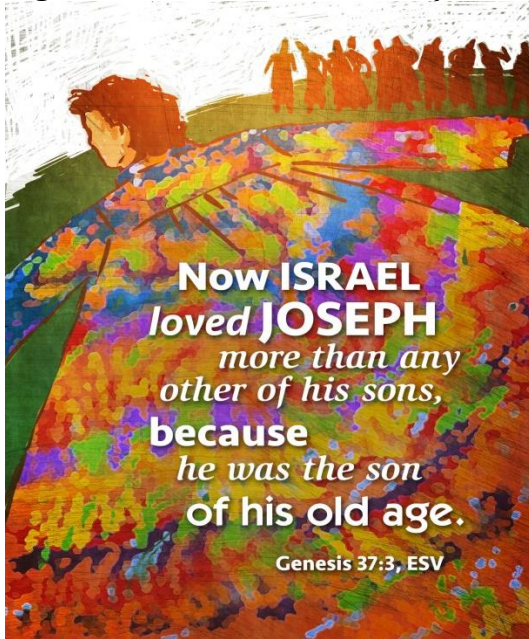


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020

5:30 PM Worship Service

Seventeenth 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

Sarah Tailowright, 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.

Gideons- Richard Gisch

GATHERING

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise to God,

C: Who knows our every weakness.

L: Praise to God,

C: Full of love and forgiveness.

L: What humans mean for harm,

C: God can transform into good.

OPENING HYMN *“We Praise You, O God”* ELW #870

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'er-take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

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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!

All: 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 **“Blessed Be Your Name”** ALC #158

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful; Where the streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name; Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, When I walk thro' the wilderness, blessed be Your name; Every Blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me; When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name; Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering; Tho's there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name; Every Blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say. *Chorus:*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, You have the power to turn our most foolish acts into something of benefit. Use our lives for your highest good, in spite of our own intentions, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

Scripture Reader: Dana Wallace

Pew Bible p. 30, 42

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with

sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, “Listen to this dream that I dreamed.

⁷There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.” ⁸His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

¹⁷The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, “Here

comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.”

²²Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?

²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. ²⁹When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰He returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?”

³¹Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³²They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” ³³He recognized it, and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” ³⁴Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

[Many years passed, and Israel died an old man.]

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God

of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

PRESENTATION OF NURSERY BIBLES

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY **“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”** ELW #358

Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong, half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along, by pow’rs and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for human kind. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends. Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit’s liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair, and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

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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 (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 our gifts, our wealth, our lives to your service, O God. Bless
what we have to give, and use it in ways we can only imagine, for the
sake of your world in need, and for the building of your kingdom.
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

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save
that thou art; thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or
sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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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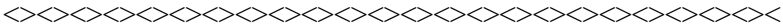
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, Joseph finally came face to face with the brothers that had done him wrong many decades ago. Here he would face a great challenge— would he avenge himself or would he offer forgiveness and seek reconciliation?

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for The Promise of Passover,
Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

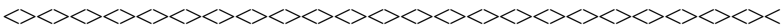
RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's service is in honor of the Cartwright and Tailowright families for all they do for the church.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in honor of Melvin and Romelle Wojahn's 68th Wedding Anniversary on September 28th.



Attendance last Wednesday: 55, Sunday: 102

Offering \$5,527; Borrowed \$10,000



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!

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!!

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.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY! We will be playing back the recording of Storytelling with Rachel Wrenn! She recorded this in July for the SWMN Synod. "Finding Trust When Trust is Hard: How the Holy Spirit guides God's people through hard times, through the lens of Ezra." This shall be fun to watch as she digs into some very interesting and thought-provoking things! This starts after worship Sunday, October 4th in the Fellowship Hall for 3 weeks.

SAVE THE DATE: BAM October Packet pick up Wednesday, September 30th. Packets can be picked up anytime during the day in the entry way of the parking lot doors. There are packets for Nursery-Pre-K and K-4th.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADERS! This A Case for Faith will be IN PERSON in the Youth Room with John right after the Wednesday evening worship service!

SR. LEAGUE: (For 9th-12th Grades) Friday, September 25th. We'll meet at the church at 7pm. Then go 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 join the caravan going to Center Creek Apple Orchard over by Fairmont. The Christian Ed board will be covering the cost for everyone to get in! 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, like "ALC Windom Rocks!", "ALC loves Jesus!", "Fall for Jesus!" or any things you come up with! People will know we are together because of our signs. If you would like to go but don't have a vehicle, please contact Mel!

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 on Sunday Morning also. Third Graders will be receiving their Bibles on Wednesday, September 30th and Sunday, October 4th!

JR. LEAGUE: Will be on Sunday, October 4th at 6:30pm at the church! If the weather permits, we will play games outside! Otherwise there will be games or a movie inside!