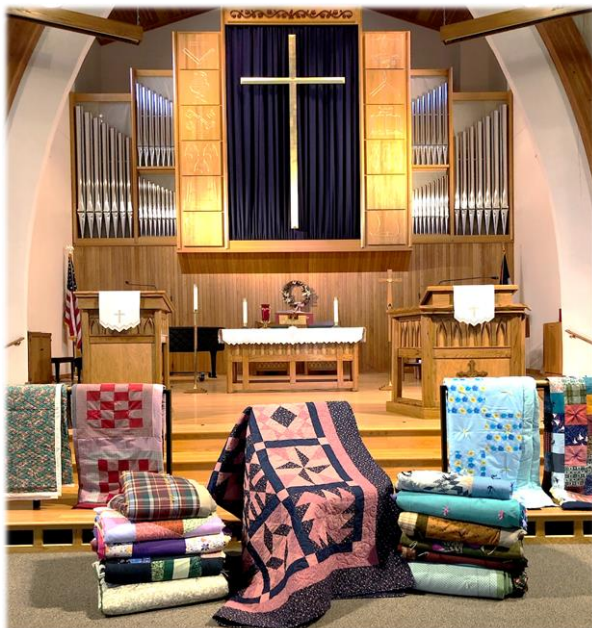


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



May 3rd, 2020 9:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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

GATHERING MUSIC

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Quilts: Together, Bethany and American Lutheran quilters have finished 31 quilts. American Lutheran GLOW members have completed 37 Baby Care Kits. All these items will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. This fall, the American Lutheran quilters hope to gather to make a few quilts to donate to the Christmas Cheer Box. Other quilted items include a quilt completed by Jean Johnson which will be donated to Shetek Quilt Auction on June 27th. The squares for this quilt were found in the quilt room, completed and donated by an anonymous person. The squares were sewn together with sashing and border. Also, binding was added after the machine quilting. Machine quilted by Jane Paulsen and paid for by GLOW. She also completed a kit for a wall hanging, donated by Deb Minion.

May 10th is Mother's Day! Send a photo of you and your mother to the church office. Young, old, multiple generations! Be creative, share a heart, give High 5's, hugs, etc. Send them by May 4th.

High School Seniors: Please submit a senior photo to the church office as soon as possible.

If you are interested in **sponsoring a May Worship Service** please contact the office to schedule a date.

The Church in Society Board of ALC invites you to help **clean up our community** by grabbing your own trash bag when going on a walk and filling the dumpster at ALC with trash you picked up on your walk. Don't forget your gloves and make sure to have fun, take pictures, and send them to us to be posted on our Facebook Page and Website!

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: Worship within the building has been suspended and alternative worship service opportunities are available electronically, online - Sunday and Wednesday Services will be posted on American Lutheran Church website (alcofwindom.com) and on our Facebook page. Worship will still be broadcast over KDOM radio FM 103.1 and on local Cable TV Channel 3.

BAM activities: 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. You can also find it on www.alcofwindom.com under the MINISTRIES TAB click on Children's Ministry. The last day of BAM is on Wednesday, May 13th and Sunday May 17th.

Confirmation activities: Confirmation will be recorded weekly and emailed to all confirmation students. You can also find these weekly recordings on www.alcofwindom.com under the MINISTRIES TAB click on Youth Ministry then click on CONFIRMATION (in yellow). The last day of Confirmation is on Wednesday, May 13th.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise be to God,

C: Who builds up the Church.

L: Praise be to God,

C: Who heals our divisions.

L: Praise be to God,

C: Who gathers us as one.

OPENING HYMN

“Built on a Rock”

ELW #652

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling; Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land, bells still are chiming and calling calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.

2 Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation; he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace, Blessings upon them bestowing.

3 Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing; Hither we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant, granting his children the kingdom.

4 Through all the passing years, O Lord, Grant that when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, Who here this promise is bringing; “I know my own, my own know me; You, not the world, my face shall see; My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Risen Lord,

C: We see the miracle of your resurrection, yet so often live as though we are still lost in our sins. We rely on our own feeble will, we stay mired in the past, and we refuse that which is too

uncomfortable or unfamiliar. Forgive us, and open our hearts again to your freedom. Amen.

