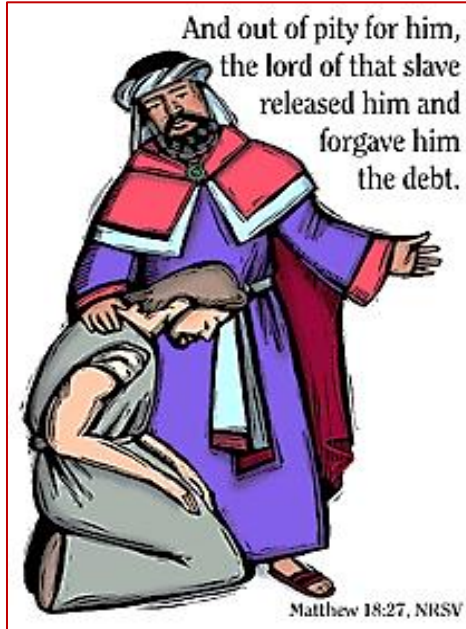


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020

5:30 PM Worship Service

Fourteenth 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.

Schedule Change: Blessing of the Backpacks will now be on Wednesday, September 9th and Sunday, September 13th due to Labor Day weekend.

God's Work Our Hands: The Church in Society Board decided on celebrating this event September 10th at 5pm. We will be visiting wildlife places near Windom to help clean them up and maybe clean up some ditches too. Everyone is invited to serve God by serving our neighbor and taking care of keeping God's creation pristine. Please let the church know if you plan on helping or just show up at the church parking lot ready to serve.

Welcoming of New Members: At American Lutheran Church we are followers of Jesus, who love community. We want a living relationship with God not just for us, but for all people. If you want to be a part of this ministry, we would love to have you! We'll be welcoming New Members at worship on September 16th and September 20th. Please contact our church office or one of the pastors to learn more.

GATHERING

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Forgive our sins, O Lord,

C: **As we forgive our neighbors.**

L: Show us your compassion,

C: **Because our lives are broken.**

L: Lift us up again

C: **To live as faithful people.**

OPENING HYMN *"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"*

ELW #510

1) Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and

love unending. Word almighty we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2) Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation, saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.

3) Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling, Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Guiding God,

C: You have shown us how to live a good life, yet we think we can do better on our own. We do not honor you or our neighbors, instead choosing to follow our selfish desires. We long to be free and yet hold others' wrongs against them. Release us from this endless cycle of guilt and poor choices. Restore us to yourself again, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: We are God's beloved children. You are forgiven! Almighty God, strengthen you with the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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 your 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!

HYMN OF PRAISE *“O Christ, Our Hope”* (v5) ELW #604

All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be to Father, Son, and Spirit blest through all eternity, through all eternity!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, You know the frailty of our souls even when we will not admit it. Give us courage to be honest about our faults, so that we can truly receive the forgiveness you have freely offered, for Jesus' sake, Amen.

TEACHINGS FROM THE CATECHISM

L. What does Luther's Small Catechism teach us about the Lord's Prayer?

C. The Fifth Petition is "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us."

L. What does this mean?

C. We ask in this prayer that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins nor deny these petitions on their account, for we are worthy of nothing for which we ask, nor have we earned it. Instead we ask that God would give us all things by grace, for we daily sin much and indeed deserve only punishment. So, on the other hand, we, too, truly want to forgive heartily and to do good gladly to those who sin against us.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18: 23-35 Pew Bible p. 800

Video Scripture Reader: Linda Jaakola

23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me,

and I will pay you.’ 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11: 1-4

Pew Bible p. 845

Congregation Response before: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

Congregation Response after: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“Our Father, God in Heaven Above”

(vs 1, 8, 9) ELW #747

1) Our Father, God in heav’n above, pour out on us the Spirit’s love that we unite in word and deed and call to you in ev’ry need; help us no thoughtless words to say, but, as our Savior taught, to pray.

8) Deliver us from evil, Lord; in fearsome days your help afford. Free us at last from death’s grim pow’r, and comfort us in life’s last hour; in mercy give us calm release, breathe into us eternal peace.

9) Amen. Yes, yes it shall be so! Build up our faith and make it grow; beset by doubt, help us believe what here weak we shall receive. So, by your promise, in your name, with loud Amen you Yes we claim!

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PEACE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
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 bring these gifts before you, O God, confident of your blessing
and knowing that you will use them to benefit those who find
themselves in need. For the sake of all your children, we pray in
the name of our savior, Jesus Christ, 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 ***“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”***

ELW #543

- 1) “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
- 2) “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
- 3) “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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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

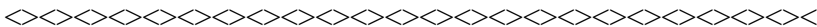
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, The Lord’s Prayer invites us to practice the vulnerable art of receiving forgiveness, just as we practice offering it.

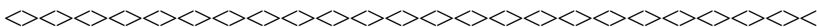
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Creation and Fall, Genesis 2: 4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's service is in memory of Linda Fossing Ryan.



Attendance last Wednesday: 20, Sunday: 85

Offering \$4,227; Borrowed \$10,000



Next Sunday's **NOISY OFFERING** will be designated for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Bring your spare change!

The Church and Office will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

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), pens (black or blue), and blunt school scissors. For **baby kits, items needed** are bath size ivory soap, and hand towels. For **personal care kits, items needed** are bath size soap and new bath towels. Please bring your donations to church during office hours, Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings when the building is open. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS:

Please remember to complete the BAM survey that was sent out. You can also find it on Facebook and on the church website. Also, please register for BAM at <https://vbspro.events/p/alcrockyrailway>

The packet pick-up for the first month of virtual BAM will be on Wednesday, September 9th. Packets can be picked up anytime that day during the day in the entry way of the parking lot doors. There are packets for Nursery-Pre-K and K-4th. If you have a 5th-6th grader, Small Catechisms will be mailed out.

YOUTH NEWS:

Wednesday, September 2nd: Confirmation Small Group Guides Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Parent meeting: Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm (right after 5:30pm worship): 8th Grade parents please meet in the sanctuary. 9th Grade parents, please meet in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 16th: CONFIRMATION BEGINS! 6:30pm. 8th Grade in the Sanctuary, 9th Grade in the Fellowship Hall!