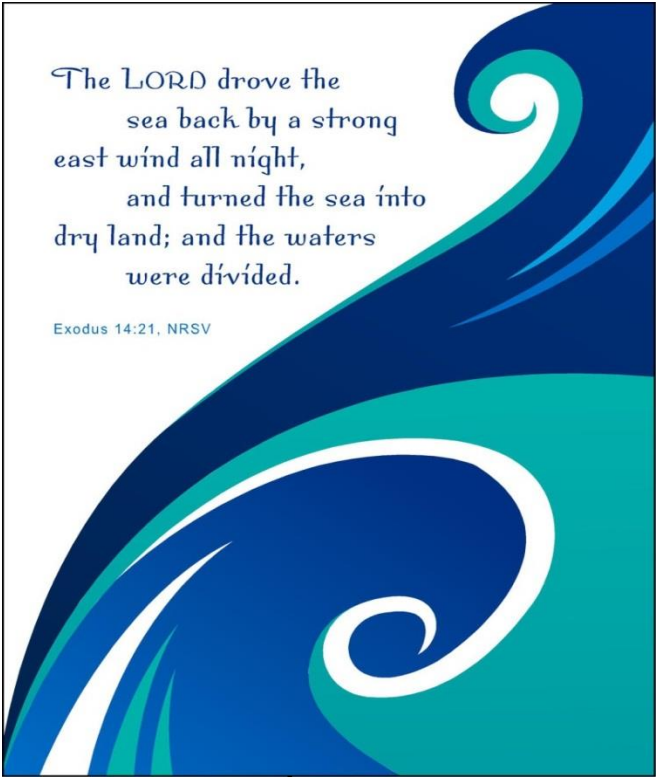


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



The LORD drove the
sea back by a strong
east wind all night,
and turned the sea into
dry land; and the waters
were divided.

Exodus 14:21, NRSV

September 30th, 2018 9:00 AM
19th 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.

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

MicheLe Larson, Organist

VIDEO SING ALONG on screen:

“How Great is Our God”

WELCOME and GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Out of Egypt I have called my people.

C: We will trust in God who preserves us.

L: The armies advance and trouble multiplies.

C: We will trust in God who preserves us.

L: The water ahead looks deep and dangerous.

C: We will trust in God who preserves us.

OPENING HYMN *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”* ELW #756

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: God of forgiving grace,

C: We are not always patient to wait for your words and your actions in our lives. We whine and complain, and we try to control those things which are out of our control. We manipulate, cheat, and extract all we can for our gain. Forgive us. Transform our hearts, our minds, and our behaviors so that we might be more like you.

L: We are blessed to be loved by a fierce and passionate God who will stop at nothing to claim us as God's own. In God's goodness, today, all our sins are forgiven, washed clean, and we are transformed into new creations, made whole by the saving work of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

(Setting One)

ELW p.98

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, your chosen people had no choice but to trust you and you delivered them. Keep our eyes fixed on you when the waters rise, and the troubles of our lives seem insurmountable, for you are our savior and guide. Amen.

ALC CHOIR

"First Song of Isaiah"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

READING

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Pew Bible p. 53

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY *"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"*

(Sheet Insert)

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 delivered us again and again, O God, and brought us into the life you have promised. Receive our gratitude through these gifts which we offer to your service, and for the benefit of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW #537

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 reading, the Israelites have escaped from Egypt under Moses' leadership, but now the Egyptian army is closing in on them. The people question their leader. Moses instructs them to be still and let God work for them. May this speak to your heart as you face the coming week.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for "God's Covenant and Commandments." (Exodus 19: 3-7; 20: 1-17)

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

GREETERS: Wayne & Judy King

SCRIPTURE READER: Sharon Thompson

TECHNOLOGY TEAM: Todd Armstrong, Lindsey Cartwright, Tom Wickie, Mark Brodin

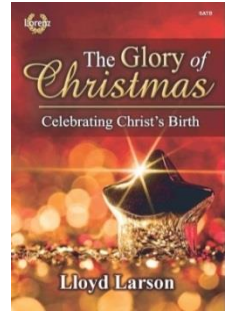
ACOLYTE: Makenzie Doorenbos & Dora Larson

RADIO SPONSORSHIP was given today in memory of Alvin Holmen, given by his daughter Patty Todnem and family.

