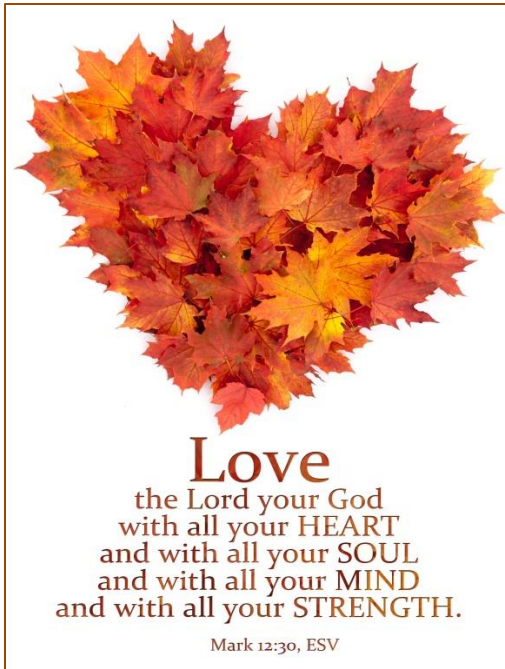


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**March 22, 2020 9:00 AM**  
**Fourth Sunday of 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*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

MicheLe Larson, Organist

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship opportunities: Sunday and Wednesday Lenten Services will be posted on American Lutheran Church website ([alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com)). Our Facebook site may be reached by searching American Lutheran Church, Windom in Facebook or by clicking on the SOCIAL TAB at the top of our webpage. We will continue to try to provide uplifting messages and worship during the days ahead.

BAM activities: Stay tuned for digital opportunities

Confirmation activities: Stay tuned for digital opportunities

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come and worship the God of love!

**C: Let us love the Lord, our God!**

L: With heart and soul, with mind and strength.

**C: Let us love our neighbors, too!**

L: In equal measure as ourselves.

**C: Come and worship the God of love!**

OPENING HYMN      *“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”*

ELW #807

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: Forgive us, for we have fallen short of your vision for humanity. We have put ourselves before others, ignored the vulnerable, and forgotten you altogether. We have missed the point of your kingdom. Have mercy on us, for Jesus’ sake, Amen.**

P: Children, your God has not forgotten you. Jesus knows your weakness and sees through your presence. You are made whole simply by seeking forgiveness. Receive the Lord’s pardon and believe that it is true, by the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

KYRIE

ELW p. 98

*“Please join in asking for God’s mercy as we speak the Kyrie”*

*L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, Have mercy.**

*L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Calm to the Waves”*

ELW #794

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord, Your greatest command to love can also be most difficult. Give us the same heart as You have for the world and everything in it, that we might be the living presence of your love. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION..... ELW Pg. 142 (setting 3)

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

READING

Mark 12:28-44

Max McLean (screens)

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said

to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup> and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question. <sup>35</sup> While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? <sup>36</sup> David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.”’” <sup>37</sup> David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?” And the large crowd was listening to him with delight. <sup>38</sup> As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

*“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

(vs 1&4) ELW #504

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pg.104

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

#### **OFFERING**

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

While we are not together in person, or collecting a regular offering, the ministry of our congregation continues! We are

hoping not to fall behind in meeting our expenses. Check out Giving Plus, on-line giving by clicking on our give tab or mail in your offering to American Lutheran Church of Windom, PO Box 188, Windom, MN 56101

LORD'S PRAYER            ELW p. 112            (Alternate version)

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power; and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.”*

ORGAN INTERLUDE

*“Abide with Me”*

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, remember the poor.  
**We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran! In our scripture reading today, from Mark 12: 28-44, two commandments are greater than any others. Love God. Love others. Jesus showed how a poor widow modeled selfless love.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Mark 13:1-8, 24-37, End of the Age

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's worship service is in memory of Bill Erpestad, whose birthday is on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and Reid and Keith Erpestad given by Eunice Erpestad and family.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in memory of Arnie Olson on his birthday today, March 22nd, given by Audrey Glidden, Connie Olson-Larsen, Jeff Olson, Lew Olson, and his wife Delores.

Attendance last Wednesday 121; Saturday 29; Sunday 98;  
Offering \$8,001; Borrowed \$22,000

*\*\*\*\*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change... The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psalm 46*

### **Worship and life at ALC in the time of**

**COVID19/Corona Virus:** The Church Council of American Lutheran Church of Windom met following worship on March 15th. For the safety and wellbeing of all, the Council agreed to suspend worship and all in house activities on the church calendar with the exception of funerals between **now and March 27th**. We will have the opportunity to learn new ways of being together and caring for one another in this time of social distancing. The staff is putting together digital worship and faith formation opportunities. We will keep you updated day by day on how you can participate! In the meantime, keep calm, trust God, and care for one other in any way that you are able.

KDOM radio and our Thursday 10 AM and 6:30 PM channel 3 cable TV broadcast of our worship services will continue. You may also watch our Wednesday Lenten Services and Sunday Worship Services on our Facebook page American Lutheran Church-Windom or on the homepage of our website [alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com).

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