

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**July 15th, 2020 5:30 PM &
July 19th, 2020 9:00 AM
Seventh 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

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.

First Communion for 5th Graders will be celebrated Wednesday, July 22 and Sunday, July 26th.

Holy Communion will be offered Wednesday, July 22nd and Sunday, July 26th. 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.

The ALC is **NOT** going to go to **the Banquet in Sioux Falls** this year on Thursday, July 23rd, 2020. We still want to raise our goal of a \$1,000 to donate to the Banquet. If you would like to give to the Banquet there is a monetary donation jar located in the back of the church. Thank you for donating.

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 our Creator, Jesus our Savior and of the Holy Spirit who makes us one.

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has forgiven us,

C: And so shall we forgive.

L: God has shown mercy to us,

C: And so shall we show mercy.

L: God has loved us,

C: And so shall we love.

OPENING HYMN “*You Are Mine*” (vs 1,3,&4) ELW #581

1) “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.

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.”

3) “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:

4) “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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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Loving God,

C: When our path becomes difficult, we do not always turn to you. We look for an easy way out. We escape in avoidance and addiction. We forget your promises and seek what does not satisfy. Forgive us and bring us back into the strength of your Spirit.

P: God is generous and loving and forgiving. Hear and believe that your sins are washed away and that new life is yours through Christ our Lord.

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 ***“Change My Heart O God”*** ALC #82

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, You call us to show the same forgiveness to others which you have shown to us. Enlarge our hearts to accept those who have wronged us, and grant us all your Spirit of healing and compassion, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 2:1-10. Pew Bible p. 938
Video Reader: MicheLe Larson

So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. ²For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? ³And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. ⁴For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you. ⁵But if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but to some extent—not to exaggerate it—to all of you. ⁶This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; ⁷so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸So I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹I wrote for this reason: to test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ.

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

CREATIVE KIDS SKIT #2 Life in the Youth Room...

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

SONG OF THE DAY **“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 engulf's 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!

MID-YEAR MEETING (Sunday only)

APOSTLES' CREED (Wednesday only) 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

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

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

We offer these gifts not out of guilt for our misdeeds, but out of generosity towards the children whom you love. Accept and bless

them in the spirit by which they are given, moving us to focus more on others than ourselves, for the sake of your kingdom on earth, Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION
(Wednesday only: Holy Communion will be shared as you leave the sanctuary.)

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

(Wednesday) "O Living Bread from Heaven" (1,2,&4) ELW #542

- 1) O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given, have filled my heart with rest. O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er-flows!
- 2) My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place, and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace; for you have freely given what earth could never buy, the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
- 4) Oh, grant me then, well strengthened with heav'nly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear; and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

(Sunday) "Go, My Children with my Blessing" (vs 1&2) ELW #543

- 1) "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2) “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

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DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord/ We will! Thanks be to God!
****Please remain seated until the ushers dismiss you.****

HOLY COMMUNION will be served as you exit the sanctuary on Wednesday evening.

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American and Bethany Lutheran Churches. In the scripture reading, Paul had offended his community and it caused a man to suffer for his sin even more greatly than was necessary. Paul asked forgiveness of his community and then urged that they also forgive the man. They learned forgiveness can be a powerful tool toward healing.

Included in our Sunday worship service is our Mid-year meeting of ALC. The word *liturgy* means *work of the people*. At the Mid-Year Meeting in the midst of worship we review our *work* and shared ministry of the Gospel as God’s people in this place.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Treasure in Clay Jars: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

RADIO SPONSORSHIP of today’s worship service is in honor of Jay & Lori Mickelson’s 40th Wedding Anniversary, today!

