

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**NATIONAL CANCER
SURVIVORS DAY®**

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

2020

LIFE AFTER CANCER IS
SOMETHING WORTH CELEBRATING.
AND A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
ALL CANCER SURVIVORS
IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR.

June 7th, 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

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

VIDEO

American Cancer Society

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Cancer Survivors Day: Recognition of Survivors and

Caregivers: Today we give thanks to God for those who have had a

diagnosis of cancer and survived. We want to honor, bring attention to

the ongoing challenges cancer survivors face, and most importantly

celebrate life! We also want to thank God for medical professionals and

caregivers who provide support for those who have cancer. If you want

to learn more about Relay for life, joining a team, or giving a donation

you can go to www.cancer.org/involved/fundraise/relay-for-life.html.

When will ALC open back up? We never closed! We are the

Church, the body of Christ, in the building or in our daily lives. We

recognize that COVID-19 continues to be a serious health threat to our

community. For this reason, Worship continues on-line and by the radio

until further notice. On May 23rd, new guidelines for faith communities

were issued by the state of MN allowing us to gather at 25%

capacity. The ALC “Reopening Team” is reviewing these guidelines

along with directives from the Southwest MN Synod, and the ELCA to

prepare a way forward. The ALC Council meets on June 9th to receive

these recommendations. In the meantime, your congregation’s staff and

leadership are here for you!

June 28th will be **Creation Sunday**. Please submit photos of God’s

creation to the *church office* no later than Tuesday, June 23.

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.

Cultivating Community: Since the death of George Floyd a lot has

happened. First, he shouldn't have died. Second, not all cops are

bad. Third, protests are good but why so much destruction? Pastor

Ingrid Arneson Rasmussen, the niece of Jane Cartwright serving at Holy

Trinity Lutheran Church in the heart of Minneapolis reflects on the

destruction, as she wipes away her own tears: “These are symptoms of a

society that has suffered for too long under the crushing weight of

inequality.” This calls for action. Holy Trinity is doing amazing work in

the neighborhood in food distribution, connecting with their neighbors

and beginning the work of rebuilding. Could American Lutheran Church

partner with Holy Trinity in these efforts? This work will be ongoing,

but to help now, financial gifts are welcome through American Lutheran Church with the designation “justice.”

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord has blessed us with all we have.

C: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

L: The Lord will not abandon us.

C: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

L: The Lord is present in all our struggles.

C: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

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)

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 **“We Praise You, O God”** ELW #870 (PD)

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, You long for your children to seek you at all times, not only when we are in need of something. Teach us the faith that reaches for our creator above anything else, and does not waver when life becomes challenging. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

READING

Job 1: 1-22

Pew Bible p. 392

Video Scripture Reader: Sarah Tailowright

Introduction: Job was a man of great faith, and God rewarded him abundantly. But when Satan was given permission to test him, how would his faith stand up? Job's story makes us wonder just what faith is.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. ²There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. ³He had seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen,

five hundred donkeys, and very many servants; so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east.

⁴His sons used to go and hold feasts in one another's houses in turn; and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

⁵And when the feast days had run their course, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." This is what Job always did.

⁶One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. ⁷The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ⁸The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil." ⁹Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing?" ¹⁰Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." ¹²The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!" So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

¹³One day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother's house, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were feeding beside them, ¹⁵and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁶While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁷While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁸While he was still speaking, another came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, ¹⁹and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you." ²⁰Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshiped. ²¹He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;

blessed be the name of the Lord.”²² In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong-doing.

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

CREATIVE SKIT “Back at the Office....”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY

“You are Mine”

ELW #581

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still, and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

Refrain:

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. *Refrain:*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! *Refrain:*

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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) 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.

VIDEO CLIPS "A Hope for Today"

Isaac and Elliana Tadé and Pastor Ingrid C.A. Rasmussen

PRAYER

We have been richly blessed, O God. Remind us of your generosity and receive these gifts we offer as a tribute of love, that we might be a similar blessing to others, all the children of your kingdom. 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.**

