

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**June 14th, 2020 9:00 AM**  
**Second 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*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

To **Honor Fathers on June 21st**, please send in a photo of your father, grandfather, or father figure in your life to the church office before Tuesday, June 16th.

**June 28th** will be **Creation Sunday**. Please submit photos of God's creation to the *church office* no later than Tuesday, June 23rd.

Are you willing to **submit a musical selection for the online service**? Please contact Jane Cartwright for more information.

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

**The Banquet in Sioux Falls** is still on for Thursday, July 23rd, 2020. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 for the Banquet. Due to the coronavirus things may be a little different this year. They request 20-25 volunteers (please sign-up at your own discretion), closed toed shoes are mandatory, and gloves and masks will be provided. Please call the church office if you're interested or have any questions. There will be more information to come in the July Messenger.

**Holy Trinity Efforts** - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Minneapolis is responding to the recent destruction in their neighborhood by collecting and distributing food, diapers, drinking water and needed items to hundreds of people daily. They have also been designated as a free testing site for COVID-19. We have a connection there because Jane Cartwright's niece is the lead pastor. We hope to collaborate with Holy Trinity in the weeks and months to come. You may contribute financially directly through ALC with the designation "justice".

VIDEO MESSAGE

Bishop Eaton

GATHERING:

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our lives remain a mystery,

**C: But God remains the same.**

L: We struggle hard to understand,

**C: But God remains the same.**

L: When shifting sands displace our feet,

**C: Our God remains the same.**

L: Praise God—despite everything

**C: You still remain the same.**

OPENING HYMN      *“Blessed Assurance”*      ELW #638      (PD)  
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His  
blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day  
long: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day  
long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my  
sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of  
love. *Refrain:*

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blessed,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his  
love. *Refrain:*

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: We are tempted to be thankful only when things are going  
well for us. We are tempted to take credit for all that is good in  
our lives. We conveniently forget that all things come from you.  
Forgive us for being shortsighted, arrogant and thoughtless.  
Cleanse our hearts and bring us back to your side, for you are all  
that we truly need.**

P: God hears our repentance and answers our request for  
forgiveness. Receive the assurance of your creator’s mercy and  
return to the loving embrace of the one who made, loved, and  
redeemed you. In Jesus’ name,

**All: Amen.**

KYRIE                                      Setting One-Chanted                                      ELW p. 98

*L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

*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

*“He Is Exalted”*

Lily Derickson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Patient God, When all our fury finally dies down, you are still there. Fill us with the profound peace that only you can give, through the power of your Holy Spirit, Amen.**

READING

Job 3: 1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21

Pew Bible p. 393

Scripture Readers: Travis and Eli Freiwald

Introduction: Not only has Satan taken Job’s family and possessions, but now Satan has been given permission to attack Job’s health. Amid Job’s suffering, he and his friends all have different perspectives on why Job suffers and what he might do about it.

3. After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. <sup>2</sup>Job said: <sup>3</sup>“Let the day perish in which I was born, and the night that said, ‘A man-child is conceived.’ <sup>4</sup>Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, or light shine on it. <sup>5</sup>Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds settle upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. <sup>6</sup>That night—let thick darkness seize it! let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months. <sup>7</sup>Yes, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry be heard in it. <sup>8</sup>Let those curse it who curse the Sea, those who are skilled to rouse up Leviathan. <sup>9</sup>Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light, but have none; may it not see the eyelids of the morning—<sup>10</sup>because it did not shut the doors of my mother’s womb, and hide trouble from my eyes.”

4. Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered: <sup>2</sup>“If one ventures a word with you, will you be offended? But who can keep from speaking? <sup>3</sup>See, you have instructed many; you have strengthened the weak hands. <sup>4</sup>Your words have supported those who were stumbling, and you have made firm the feeble knees. <sup>5</sup>But now it has come to you, and you are impatient; it touches you, and you are dismayed. <sup>6</sup>Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope? <sup>7</sup>“Think now, who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? <sup>8</sup>As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.

<sup>9</sup>By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed.”

