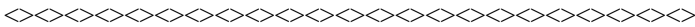
RADIO FUND GIFT has been given in memory of Arlene Derickson by her friends.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

SCRIPTURE READER: Shelby Erickson

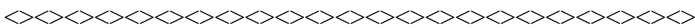
GREETERS: Nancy Michalski

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Keith & Cindy Bloomgren, Judith Johnson, and Kim Armstrong



Attendance last Wednesday 92; Saturday 29; Sunday 180

Offerings Received: \$4,023 Borrowed to date: \$5,000



OFFICE HOURS have been changed to Monday -Friday: 8-12, 1-4 PM

GAME NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA -

WE HAVE A NEW DATE! SATURDAY, MAY 19TH @ 7PM

It’s not too late!! We have rescheduled the Game Night to Saturday, May 19th @ 7pm. This is your 2nd chance to get your tickets, (\$8) so consider joining in on a night of fun and games for the whole community!!

TAKE STOCK IN OUR YOUTH As of 4/23/18, you have donated to this fundraiser, \$1,075.00. THANK YOU!! If you haven’t participated and want to take stock in our youth, go to the Youth Bulletin Board, pick any envelope, place the Corresponding Donation Amount into the envelope and return it to the church office!! We want to thank you for considering helping us in this adventure to Houston, TX.

YOUTH NEWS:

SENIOR LEAGUE: This group of 9th-12th graders meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come to league. Bring your friends!!

JUNIOR LEAGUE: 6th-8th graders meet on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6-8pm. We are currently studying the Word of God by expressing our understanding of His Word through art. Every time we get together, we do a little Bible journaling. The Jr League is a group of kids that do a lot of service based projects. These projects are not only for our church but for our whole community. Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of league. Bring your friends!!

PENTECOST will be celebrated on the weekend of May 19-20. As we recall the flames of fire that appeared over the heads of the people gathered in Jerusalem that day, everyone is invited to wear the color red to worship that weekend. The Worship & Music Board also invites you to share red geraniums or other red flowers to decorate our sanctuary and chapel that weekend. Please bring your flowers to church by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. After Sunday morning worship, you may take your flowers home or leave them at church to be planted.

TODAY at 3 pm bring the whole family or come alone and join us for a fun family afternoon planting and creating beautiful pots!!

LAST DAY OF BAM celebration will be May 23rd. The whole family is welcome: parents, grandparents, and siblings. Please come and celebrate the 1st year of BAM!

LOOKING FOR a large trailer style grill to borrow for Wednesday night at BAM, May 23rd. Please contact Melanie Shamp at 507-380-8656 or email at shamp2644@gmail.com if you have one or know of someone who does. Thanks!

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS: Thanks to everyone who donated the materials used for the mission quilts, fabric kits, personal care kits, and baby care kits. We assembled 47 quilts, 23 personal care kits, 20 fabric kits, and 55 baby care kits. We had an average of 15 women who volunteered their time on sewing days. We're hoping for more to come next year. Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits give families throughout the world a helping hand, a sign of comfort, and hope for the future.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Today Sunday, May 6th

Blessing of the Quilts & Rural Life Day

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & Healing Prayers

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

3:00 PM Family Fun Afternoon planting

5:00 PM Soup & Bread

6:00 PM Jr. League

Monday, May 7th

6:00 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, May 8th

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:30 PM Staff Mtg

2:00 PM Altar Guild

7:00 PM Budget & Finance Bd.

7:00 PM Properties Bd.

7:00 PM Spiritual Life & Fellowship Bd.

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, May 9th

5:15 PM Holy Happy Hour

5:15 PM Supper

6:00 PM Worship w/New Members

6:30 PM BAM

6:30 PM Confirmation

8:00 PM YG 2018 Mtg

Thursday, May 10th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

9:00 AM Windom Ministerial Ass. Mtg.

10:00 AM & 6:30 AM Cable TV

7:00 PM Support Group

Friday, May 11th

Saturday, May 12th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, May 13th

Mother's Day

Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/New Members

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
Day!

