

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Keep watch ... you do not know when the owner
of the house will come back - whether in the evening,
or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

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March 29, 2020 9:00 AM
Fifth 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

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's **bulletin** may be found on our website on the homepage under the worship video or under the BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER TAB located in the top menu bar.

Worship opportunities: Our worship is not cancelled, but will appear online - Sunday and Wednesday Lenten Services will be posted on American Lutheran Church website (alcofwindom.com) and on our Facebook site. Worship will still be broadcast over KDOM radio FM 103.1 and on Cable TV.

BAM is happening at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays through Facebook Live. Join in at that time as a family, comment, or watch it later. Find it also on alcofwindom.com under the Christian Education tab.

Confirmation will be recorded weekly and posted at alcofwindom.com.

St. John Lutheran Church in Nashville, Tennessee: Please consider making a donation to help out this congregation after a recent tornado devastated their building. Checks may be mailed to American Lutheran Church.

The hymns today are taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnbook. Feel free to sing along at home.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us worship the Lord, who is enthroned forever,

C: Whose name endures for all generations.

L: Nations fear the name of the Lord,

C: And all its leaders God's glory.

L: Praise the Lord, who answers prayer,

C: Whose love endures forever.

OPENING HYMN

"Here I am Lord"

ELW #574

Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin

My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night
I will make the darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord
If you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
Fill their hearts with love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

Songwriters: Anna Laura Page / Daniel L. Schutte Here I Am, Lord lyrics ©1981 Oregon Catholic Press

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 **sing** 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, No one on earth knows the hour of your return. Only keep us watchful and awake, that we might always be at work in your kingdom, for the sake of Jesus, 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 13: 1-8, 24-37

Max McLean (*screens*)

¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him,

“Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!”

²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us,

when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. ²⁴ “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the Morning”

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime,

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.

*Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morning, Love Him at the
noontime,
Love Him, Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down.*

*Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him in the morning, Serve Him at the
noontime,
Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down.*

NICENE CREED

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 have been blessed by many who have sent in offerings so far.** We are hoping not to fall behind in meeting our expenses. Visit our website (alcofwindom.com) Check out electronic / on-line giving by clicking on our GIVE TAB found in the top menu bar, or mail in your offering to PO Box 188, Windom.*

VIRTUAL OFFERING PRAYER

The things which we value are rarely eternal ones, O God. Teach us to let go of worldly temptations and to offer what resources we have: time, abilities, and wealth, to your service. Bless these gifts we bring before You, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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.”**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation”

(vs 1, 3 &5)

ELW #654

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

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! In our scripture reading today Jesus taught the disciples about the end of all things. But in his words, they learned about the things of now. Be awake and watchful. Life is happening all around us.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Palm Sunday: Triumphal Entry
[Anointing at Bethany], Mark 11:1-11 [Mark 14: 3-9]

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Arnie Olson given by his family.

Attendance last Wednesday and Sunday: Digital services online
Offering \$3,270; 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: For the safety and wellbeing of all, American Lutheran will suspend in house worship and all activities on the church calendar between **now and May 1st**, following the direction of Minnesota Governor Tim Walz.

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.

In the meantime, keep calm, trust God, and care for one other in any way that you are able.