Attendance last Wednesday 123; Saturday 38; Sunday 180
Offering: \$4,061 Borrowed to date: \$31,000

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

CANTATA: 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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER this week will be tater tot hot dish, butter bread, Jell-O cups and bars!

GLOW OUTING Jubilee Market & Peacemeals/Care & Share Shop on Thursday, October 11, at 11:45 a.m. Meet at the Church to ride the bus to the Jubilee Market in Mt. Lake. We will enjoy a tour of the facility and a soup and sandwich lunch at your own expense. After lunch, we will visit the Care and Share shop which also houses the Ten Thousand Villages store. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office and indicate your soup and sandwich choice by Monday, October 8th.

SOUP & BREAD GROUP will be meeting on Sunday, October 7th from 5:00pm-7:00pm and will be playing the Minute to Win It Games. All are welcome, please bring a friend. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Kathryn Ralston (507-822-0686). Check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1459085460978678/>

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

BAZAAR: 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.

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.



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!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH IN WINDOM

WELCOMES YOU TO OUR Fall Festival today, Sunday, September 30th. From 8 am- 10 am: Enjoy coffee, juice, and homemade cinnamon and caramel rolls. At 10 am mass celebration with Fr. Pratap and Fr. Tim Smith with the Rejoice Singers. From 11 am- 1 pm we will be serving a Turkey Dinner, cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (4 to 12 years of age). Children 4 and under are free! Lastly, at 1:15 pm Bingo will begin \$1.50 per card. All are welcome, for more information see the flyer on the bulletin board by the church office.

TRINITY LUTHERAN FALL FUNDRAISER Sunday, October 7th, 2018 at 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Open to all people in the community and surrounding areas. Due to the convenience of location (no steps) this event will be held at the Senior Community Center main street Jeffers. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board by the Church Office. Hope to see all come out and support us.

YOUTH NEWS:

TWO HUGE EVENTS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 2019

Deposit Due Date is Wednesday, October 3rd by 5pm!

1st: DARE2SHARE, Mt. Lake, Saturday 13th from 11am-6:30pm. This is a NATION WIDE/LIVE EVENT for ALL Youth from 8th-12th grade. Don't miss this opportunity to join fellow youth across the nation as we learn how to share God in your community and to know God better yourselves.

2nd: Sr. League MEA Retreat, Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp, Friday, 10-19 @ 4pm thru Sunday @ 11am, 10-21. All 9th-12th graders, it's time to spend some time in the community again. Hope you consider coming along.

For more information on these events go to the Church website or the Youth Page on Facebook.

SR League: Attention ALL 9th - 12th Graders! Senior League is YOUR community within ALC. Think about joining us on Wednesday Nights at 8pm. Everyone is welcome!

THIS IS YOUR YOUTH GROUP...IT CAN ONLY BE WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE IT!! Come learn about God and maybe get to know God a little bit better. 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 30th

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Coffee Hour
10:15 AM BAM-S

Monday, October 1st

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, October 2nd

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
1:30 PM Staff Team Huddle
5:00 PM CIS Bd. Mtg
6:30 PM Cantata Choir
7:00 PM Christian Ed. Bd
7:30 PM Worship & Music Bd.

Wednesday, October 3rd

10:30 AM Good Samaritan Communion @ Sogge
5:00 PM Supper: Tater tot hot dish, butter bread, Jell-O Cups, and bars
5:45 PM WOW w/Holy Communion
6:30 PM BAM-W
6:30 PM Confirmation
8:00 PM Sr. league

Thursday, October 4th

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV
4:30 PM Grief Group
6:30 PM Youth & Family Bd.

Friday, October 5th

Saturday, October 6th

10:00 AM Bethany Bazaar
5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, October 7th

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
10:00 AM Coffee Hour/ Adult Learning Series 1: Ending Life Well
10:15 AM BAM-S
5:00 PM Soup & Bread Group: Minute to Win It Games
6:00 PM Jr. League