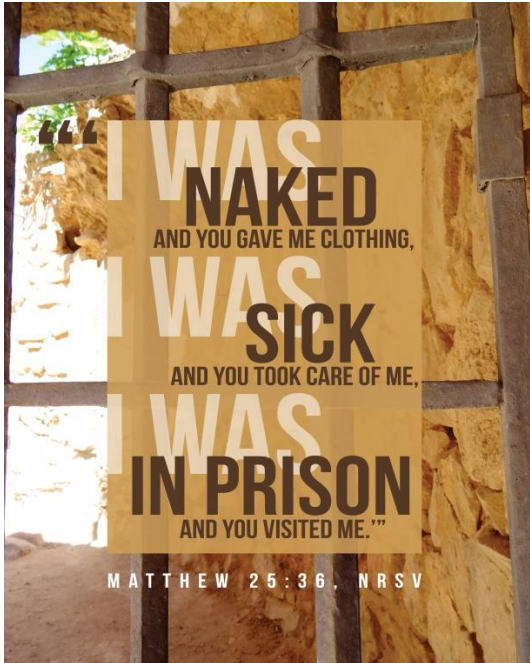


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



April 7, 2019 9:00 AM
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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.

PRAYER CANDLES are 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.

AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING may be in progress during church services /events. Audio, video, and/or photos of the services/events may be posted or aired online for public viewing.

If you 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

Dustin Stevens, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98:7-9

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

C: The world and those who live in it.

L: Let the floods clap their hands,

C: Let the hills sing together for joy.

L: For the Lord is coming to judge the earth,

C: With righteousness and equity. Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

“As We Gather”

(2 times)

ALC #61

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Faithful Lord,

C: You were obedient in every way, even when that obedience led to death. As we walk this penitent season

with you, fill us with remorse at all the ways we have fallen short of being faithful, loving servants. Forgive us our shortsightedness, our waste, and our criticism of ourselves and others. We long for your grace and rely on your loving kindness. Amen.

L: Our God is indeed slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You have been forgiven and granted another chance to turn away from all which does not give life. Be assured and be made whole again. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, you long for your people to care for one another with the same compassion you show to them. Move our hearts in love wherever we encounter need and make us more like you with each day. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, CE Coordinator

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 151

“Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”

READING

Matthew 25:31-46

Pew Bible p. 807

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY ***“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”***

ELW #708

APOSTLES' CREED

ELW page 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

As we prepare for Holy Communion, we share a sign of God's peace with those around us: “Peace be with you”

Response: “And also with you!”

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Palm Sunday: “Triumphal Entry,”
Matthew 21:1-17.

OUR MISSION:

Living God’s grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture reader: Xavier Roberts

Greeter: Ben Purrington, Ed & Jan Yonker

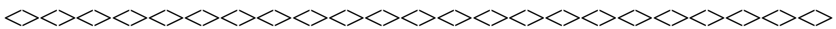
Communion Assistants: Ryan Boltjes, Damion Pohlman,
Melanie Shamp

Instrumentalists: Eugene Hanchett, Moni Harper, Page
Kern, Dana Wallace

Media Ministry Team: Eugene Hanchett, Tim Hiley,
Dan Knigge, and Mark Brodin

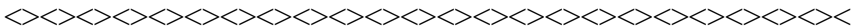
Acolytes: Naomi Purrington and Kameron Rupp

RADIO SPONSORSHIP of today’s service is in honor of Steve
& Jean Johnson’s 40th Wedding Anniversary today, April 7th.



Attendance last Wednesday 115; last Saturday 36;

last Sunday 164; Offering \$6,063, Borrowed to date: \$28,000



NOISY OFFERING next Sunday will be designated for The
Banquet. Bring your spare change!

EASTER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed! Please sign up on
the Worship & Music bulletin board to be a scripture reader, greeter or
communion assistant on Easter Sunday.



EASTER CHOIR practices will be held on Tuesdays, April
10 and 17 at 6:30 PM. Come and rehearse music for our 9:00
AM Festival Easter Worship service. All ages welcome!

Come to **ECUMENICAL WORSHIP/LUNCHEON** at the Presbyterian
Church Wednesdays, April 10th at 12 Noon.

The **WORSHIP & MUSIC BOARD** is seeking photos of beauty in
nature for “Care of Creation Sunday” on May 5. Please email your
favorite snapshots of God’s creation to the church office:
winalc@windomnet.com



If you would like to donate to the **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE WITH U.S. FLOODING** the donation forms are located at the back of the church. Gifts to the U.S. flooding will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those affected by flooding. Please give today!

