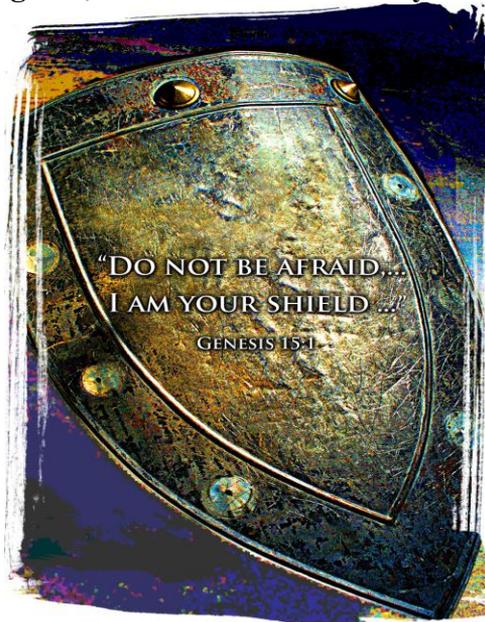


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Wednesday, September 16th, 2020

**5:30 PM Worship Service
Sixteenth 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

Kari Scheitel, 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.

TONIGHT! Wednesday, September 16th: Confirmation (8th-9th Grade) 6:30 pm, The Case for Faith, via zoom tonight only (7th Grade) 6:30 pm, Virtual BAM-Wed (N-4th Grade) 6:45 pm, and Virtual BAM-Wed (5th-6th Grade) 7:15 pm all BEGIN.

Sunday, September 20th: Virtual BAM-Sun (N-4th Grade) 10:30 am, Virtual BAM-Sun (5th-6th Grade) 11:15 am BEGIN and to kick off the school year joins us at 6:00 pm for our Burger Bash and a game of kickball at the rec fields. Bring your friends! All are welcome!

GATHERING

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord God is our God.

C: **And so, we are not afraid.**

L: The Lord is our shield,

C: **Protecting and watching over us.**

L: When we put our trust in God,

C: **Great is our reward.**

OPENING HYMN

“Here I Am to Worship”

ALC #66

1) Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see, Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: So here I am to worship; here I am to bow down; Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

2) King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. *Chorus:*

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of all ages,

C: You have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so. We succumb to things which are not good for us. We believe we know better than you. We refuse to put our trust in your promises. Sweep away our foolishness and bring us back into a trusting relationship with the one who has lovingly created us and longs to be our strength and life.

P: Dear people, hear these joyful words: You are forgiven! Your whiteboard is clean. Grace and mercy abound. Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate creator!

Amen.

KYRIE

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.

“Lamb of God” from Singing in Community Booklet.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

HYMN OF PRAISE **“10,000 Reasons - Bless the Lord”**

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

1) The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain:*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You long for us to trust that you hold our lives safely in your hands. Reveal the surprises you have for us in your

good time, and show us that your mercy never fails us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 15: 1-6 Pew Bible p. 10

Video Scripture Reader: Dale Evers

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY **"Protector of My Soul"** ALC #117

1) Oh Protector of my soul, You will stand against the foe; In the dark You'll be a light for me, Oh, Protector of my soul.

Chorus: You, Who created the ends of the earth guided me unto Your throne: Offered Your healing hand to me, Mercifully made me Your own.

2) Oh, gracious God above, I could never earn Your love; I'm amazed to see all You've given me. Oh, gracious God above. *Chorus:*

3) Oh, Holy Spirit, come, Show the world where life comes from; May they always see You alive in me, Oh, Holy Spirit, come. *Chorus:*

4) Oh Protector of my soul, You will stand against the foe; In the dark You'll be a light for me, Oh, Protector of my soul.

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NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

INSTALLATION OF SMALL GROUP GUIDES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE (hand wave or hello)

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

We offer what we have, O God, trusting that all we need will be provided for us. Use these gifts in your kingdom's work, and make our lives a blessing to others, for the sake of your Spirit. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Please remain seated for Holy Communion in the pews. All who recognize the real presence of Jesus in the Bread and the Wine are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. During the Words of Institution, take in hand your communion kit. Please take the wafer when "The Body of Christ Given to you" is spoken. Please drink the juice when "The Blood of Christ Shed for you" is spoken. When concluded, place the cup back in the bag, which you can dispose of when leaving the sanctuary.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***"The Trees of the Field"*** (sung 2x) ALC #78

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands. While you go out with joy.

