

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**June 24th, 2020 5:30 PM &
June 28th, 2020 9:00 AM
Creation Sunday
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**No Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship
Wednesdays 5:30 pm Worship (Similar service as Sunday)**

**Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
*Ministers: Everyone***

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Congregational responses may be spoken in a quiet voice. Please no singing, but feel free to hum, tap your toes, or reflect upon the lyrics. For the health of your neighbor, please respect social distancing and use of masks. At this time, just a reminder to, please refrain from hugs, shaking hands, etc.

Holy Communion will be offered Sundays, July 5th and 26th and Wednesdays, July 15th and 22nd. Holy Communion will be served at the end of the services as you exit the sanctuary.

Collect your coins! We will be starting up **Noisy Offerings** on Wednesday, July 8th and Sunday, July 12th at Worship at the Lake. The Christian Education Board decided not to have **Vacation Bible School** in August due to Covid-19 restrictions. Instead, we're going to incorporate the VBS curriculum into the BAM schedule for 2020-2021.

The "I'm Bored Challenge!" has been EXTENDED!! You now have until Monday, July 13th! DON'T FORGET.....The incentive is a \$5 DQ gift card. Parents will have to "sign off" before it is turned in! Go to our Website Page under the children's ministries tab or our Facebook page to print the "I'm Bored Challenge!".

Shetek Online Quilt Store: Due to Covid-19, the Shetek Quilt Auction has been changed to an ONLINE STORE! There will be no bids. Quilts will be for sale at a set price at the Shetek Lutheran Ministries Online Camp Store at <https://shetek.org/store/>. Here is how it will work.

- Starting **Saturday, June 27th** through July 4th, quilts will be available for purchase - sign in right away to get the best selection.*
- At the Online Camp Store, you will find a picture, a detailed description, and the price of each quilt.
- To purchase a quilt
 - Add the item you want to purchase to your cart.
 - Complete and submit the order form.
 - Your quilt(s) will be mailed or delivered to you.

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). Please call the church office if you're interested or have any questions.

Holy Trinity Efforts - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Minneapolis is responding to the recent destruction in their neighborhood by collecting and distributing food and essential items to hundreds of people daily. We have a connection there because Jane Cartwright's niece is the lead pastor. You may contribute financially directly through ALC with the designation "justice".

GATHERING:

P: In the name of the God the Creator, Jesus the Savior, and Spirit who makes us holy.

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The one who laid the earth's foundations:

C: **The God who cares for us!**

L: The one who made the stars and heavens:

C: **The God who cares for us!**

L: The one who poured and bound the seas:

C: **The God who cares for us!**

L: The maker of the world is still

C: **The God who cares for us!**

CREATION SLIDESHOW (Sunday)

OPENING HYMN

"This is My Father's World"

(vs 1&2)

ELW #824

(PD)

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

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

Spoken

ELW p. 213

Congregation please respond with a quiet voice.

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: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE VIDEO

London Community Gospel Choir "*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You created all and know all, and yet you care about each one of us. Humble us with grateful hearts for all that you have done, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

READING

Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11

Pew Bible p. 414

Video readers: Jay Mickelson and Brady Mickelson

31) ³⁵“Oh, that I had one to hear me! (Here is my signature! let the Almighty answer me!) Oh, that I had the indictment written by my adversary! ³⁶Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; I would bind it on me like a crown; ³⁷I would give him an account of all my steps; like a prince I would approach him.”

38) ¹Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

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 *“This Is My Father’s World”* (v3) (PD)
This is my Father’s world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father’s world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

CREATION SLIDESHOW (Wednesday)

HOLY BAPTISM (Sunday)

ELW P. 227

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 IN SIGN LANGUAGE

OFFERING:

We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's love. As you leave the sanctuary, there will be an opportunity to place your offering in the offering plates located at the back of the church.

PRAYER

Our generosity is only a small reflection of your own, and yet we are compelled to give. Receive these offerings of our hands and hearts, and in your wisdom, O Lord, bless them for your greater purpose. In the name of Christ, Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 “Let All Things Now Living” ELW #881

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God’s banners are o’er us, God’s light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished , as forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: “To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

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DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord/ We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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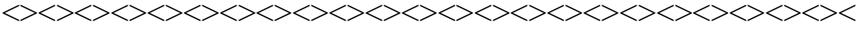
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! In the scripture reading today we hear about when God had had enough of Job’s ranting about his suffering, God took the microphone and set Job straight. God is more powerful, more knowledgeable, and more righteous than we can ever imagine. In short, God’s got our back.

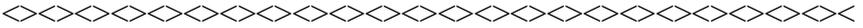
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for A Life Rebuilt Through Mercy and Compassion, Job 41:1-8; 42:1-17

RADIO SPONSORSHIP of today's worship service is in honor of my dad, Jerry Wall and my husband, John Shamp in recognition of Father's Day, and my daughter Chloe Shamp in honor of her 15th birthday on June 30th given by Melanie Shamp.

A **RADIO GIFT** has been given by Neil & Jane Silker in honor of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on June 29th.



Offering \$3,035; Borrowed \$22,000



BROUGHT TO CHRIST through Holy Baptism Sunday, June 28th is Janessa Idell Bak, daughter of Justin and Jessica Bak. Her sponsors are Jenna & Jessie Daulton and Jamie & Travis Breitkreutz. May God bless Janessa and her family!



Relay for Life of Cottonwood County is planning on sponsoring the pancake breakfast during the new Riverfest date. If anyone would like to be involved in some way please contact Mary Theesfeld at (507)822-2443 or Mary Schaufenbuel at (507)380-3360.

Covid-19 Assistance Fund Update

While originally formed to help one time with financial assistance the committee thought that there would continue to be a need for financial assistance because of this pandemic. We also realize that some people have not received their stimulus check to even have had the opportunity to donate it. Therefore we are continuing to take applications and donations. The new due date for applications is **July 18th**. Thank you ALC members!

Worship at the lake, Sunday, July 12th, 9:00 AM at Cottonwood Lake. Come as you are and bring your own chair and sunscreen.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship will be serving ice cream treats following the service.

Dear American Lutheran Friends, a nice surprise was delivered to our doors last week. It made us smile and really made our day! We're thankful for you and that you're thinking of us. We've all been well. Thanks again and God bless you all.

~From your friends at Hillside Manor.

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.