P: Praise God—Christ is arisen! We have a new life, and the old has fallen away. Rejoice that we are truly forgiven, and go out and proclaim the grace that is free to all, in Jesus' name, Amen.

KYRIE

(Setting 1)

ELW p. 98

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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

FOG #439

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care, And bids me at my Father's throne, Make all my wants and wishes known: In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief, And oft escaped the tempter's snare By thy return, sweet hour of prayer. Sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petition bear To Him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless; And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His Word, and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my every care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Lord, Your followers were faithful even in the face of strong opposition. Give us their courage and conviction to be worthy proclaimers of the Gospel of grace, in Jesus' name, Amen.

MUSIC: ZOOM RECORDING

“This Little Light of Mine”

BAM Kids

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

READING

Acts 17: 1-9

Donna Marcy

The Up roar in Thessalonica: ¹ After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a

synagogue of the Jews. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This is the Messiah, Jesus who I am proclaiming to you.” ⁴ Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵ But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason’s house. ⁶ When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, “These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has entertained them as guest. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king name Jesus.” ⁸ The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹ and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY **“When Our Song Says Peace”** ELW #709

When our song says peace and the world says war,
We will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
Who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.

When our song says free and the world says bound,
we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
Who opens prison doors and sets the captives free.

When our song says home and the world says lost,
we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

P: Gracious God, as we place our hands on these Quilts, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ.

C: We celebrate being the children of God.

P: We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these Quilts: donations of fabric, thread and sewing machines, the faithful people who

cut the squares, design the patterns, sew the tops, iron the fabric, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings, provide publicity, donate boxes, pack the Quilts, bring food to sustain the quilters and contribute the money for shipping these Quilts.

C: We celebrate generosity.

P: We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together to make the Quilts, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of crafting something with one's hands and heart for another and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

C: We celebrate community.

P: We send these Quilts as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their Quilt will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of Christ's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God. We pray that these Quilts will serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient; that they will bring warmth in the cold, shelter from the sun and heat, a wall for a home, or a carrier for a few precious belongings. May it be a step in recovering one's life and a message of care from someone they may never meet.

C: We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.

P: We remember those who have received our Quilts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

C: We celebrate the gift of life.

P: We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need. Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing of the Quilts from ALC and Bethany Quilting Ministries - The ALC quilters put together many quilts over the winter months. They will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran World Relief was founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. They work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and they do not evangelize. Their mission is affirming God's love for all people, they work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 give thanks for all who continue to send offerings to the church.** 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.*

PRAYER

We offer these gifts to your kingdom, and our lives to your service. Bless them and use us where we are most needed, as co-creators of your world made new by Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

ELW #669

1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
2. Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

3. Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.
4. Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
5. Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
And, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Share the good news! / **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

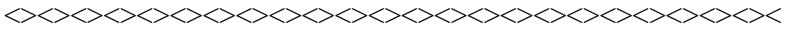
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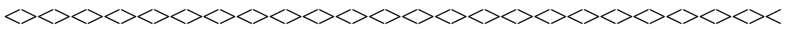
WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! In our scripture reading today Paul and Silas were busy building a healthy church community. But others were not as excited to hear their truth.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Church at Corinth Acts 18: 1-4; 1
Corinthians 1: 10-18

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in honor of all
ALC GLOW members.



Offering \$5,358; Borrowed \$22,000



Covid-19 Assistance Fund

Amidst this pandemic one of the concerns some of us are struggling with are those who have no income. ALC has made an ad hoc committee to address this particular issue.

As most are aware the government will be mailing out stimulus checks. We would invite those of you who are either still earning an income or do not need this money to survive to think about donating it to ALC's Covid-19 Fund.

Applications are available for financial help from this fund. The criteria are that a person must be suffering loss of income specifically due to this virus, it will be paid directly to their need (rent, utilities, mortgage, etc.), the Committee will choose how much a person gets and will do it without knowing whom the person is, and ALC members will have priority. Applications are due May 13th. The committee will then choose how they want to distribute the funds on May 20th. Please be aware that this application will remain confidential and you will not be asked to repay it.

Again, if you don't need this stimulus money to survive, or would just like to donate, we invite you to be generous for the least of these in our community.