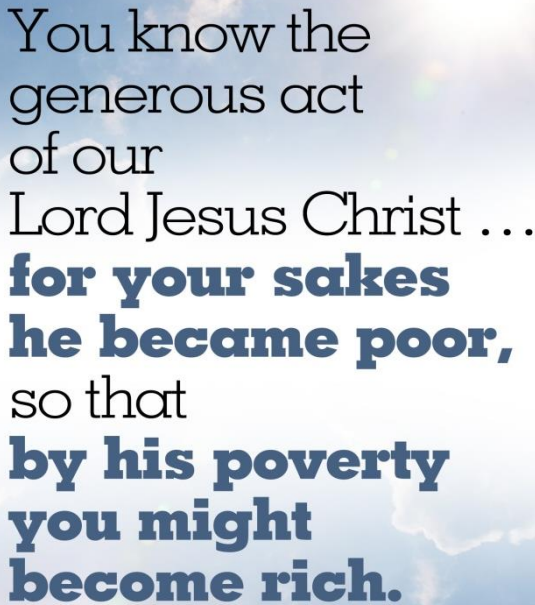


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



You know the
generous act
of our
Lord Jesus Christ ...
**for your sakes
he became poor,**
so that
**by his poverty
you might
become rich.**

Wednesday, August 5th, 2020

5:30 PM Worship Service

Tenth 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

Angie Erickson, 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.

Celebration of Life for Delores Joan (Vernone) Olson on Saturday, August 8th, 2020 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at the Windom Community Center. This will be both indoor and outdoor seating.

Generosity in the time of COVID-19 from the Ondini Circuit and our very own community. (*Photos on Screen*)

NOISY OFFERING

St. Dysmas

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Though Christ was rich,

C: Yet he became poor

L: That in so doing

C: We might become rich.

L: Rich in the Spirit,

C: And rich in God's love.

OPENING HYMN

"Shine Jesus Shine"

ALC #127

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; by the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness, Shine on me, shine on me. (**Chorus**)

As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story, Shine on me, shine on me. (**Chorus**)

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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 (Setting Ten) 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 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

(vs 1, 4, 7) ELW #619

- 1) I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! he lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everliving head!
- 4) He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.
- 7) He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, You call us to share what we have been given. Open us to the needs of others that we might be blessed through our giving, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

HARP SOLO *“Be Still My Soul”* (Finlandia) Karen Wojahn

READING 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Pew Bible p.941

Scripture Reader: Sarah Tailowright

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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

KIDS' SKIT: #5 Final one - "Life in the Youth Room"

Lilly Derickson, Xavier Roberts, Erin Shamp, & Nolan Tjentland

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* ELW #689

- 1) Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2) God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3) Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share, one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
- 4) Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will unger; your love sustaining showers the 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

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bountiful God, accept and bless these gifts we bring before your altar, that our abundance may supply the need of others, and as a result our joy might be overflowing, in the power of the Spirit, 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW #685

- 1) Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my day’s let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2) Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 4) Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold; take my intellect, and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.
- 5) Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6) Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal 1836-1879, alt. Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870. PATMOS

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 Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, Early Christian communities often struggled to get their resources met, while others thrived. Paul encouraged the

CHANGE OF PLANS! ATTENTION SR. LEAGUE! (Going into 9th-12th Grade) Join us for a day filled with fun at **Wild Water West! Friday, August 28th leaving at 10am.** Park is open from 11am-8pm. We will return home by 9:30pm or when everyone is tired! Tickets are \$25 each. Pay when you sign up. Bring extra money for food or bring a sack lunch. Please sign up by Friday, August 21st.

JR. LEAGUE PIZZA AND POOL PARTY! SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH AT 6PM. Meet at Island Park at 6pm. We will have pizza and devotions and then go swimming. We will also have ice cream after swimming.

FACEBOOK STORY ON GENEROSITY: A few days ago a Kentucky garbage man noticed no trash cans were being put out at an elderly woman's house on his route for two straight weeks. He was concerned enough to share the address with his supervisor. She found the name of the woman at the address and called her: "Ms. Smith, we noticed you haven't put out your cans for a while. Are you ok?" Ms. Smith replied: "I'm ok. But my caretaker was so afraid of the virus that she stopped coming. I can't get to the store. I don't have any trash because I've run out of food. And I don't have any family to help me." After a long pause, the caller said: "You do now. We are your family." She let her truck driver know of the sad news. The next day, on his day off, he knocked on her door and asked her to make up a grocery list. "Ms. Smith— the list is too short." She added a few more items. "Ms. Smith, this list is still too short. Would you mind if I looked into your fridge?" She relented. He opened the fridge and it was bare. Empty. An hour later, he brought in dozens of bags of groceries for a woman he hardly knew.

Tears, an air-hug that met social distancing protocol and the garbage man walked out of the house of this woman who was physically immobile, but levitating. A garbage man decided he'd reach out to someone and church broke out. His supervisor shared the creed with this elderly woman: "You have a family now."

I miss our services of worship. I miss that it's silent now. I'm sick to my stomach we had to push back are start-back date to gather.

But church? Church is happening all around us. It's a phone-call. It's a bag of groceries. It happens anytime someone tells another person who is Jesus in his best disguise: "You have a family now." Real church is not defined by a service of worship, but by servants of Christ. Remember to keep being church.