



WORSHIP AT THE LAKE

9:00 AM

Sunday, August 9th, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

American Lutheran Church, Windom

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5:30 PM Wednesday Worship

9:00 AM Sunday Worship at the Lake

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Ministers: Everyone

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LaVern Christianson

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Angie Erickson

GUITAR

Sarah Tailowright

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

St. Dysmas

As you leave, there will be an opportunity to place your Noisy Offering in the offering cans located on the front table.

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 SONG

"Shout to the Lord"

ALC #152

Chorus:

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing. Power and majesty praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand; Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You; All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength; Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You. ***Chorus***

CONFESSION AND 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.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear you living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

SONG OF PRAISE

“Holy Holy”

(vs 1 & 5)

ALC #48

Holy, holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah; And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Pew Bible p. 941

Scripture Reader: Brandon Roskamp

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, ⁹but 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.**”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, CE Coordinator

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 hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

APOSTLES’ CREED

“**I Believe, I do Believe**”

ELW p. 105

Led by Sarah Tailowright

Chorus:

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it,

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.

1. I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator.

I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator.

2. I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people Savior of the people, Savior of the people.

I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people Savior of the people, Savior of the people.

3. And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.

And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE IN SIGN LANGUAGE (God Bless You)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING

We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God’s love.

As you leave, there will be an opportunity to place your offering in the offering baskets located on the front table.

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 SONG

"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)**

DISMISSAL

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

Special Instructions for Outdoor Worship: We are thrilled that we can gather to worship God in creation at Cottonwood Lake! Here is how we will gather:

- Keep a six foot distance or more from anyone not in your family group.
- If you cannot keep a six foot distance you must wear a face covering.

REBUILDING TOGETHER is an organization in Windom that is looking to help repair and update homes of low-income people. Currently they have funds to build two ramps for wheelchairs into homes and the requirement is that they must be a veteran. If you know anyone who might qualify for this and could use a ramp into their home please let Pastor Adam know.

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 16TH 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.

Updates for BAM this fall: We are so excited to begin BAM this year! We have missed you all this summer and having you at church this spring at the end of BAM. The Christian Ed Board met on Tuesday, August 4, and after much prayer and careful consideration, they have made the decision to begin BAM with a **monthly family** take home packet and a weekly interactive ZOOM event.

This decision was made by considering the amount of kids we have and the size of our classrooms. Our first priority is the kids' safety. With physical distancing guidelines in place, we would only be able to fit 4-5 kids in each BAM room. Also taken into consideration was the fact that we will joyfully be housing part of the 4th grade class from Windom Middle School in the education wing of the church. We will reexamine virtual zoom and being back in the building depending on the COVID pandemic and social guidelines this fall! There is more information regarding formatting of BAM on the church website under the Christian Ed tab and on the church Facebook page. Please also be looking for a survey to complete coming via email, on the church website, and also on the church Facebook page. It is very important that BAM parents please complete the survey. Thanks for your flexibility in this unprecedented time.

Register for BAM at <https://vbspro.events/p/alcrockyrailway>

GLOW: Join us for School Kit Packing and Sewing Tuesday, August 18th from 9AM-12 Noon in the ALC Fellowship Hall. Due to Covid-19 cancellations, school kits for Lutheran World Relief still need to be packed! It is fun and no skills are needed! The quilts that were completed at winter sewing days are also going to Lutheran World Relief. However, the quilts going to the Women of Today Christmas Cheer boxes still need to be completed and we need your help! Bring your own beverage and mask and join us for a morning of laughter and God's work!

GLOW: It's "Back to School" time! School supplies are going on sale so please consider buying items to complete school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed include:

- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks (wide or college rule)
- 30 centimeter rulers or rulers with cm on one side and inches on the other.
- Another donation request: new, square potholders to be used to make "survival kits". Plain, floral, butterfly, bird designs preferred. Bring your donations to church during office hours, Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings when the building is open. Thank you!



Do you know anyone that wants communion, but are still not fully comfortable with coming to worship or cannot get to worship? As the restrictions on meeting in person are lifting in some areas like assisted living and you're comfortable with us coming into your home. We would love to bring communion to you! If you'd like us to bring communion, or just visit, please let the office know by calling 831-1794 or by email at winalc@windomnet.com and we'll make it a point to come over (with masks on of course) because we miss seeing you. This is available for anyone, not just those who cannot make it to worship.