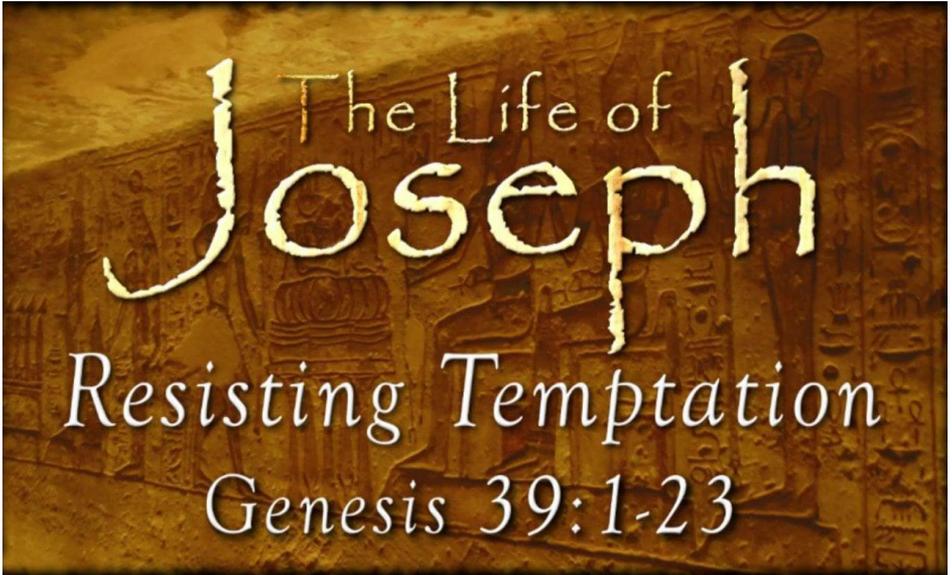


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



September 23rd, 2018 9:00 AM
18th Sunday after Pentecost

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship & 10:15 am BAM-S
Wednesdays 5:45 pm Wow & 6:30 pm BAM-W

Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
Ministers: Everyone

WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE 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.

COMMUNION RECIPIENTS who wish to receive communion in the pew, please sit on the end of a pew near the side aisle. An Altar Guild member will bring Holy Communion to you.

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sometimes bad things can work for good.

C: Rejoice and be glad!

L: Sometimes disappointment leads to greater joy.

C: Rejoice and be glad!

L: Praise God who turns our mourning into dancing.

C: Rejoice and be glad!

OPENING HYMN *“Arise, Your Light Has Come”* ELW #314

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Faithful God,

C: You have called us to places unknown and have promised to be our guide. Yet we prefer to find our own way and do our own thing, taking credit when things go well and blaming others when they don't. We resist putting our trust in you. We forget your covenant with us. And we suffer for it. Turn us back around to walk where you are leading. Forgive us for wandering from the path. In Jesus' name. Amen.

L: God is faithful at all times and to all who seek guidance. May you know the grace which has been freely offered to you, and the special blessing which God continually grants to all who simply ask. Receive the forgiveness of your loving creator, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE (Setting One) ELW p. 98

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Praise the Lord! O Heavens”* ELW #823

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, you are faithful to those who call upon you. Show us your goodness in the midst of our trials, that we might find the strength to praise you without ceasing. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Adam

READING Genesis 39:1-23 Pew Bible p. 31
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *“Lead Me, Guide Me”* ELW #768

APOSTLES' CREED ELW page 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

RESPONSE **“We Give Thee”** (vs.1) ELW #686

PRAYER

You have showered us with blessings too numerous to count, O God, and your mercies seem to know no end. Help us to see our lives through the lens of abundance and not scarcity, rejoicing in what we have rather than pining after that which we do not. Receive these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for all that you have done and continue to do for us. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

ELW #471, #838

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”** ELW #733

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! In today's scripture lesson, we hear about how Joseph's rejection by his brothers leads to unexpected blessings. May you be able to feel God's presence internally, despite what happens to you externally this week. During our worship, Holy Communion is served to all who believe in the presence of Christ in the bread and wine given to us for the forgiveness of sins. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Children may come forward for a blessing.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for “The Rescue at Sea.” (Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29)

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

SCRIPTURE READER: Karen Wickie

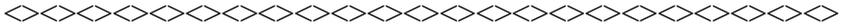
GREETERS: Paul & Deanna Voth

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Deanna Voth, Karen Wickie, and Michael Wojahn

MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM: Tom Wickie, Dan Knigge, Tim Hiley and Mark Brodin

ACOLYTES: Owen Dahna & Kaitlee Huska

RADIO SPONSORSHIP was given today in memory of Linda Fossing-Ryan given by Don Fossing.