7. <sup>11</sup>[Job said,] “Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>12</sup>Am I the Sea, or the Dragon, that you set a guard over me? <sup>13</sup>When I say, ‘My bed will comfort me, my couch will ease my complaint,’ <sup>14</sup>then you scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions, <sup>15</sup>so that I would choose strangling and death rather than this body. <sup>16</sup>I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Let me alone, for my days are a breath. <sup>17</sup>What are human beings, that you make so much of them, that you set your mind on them, <sup>18</sup>visit them every morning, test them every moment? <sup>19</sup>Will you not look away from me for awhile, let me alone until I swallow my spittle? <sup>20</sup>If I sin, what do I do to you, you watcher of humanity? Why have you made me your target? Why have I become a burden to you? <sup>21</sup>Why do you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now I shall lie in the earth; you will seek me, but I shall not be.”

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

CREATIVE SKIT: *“Meanwhile, back at the office...”*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY **“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”**

ELW #722

O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev’ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God’s vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God’s love in human deeds, eternity in time.

As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind, so  
may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find. Lord,  
join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone, and help  
us bear another’s pain as though it were our own.

O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love’s open doors. We  
are the body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield that through our  
life and ministry your love may be revealed.

O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow’s fall,

Whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:  
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant  
ways, whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

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## APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

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

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### VIRTUAL 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](http://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 are not always universally grateful for whatever comes our way,  
O Lord. And yet we can be faithful through our giving and service,  
knowing that you bless the offerings of our hearts and use them for  
your greater purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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      *"When Peace like a River"*      ELW#785 (PD)  
When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows  
roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with  
my soul. It is well, (It is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is  
well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest  
assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath  
shed his own blood for my soul. It is well, (It is well) with my soul (with  
my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives - oh the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the  
whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise  
the Lord, O my soul! It is well, (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Lord hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled  
back as a scroll, Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it  
is well with my soul. It is well, (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

#### DISMISSAL





## **Returning to Worship during the Pandemic:**

We look forward to welcoming individuals back to worship in the sanctuary the last week in June! We will offer two similar services: 5:30 PM on Wednesdays or 9:00 AM on Sundays, beginning June 24th and June 28th. Please know our concern is to provide a safe worshipping environment for those who chose to return to worship during the COVID-19 pandemic, while caring for and protecting the most vulnerable among us. In order to make a smooth transition, these are a few helpful items to remember:

**Entering the building:** Doors will be propped open for easy building access. You may use these entrances:  
Parking Lot: Try to leave a space between cars.  
Skylight Court and Main Sanctuary: Suggested for those with mobility concerns.

Whichever one you select, please use the hand sanitizer. Wearing a facemask here and at all public gathering places is highly recommended. If you have a face mask, bring your own. There will be a few extras at the door.

**Making your way to the sanctuary:** Social Distancing within the building is a must: keep a 6-foot distance from others who are not in your family group. Please be aware of spacing between yourself/group and others in the hall/stairways. The service will not start until all have been seated.

**Making your way into the sanctuary:** Use the side aisles and walk down to where the usher is waiting, Seating will start in the front and with social distancing, the spacing and number of individuals per pew will be monitored. Those of the same household can sit together. Please follow the direction of the usher, even if it is not where you “normally” sit.

**Worship setting:** There will be adjustments to the worship. Congregational responses and singing will be limited. Instead of visiting with those around, consider using “wait” time for prayerful devotion, or viewing slide announcements. Everything for worship will be up on the

screens. Please do not “sing along”, but you are able to hum along, tap your toes, snap fingers or quietly speak the lyrics. The worship team is aware of your longing for what is familiar.

**Exiting the sanctuary:** Ushers will dismiss pews beginning in the back. Please exit using the side aisle, and once again be aware of distancing between individuals. Please do not linger in the church building. There will be no coffee hour or food served during this time.

**Other details:** If you are sick, have a fever, cough or any other symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in contact with a sick person please consult your health professional and stay home. Restrooms are available in the Skylight Court and in the office hallway. Water fountains will not be accessible. Stay only in the worship area of the building. Do not circulate into other areas.

**Weekly worship is available:** Online (Facebook/ YouTube) and on the radio. Any and all are encouraged to continue worshipping in this way during the pandemic.