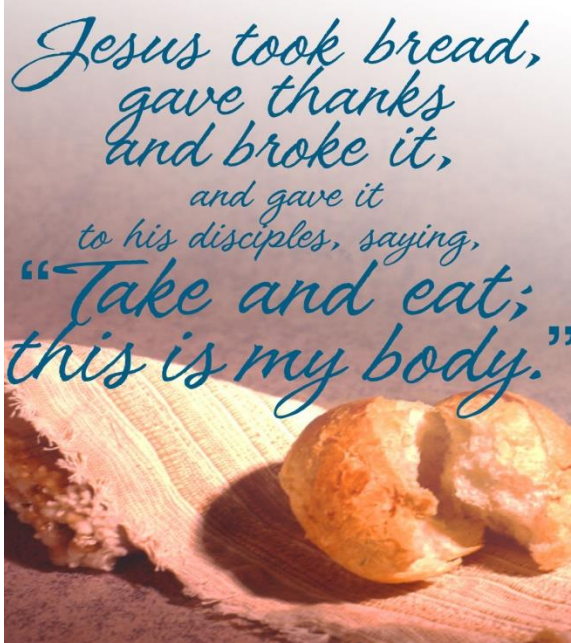


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020**

**5:30 PM Worship Service**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Cancelled-Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship**

**Sundays 9:00 am Worship at the Lake**

**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

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.

**The American Lutheran Church of Windom is moving their 9:00 AM Sunday worship services to Cottonwood Lake for the rest of the summer!** The start date is July 26th. Whether you're a member or not we'd love to have you worship with us! Bring a chair and we'll see you there! For those who prefer to worship indoors, join us on Wednesdays at ALC for our 5:30 PM worship. Please Note: If there is bad weather our service will be moved back to the Sanctuary at ALC.

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 Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's mercy is ours,

C: **So we do not lose heart.**

L: God's light shines out of darkness

C: **And into our hearts.**

L: Even though we are frail,  
C: **God's Spirit works in us.**

OPENING HYMN                      *“Amazing Grace”*                      ELW #779

- 1) Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2) ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3) Through many dangers, toils, and snare I have already come; ‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4) The Lord has promised good to me: his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5) When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4 anonymous, st. 5. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835,; arr. Edwin O. Excel, 1851-1921, alt.

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                      *“Have Mercy on us, Lord”*                      ELW p. 203

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.**

- 1) Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear you living word; it saves us from despair.
- 2) Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
- 3) Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Oh How He Loves You and Me*” ALC #39

Oh how He loves you and me; Oh, how He loves you and me. He gave His life what more could He give? Oh, how He loves you; oh, how He loves me; Oh, how he loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go. His love for sinners to show. What He did there brought hope from despair. Oh, how He loves you; oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal God, You have come to make immortal things visible through mortals. Use us and our lives to reflect your glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

MUSIC “*Sweet, Sweet, Spirit*” 2017 Chordhustler’s Show

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 Bible p.939

Video Reader: Rick Quade

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But

we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

<sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you. <sup>13</sup>But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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

CREATIVE KIDS SKIT: #3 Life in the Youth Room...

Lilly Derickson and Nolan Tjentland

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

***"Be Thou My Vision"***

ELW #793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art; Thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and  
thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high  
tow'r, raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance now and always; thou and thou only, the first in my heart. great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931. Music: Irish traditional SLANE

## 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

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

## SHARING OF THE PEACE USING SIGN LANGUAGE

(Hug/ I love you hand gesture)

## 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.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Accept and bless the gifts which your children present to you in gratitude for the blessings which you have also given us. May our time on this earth be spent in service to your world in need, and in glory to you, O God. Amen.**

# THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Recognition of First Communicants

Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion will be shared as you leave the sanctuary

## BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“Oh, Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts”* ELW #658

1) O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life the light of all;  
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your  
call.

2) We taste you, everliving bread, and long to feast upon you still;  
we drink of you, the fountain- head; our thirsting souls from you  
we fill.

3) For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is  
cast; glad, when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we  
hold you fast.

4) O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and  
bright! Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your  
holy light.

Text: attr, Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr.Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt. Music: W.  
Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815. WALTON.

## 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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**WELCOME** to worship at American and Bethany Lutheran  
Churches! Twelve 5th graders will be recognized for their First  
Communion on Wednesday and Sunday. In the scripture reading  
Paul addressed the Corinthians' suffering, reminding them that their  
bodies were frail, breakable vessels that contained the uncontainable—  
God's Holy Spirit.

