



WORSHIP AT THE LAKE

9:00 AM

Sunday, September 20th, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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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Sarah Tailowright

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! Sunday, September 20th: Virtual BAM-Sun (N-4th Grade) 10:30 am, Virtual BAM-Sun (5th-6th Grade) 10:45 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!

NEW WORSHIP BAND FORMING! 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.

SHARE WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT ALC WITH OTHERS! As a way to reach out, we're asking you to write a favorable review of our church. 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!

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

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW #596

1) My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2) When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain:*

3) His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain:*

4) When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I them in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain:*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW #789

1) Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

2) We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; Keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when you go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

3) You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

4) Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill, Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868 Hymn Tune: BRADBURY

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 10

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.”

²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But 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.” ⁵He 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.”

⁶And 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, CE Coordinator

MUSICAL SELECTION

“First” by Lauren Diagle, sung by Eliana Tadó

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW #733

1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2) Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain:*

3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain:*

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APOSTLES’ CREED

I Believe, I do Believe

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.

Chorus:

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.

Chorus:

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*

Chorus:

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NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

We welcomed New Members on Wednesday and again today 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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE (Share a friendly hand wave, or hello)

OFFERING

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

"In this time of pandemic, the church is appreciative of all your offerings. As you leave today, there will be an opportunity to place your offering in the offering box located on the table to my left (towards the lake)".

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.

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.**

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.

A GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - DRIVERS NEEDED! The school has a few families with kids 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. Thank you!!

GLOW SEWING: Join us on Tuesdays 22nd from 9AM-Noon for a morning of fun, fellowship, and service as we assemble quilts for the Women of Today Christmas Cheer Box. Due to Covid and canceling of the spring sewing, we need to make more quilts to donate to this worthy cause in December.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADERS! Change of plans! A Case For Faith will now be IN PERSON in the Youth Room with John right after worship every Wednesday evening! We look forward to having you for a great year with A Case for Faith!

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 ending in A-J) will record at 1pm and Group 2 (last name ending 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.