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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.****

POSTLUDE

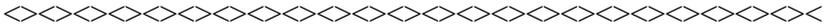
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, Abram doubted that God would fulfill God’s promise of descendants. But God reaffirmed God’s promise, stating Abram’s descendants would be as numerous as the stars. Often God’s promises are grand, and they are fulfilled in surprising ways.

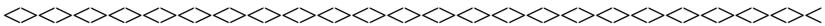
JOIN US NEXT WEEK God Works Through Joseph, Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s service is in honor of LaVerne & Marilyn Sell’s 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 18th.



Attendance last Wednesday: 30, Sunday: 105

Offering \$3,165; Borrowed \$10,000



We **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** today and this Sunday into our community of faith. Together, *living God’s grace, we cultivate community to love and serve!* Our New Members are Tom and Sue Jensen, Jennifer Nauman along with Aaden, Charlotte and Jonah Nauman, Beverly Phillips, Cindy Clark, Darren and Nicole Tietz, along with Quintin and Hayden Tietz, Kevin and Cheryl Ahern, and Stan and Marcia Erickson along with Lain. May God bless our life together!



ALC is *Staying Connected* with Jesus this

September: We may not all be together, but we can connect with Jesus and our church wherever we are. Join in worship, virtual

BAM, on-site confirmation, blessing of the backpacks, and welcoming of New Members this September! God is working, even when we can't see it, connecting us with each other and Jesus. See where you can connect!!

As a means to evangelize we're asking you to write a favorable review of ALC. Please go to our Facebook page and click Reviews on the left and leave us a positive review. The more we have the more our page shows up on internet searches. Thank you!

Join us TOMORROW, Thursday, September 17th for our **GLOW BIBLE STUDY** at 2 pm at the Island Park Shelter (weather permitting) or the Meeting Room across from the church office. If in doubt, call the church office for the location. Bring your own beverage and a lawn chair. This month's study is in the Gather Magazine, page 20. Session One "Holy Memory: Why we remember how God Re-Members us.

Also, **GLOW SEWING** will be on Tuesday, September 22nd at 9 AM bring your own beverage and mask. Come for a fun morning of fellowship and service as we assemble quilts for the Women of Today Christmas Cheer Boxes. Due to Covid-19 and canceled spring sewing, we need to make more quilts to donate to this worthy cause in December.

A GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The school has three families with kids who are in between grades kindergarten and 2nd who live within half a mile of the school and are too young to walk there and back and the buses won't bus them. It would be great if we could get people to help get these kids to and from school. If you could do that even one way once a week please let Pastor Adam or the office know.

Looking for individuals who would be willing to help lead worship services once a month on Wednesday nights. Vocalists, guitars, drums, instrumentalists contact Jane Cartwright (cartj58@gmail.com) for more information.

Attention 7th Graders! This Week ONLY (September 16th) A Case For Faith will be over Zoom! The following weeks will be IN PERSON in the Youth Room with John right after the Wednesday

evening worship service! We look forward to having you for a great year with A Case for Faith!

Join us for FREE Family Fun at the **BURGER BASH AND KICKBALL! THIS Sunday evening, Sept 20th at 6pm at the Park and Rec Fields!** The Youth and Family Board would love for you to come for a free meal of burgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and a drink. We will follow social distancing and food serving protocols. Hope to see you there!

SR. LEAGUE: (For 9th-12th Grades) Will be on Friday, September 25th. We will meet at the church at 7pm. We will be going to Mayflower park to play frisbee golf (weather permitting) and then go to the Shamp's for a bonfire, snacks and s'mores!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH the Christian Ed Board would love for you to join the caravan going to Center Creek Apple Orchard over by Fairmont. The board will be covering the cost for everyone to get in! Lots of great things for the kids to do at Center Creek Orchard. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:45am for a short devotion and prayer and families will be given handouts to do on the ride over! We encourage you to make signs for your car window with your family just for fun! Signs could say things like "ALC Windom Rocks!", "ALC loves Jesus!", "Fall for Jesus!" or any other fun things you come up with! As we caravan together, people will know we are together because of our signs. If you would like to go but don't have a vehicle to go, please contact Melanie!

REMINDER TO 10TH GRADE STUDENTS that will be getting confirmed in October: You will be recording your faith statements on Sunday, September 27th. Group 1 (last name beginning in A-J) will record at 1pm and Group 2 (last name beginning in K-Z) will be recording at 2pm.

SAVE THE DATE: Nursery Students (3 years old) will be receiving their Bibles at the September 23rd, 5:30 Wednesday evening service or the September 27th, 9am Sunday Morning Service.