Attendance last Wednesday 108; Saturday 32; Sunday 174

Offering: \$5,336 Borrowed to date: \$31,000



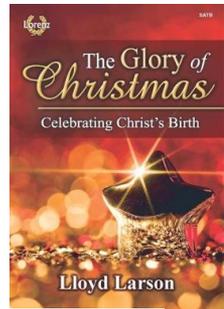
BURGER BASH and KICKBALL

TOURNAMENT event today, September 23 at 6:00 pm! **Where:** Kastle Kingdom. We are planning to serve 100 meals. This event is a **FREE EVENT**. Bring yourself and your family members, friends; all ages are welcome. Don't forget to bring your own chair!

HOUSTON PRESENTATION: please join us following worship today at 10:15 a.m. in the Skylight Court for a slide show and chatting with the kids who went to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

CANTATA: Plan to join singers from the Windom area to prepare a Christmas Cantata! Practices will be here at American Lutheran on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, beginning on Tuesday, October 2. The Cantata, "*The Glory of Christmas*," includes familiar carols and inspiring new songs. The Cantata will be presented as a benefit for the Windom Area Sharing Center on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 PM in the ALC sanctuary. For more information, contact Karen Wojahn at 831-3161.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed for October! Please sign up on the Worship & Music bulletin board.

BAZAAR: at Bethany Lutheran WELCA will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10 AM - 1 PM. They will be having Norwegian goodies, baked goods, quilts and crafts, farm produce and turkey and barbecue sandwiches with homemade pies for their noon lunch.



THANK YOU MEALS ON WHEELS: Thank you to those members of our congregation who have delivered meals this month. Thank you for giving your time to a great cause!

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will be meeting this coming Tuesday, September 25, at David Koep's (Address: 130 11th St.) home at 7:15 a.m. This is for this coming Tuesday only and we will return to River City the next week.

PARENTS, BAM-W needs 2 more leaders, 1 for 5th grade and 1 for 6th grade. Please consider filling this need!

ADULT LEARNING: *ENDING LIFE WELL* - 10/07

FOLLOWING WORSHIP The first Sunday of the month in October, November and December Adult Learning will be offered following worship. In October Pastor Sarah will tackle the topic *Ending Life Well*, sharing ideas on the topic, hearing yours, and introducing you to a tool within our congregation for thinking about the end of life, and funeral planning.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION position is still available! ALC is seeking an individual who would be interested in working with the Christian Education board, pastors, and alongside the ALC staff to provide Christian Education opportunities for the congregation. This includes but is not limited to the BAM (Bible and Me) programming, and Adult Education. Recommend to the board and provide age appropriate curriculum for BAM Students, provide teaching tools, and materials for teachers. If you are interested please contact the Church Office 831-1794.

YOUTH NEWS:

SENIOR LEAGUE: Attention ALL 9th - 12th Graders! Senior League is YOUR League. Think about joining us on Wednesday Nights at 8pm. Everyone is welcome! A few things that we have been kicking around as a group are:

- We host F3 Events (Faith, Food & Friends (F3)). The ALC Youth are hosting after parties after different school functions. It's a place where everyone can just hangout after the games or concerts. There is an open invitation to all youth from 9th to 12th grade.
 - **Keep an eye on ALC Youth FB or the church Website for when to expect the next F3 Event.**
- A Lock-In or Retreat over MEA Weekend is being planned. Please sign-up on the Youth Bulletin Board if you're wanting to go.
- Next Summer's Events including a Mission Trip and other Trip Ideas.
 - **Our Next Mission Trip will be in San Francisco, CA. August 2019 Dates TBA.**
- Reworking the Youth Room and turning it into more of a teen center space.
- **ALC YOUTH - Online Community - Podcasts & Blogs PLUS A TON MORE...THIS IS YOUR YOUTH GROUP...IT CAN ONLY BE WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE IT!! Come Join in the Fun!! Come Join the Community!!**

JR League: Attention ALL 6th - 8th Graders! The start of another season of Jr League is here!! Whoo! Hoo!! We will regularly meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday Evenings from 6pm-8pm. Typical Meeting: Arrival 6pm, Check Ins, Discussion of League Business, Time In The Word and Free Time &/or Fun and Games. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends too!!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 23rd

First day of Autumn

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Coffee hour / Houston Presentation

10:15 AM BAM-S

6:00 PM Youth & Family Burger Bash Kickball Tournament



Monday, September 24th

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, September 25th

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study at David Koep's home

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM ALC Choir

Wednesday, September 26th

5:00 PM Supper- Sloppy joes, corn chips, green beans, cookies

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wed.)

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation

8:00 PM Sr. League

Thursday, September 27th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

10:30 AM Holy Communion @ Mikkelsen Manor

4:30 PM Grief Group

Friday, September 28th

Saturday, September 29th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 30th

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM BAM-S