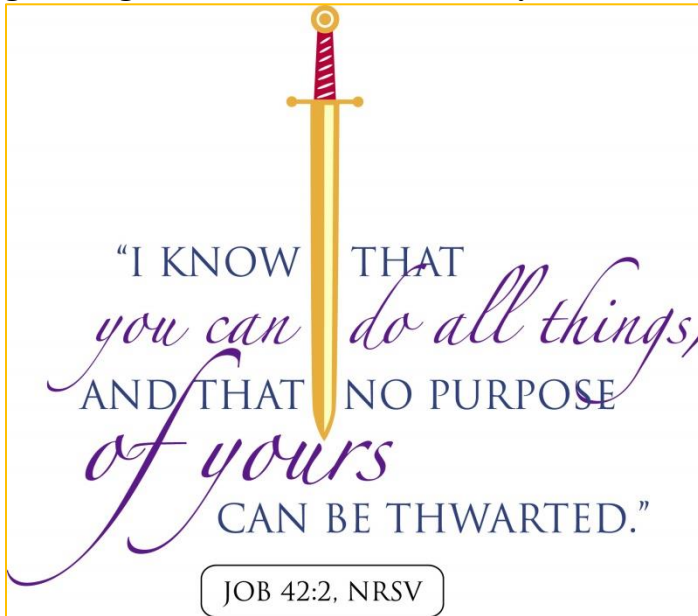


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**July 1st, 2020 5:30 PM &  
July 5th, 2020 9:00 AM**  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Cancelled-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

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist (Wed)

MicheLe Larson, Organist (Sun)

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.

**\*\*\*Mid-Year Meeting July 19<sup>th</sup> during the 9:00 AM Worship Service. Please plan to attend.\*\*\***

**Holy Communion** will be offered Sundays, July 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesdays, July 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Holy Communion will be served at the end of the services. As you exit the sanctuary please pick up the wafer and the wine as you leave the sanctuary.

**Worship at the lake, Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Collect your coins! We will be starting up **Noisy Offerings** on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>! 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!"

**The Banquet in Sioux Falls** is still on for Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God sees and knows all things,

C: **And cannot be stopped.**

L: We speak out of ignorance

C: **The things we don't know.**

L: Praise God, who still loves us

C: **The God of our wisdom!**

OPENING HYMN "*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*" ELW #888

1) O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain: America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

2) O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life: America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

3) O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thing alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears: America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

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: *please respond with a quiet voice.* ELW p. 213

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 "Heal our Land" Mark Nass, vocals  
& MicheLe Larson, organ

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of wisdom, You have the power to forgive and restore our lives, just as you did for Job. Accept our remorse for where we have walked astray and bring us back into relationship with you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

READING Job 41:1-8, 42:1-17 Pew Bible p. 423

Video Scripture Reader: Betty Olson

41) "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook, or press down its tongue with a cord? <sup>2</sup>Can you put a rope in its nose, or pierce its jaw with a hook? <sup>3</sup>Will it make many supplications to you? Will it speak soft words to you? <sup>4</sup>Will it make a covenant with you to be taken as your servant forever? <sup>5</sup>Will you play with it as with a bird, or will you put it on leash for your girls? <sup>6</sup>Will traders bargain over it? Will they divide it up among the merchants? <sup>7</sup>Can you fill its skin with harpoons, or its head with fishing spears? <sup>8</sup>Lay hands on it; think of the battle; you will not do it again!"

42) Then Job answered the Lord: <sup>2</sup>"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup>"who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

<sup>4</sup>Hear and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’ <sup>5</sup>I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; <sup>6</sup>therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

<sup>7</sup>After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. <sup>8</sup>Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has done.” <sup>9</sup>So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them; and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.

<sup>10</sup>And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

<sup>11</sup>Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup>The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup>He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup>He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup>In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup>After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. <sup>17</sup>And Job died, old and full of days.

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 Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”* LBW #562

Lift ev’ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list’ning skies,

let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

#### 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 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

**You do not require burnt offerings, O Lord, but you delight in the gifts your people bring you. Bless these offerings and use them for your purposes in the world, through the power of your Holy Spirit, Amen.**

### HOLY COMMUNION (Sunday)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW p. 112

### LORD'S PRAYER (Wednesday) 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 "Mine Eyes" (Battle Hymn) ELW #890

1) Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord: he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored: he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.

**Refrain:** Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2) He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat. Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. **Refrain:**

3) In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free, while God is marching on.

*Refrain:*

**DISMISSAL**

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

*\*\*\*Please remain seated until the ushers dismiss you.\*\*\**

**POSTLUDE**

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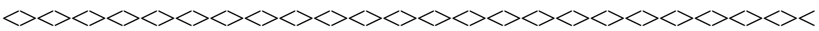
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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran! In the scripture reading for today, when God finished putting Job in his place, Job realized he had overstepped with his ranting. Job repented and God blessed him even more greatly than before.

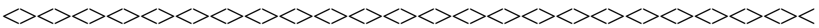
**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for the start of the next series:

“Consolation” 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** of today’s worship service is given by Lee & Sandy Peterson, in memory of their parents Glen & Erma Johnson and Oscar & Grace Peterson.



Offering \$6,630; Borrowed \$22,000



**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 18<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you ALC members!

**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.



## **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.