GLOW SEWING DAY Tuesday, April 16th, 9:00 am. Come to the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, fabric kits, personal care kits, and school kits for missions. No experience necessary! Contact Carolyn Janssen, (507)831-3082.



During Lent the Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board encourages you to reach out to someone you don't know and engage them in conversation. These relationships will bring us all closer and make new friendships

LENTEN 5 WEEK STUDY following Lenten worship at 6:30 in the Skylight Court. *"Living Well: Christian Practices for Everyday Life"* Reading the Bible Childcare will be provided.



LENTEN SUPPERS are served by various ministries of our church. The sixth Lenten supper on Wednesday, April 10th will be hosted by the South African Partnership group. Members of ALC have participated in three different trips of the Shetek Conference visiting the Ondini Circuit. As we walk together in faith, we assist with training of leaders, school uniforms for children, health and agriculture projects, and friendship with fellow believers. Thank you for your support of this important ministry! **COME EAT! ALL ARE WELCOME!** Menu items include beef stew on rice, coleslaw, hot cross buns, and sherbet.

Forty Day Challenge! Church and Society is challenging **EVERYONE** to give \$1 a day for forty days during lent. The money collected will be given to the Southwest Crisis Center. Donations help provide a safe place, food, and clothing for men, women, or children escaping domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or sex trafficking. Hotels are frequently used for a temporary safe place till housing is found. Please join us in supporting this important ministry. Please make checks to the Southwest Minnesota Crisis Center.



Didn't bring cash or a checkbook to worship but would still like to give an offering? Use this **QR CODE** to give an offering. Remember it costs thirty-nine cents per transaction plus three percent of how much you give. This is another great way to give.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

Come and join us this afternoon from 2pm-3pm for Family Fun Day! Tina Mesner will be leading us in an Easter painting!

Palm Sunday, April 14th, Nursery-Kindergarten will be singing at the 9:00 service.

There will be **NO BAM** on Wednesday, April 17th due to Holy Week.

First communicants and their parents will be baking bread on Wednesday, April 17th at 6pm.

Maundy Thursday, April 18th, the 5th grade students will be receiving their 1st Communion.



YOUTH NEWS:

SAVE THE DATE: April 13th

The youth that are going on the San Diego Mission trip will be having a Pasta Bar and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 13th 5:30-7:30 pm!

Menu includes 3 choices of pasta (Spaghetti, fettuccine, and rigatoni), 4 sauce choices (red sauce with meat, red sauce without meat, garlic Alfredo sauce with chicken or garlic Alfredo sauce without chicken), garlic bread, bars, coffee, milk, pop and water. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 10 and under. Get your tickets from the youth after services or by stopping in the church office.

If you would like to donate a themed basket or gift card for the Silent Auction, please contact John Shamp (507)822-2644, shamp2644@gmail.com or Melanie Shamp (507)380-8656, melanieatalc@gmail.com. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 21st

Join us for the annual Easter Breakfast! Hosted by Youth and Family Board and the youth! Served on Easter Sunday from 8am-9am! Menu is assorted egg bakes, rolls, coffee orange juice and milk! \$5 donations suggested.

Jr League meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend

Sr League Wednesday Evenings at 8pm. Hope to See You There! Everyone is Welcome!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 7

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
10:00 AM Coffee Hour- Mission Trip Fundraiser
10:15 AM BAM-S
2:00 PM- 3:00 PM Easter Painting Family Day
4:30 PM Soup & Bread-Board Games
6:30 PM Jr. League- Movie Night

Monday, April 8

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, April 9

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle
2:00 PM Altar Guild
6:30 PM ALC Choir
7:00 PM Christian Education, Budget & Finance, Properties, and Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board Meetings
7:15 PM Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship
8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, April 10

12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship-Presbyterian Church
1:30 PM Hillside Manor
2:30 PM Pine View
5:00 PM Supper- Hosted by South African Partnership
5:45 PM Lenten Worship
6:30 PM Lenten Study, Skylight Court
6:30 PM BAM-W and Confirmation
8:00 PM Mission Trip Meeting

Thursday, April 11 *Second Thursday at Senior Dining*

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Silent Auction & Pasta Bar (Hosted by Youth & Family and Mission Trip Youth)
5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, April 14 **Palm Sunday** *Second Sunday Noisy Offering*

8:00 AM Hotdish Sunday- Mission Trip Fundraiser
9:00 AM Worship/BAM N-K Sing
10:00 AM Coffee Hour
10:15 AM BAM-S