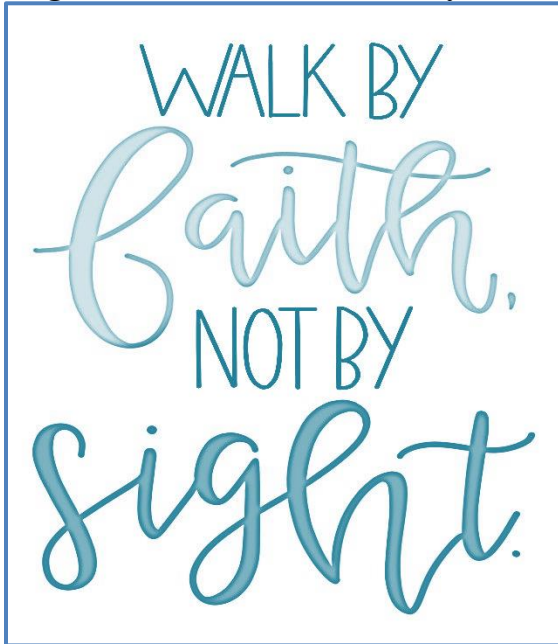


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Wednesday, July 29th, 2020

5:30 PM Worship Service

Ninth 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

Carol Vought, Organist

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! 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.

We will be sending in all the donations collected to **the Banquet** on Monday, August 3rd. If you would like to give there is a monetary donation jar located in the back of the church please do so before Monday. Thank you for donating.

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We need no earthly tent,

C: **We have a home from God.**

L: A house not made with hands,

C: **Eternal in the heavens.**

L: Of this we can be sure;

C: **Our promise is God's word.**

OPENING HYMN *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* ELW #759

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior

divine! Now hear me while I pray,

take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, the, in love, fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887 Music: Lowell Manson, 1792-1872 Hymn Tune: OLIVET

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!

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth; we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-wise God, You long for us to look upon the world through the loving eyes of your Spirit. Help us to see as you do, giving ourselves where we are needed, for the sake of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

MUSIC

“Have a Little Talk with Jesus”

2017 Chordhustler’s Show

READING

2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Pew Bible p. 939

Scripture reader: Jen Elness

5¹We know that if our earthly house—a mere tent that can easily be taken down—is destroyed, we will then live in an eternal home in the heavens, a building crafted by divine—not human—hands.² Currently, in this tent of a house, we continue to groan and ache with a deep desire to be sheltered in our permanent home³ because then we will be truly clothed and comfortable, protected by a covering for our current nakedness.⁴ The fact is that in this tent we anxiously moan, fearing the naked truth of our reality. What we crave above all is to be clothed so that what is temporary and mortal can be wrapped completely in life.⁵ The One who has worked and tailored us for this is God Himself, who has gifted His Spirit to us as a pledge toward our permanent home.⁶ In light of this, we live with a daring passion and know that our time spent in this body is also time we are not present with the Lord.⁷ The path we walk is charted by faith, not by what we see with our eyes.⁸ There is no doubt that we live with a daring passion, but in the end we prefer to be gone from this body so that we can be at home with the Lord.⁹ Ultimately it does not matter whether we are here or gone; our purpose stays fixed, and that is to please Him.¹⁰ In time we will all stand in judgment before the throne of the Anointed, the Liberating King, to receive what is just

for our conduct (whether it be good or bad) while we lived in this temporary body.

¹¹ So because we stand in awe of the one true Lord, we make it our aim to convince all people of the truth of the gospel; God sees who we really are, and I hope in some way that you'll look deeply into your consciences to see us as well. ¹² But we hope you understand that we are not trying to prove ourselves to you or pull together a résumé that will impress you. We are simply hoping that you will find a sense of joy in connecting with us. And when you are approached by others (who may value appearances more than the heart) asking questions about us, you will be able to offer an answer for them. ¹³ If we seem out of control or act like fanatics, it is for God. But if we act in a coherent and reasonable way, it is for you. ¹⁴ You see, the controlling force in our lives is the love of the Anointed One. And our confession is this: One died for all; therefore, all have died. ¹⁵ He died for us so that we will all live, not for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose from the dead. ¹⁶ Because of all that God has done, we now have a new perspective. We used to show regard for people based on worldly standards and interests. No longer. We used to think of the Anointed the same way. No longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is united with the Anointed One, that person is a new creation. The old life is gone—and see—a new life has begun! ¹⁸ All of this is a gift from our Creator God, who has pursued us and brought us into a restored and healthy relationship with Him through the Anointed. And He has given us the same mission, the ministry of reconciliation, to bring others back to Him. ¹⁹ It is central to our good news that God was in the Anointed making things right between Himself and the world. This means He does not hold their sins against them. But it also means He charges us to proclaim the message that heals and restores our broken relationships with God and each other.

²⁰ So we are now representatives of the Anointed One, the Liberating King; God has given us a charge to carry through our lives—urging all people on behalf of the Anointed to become reconciled to the Creator God. ²¹ He orchestrated this: the Anointed One, who had never experienced sin, became sin for us so that in Him we might embody the very righteousness of God.

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

CREATIVE KIDS SKIT: #4 Life in the Youth Room...

Lilly Derickson and Erin Shamp

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY *"The Lord will Keep me Safe and Holy"*

ALC #119

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- God Bless You

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

Make us ambassadors in your world, O God, and let these gifts we offer speak for us in response to your love and generosity. Join us with our brothers and sisters everywhere on earth, that all may know your mercy and care, in the name of Jesus. 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

“When Peace like a River”

(vs.1,3&4)

ELW #785

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well, (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul) it is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain:

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. Refrain:

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888 Music: Philip P. Bliss 1828-1876 Hymn tune: VILLE DU HAVRE

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

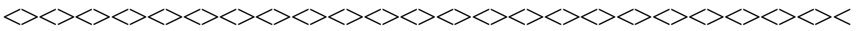
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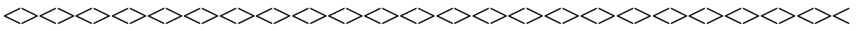
WELCOME to worship at American and Bethany Lutheran Churches! In the scripture reading, the pressures of the Corinthian community were pressing in on the baby Christian community. Paul encouraged the people to walk by faith, not by sight—see with the Spirit of God rather than with eyes.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Generosity 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

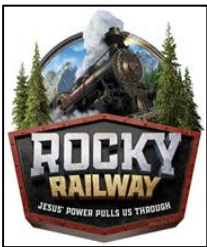
RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of August birthday's of Kendra Elness and Jesse Citrowske given by their grandma, Dorothy Elness.



Offering \$4,954; Borrowed \$22,000



BROUGHT TO CHRIST through Holy Baptism Sunday, August 2nd is Amelia Walton, daughter of Zac and Jessica Walton. May God bless Amelia and her family!



Ride the Rocky railway this Fall in BAM!

Here is more information on BAM:

Please make sure you register your child AND/OR sign up to be a BAM leader on the Website below!

<https://vbspro.events/p/alcrockyrailway>

Please indicate if they will be coming on Sunday or Wednesday.

We need your help! As you know, BAM for the kids cannot happen without leaders! I know there are many of you out there with the very special gift of leading these children! Please sign up to be a BAM leader by contacting Melanie or going to the website above! Thank you!

GLOW: Join us for **School Kit Packing and Sewing Tuesday, August 4th and 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!