



WORSHIP AT THE LAKE

9:00 AM
Sunday, September 6th, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

American Lutheran Church, Windom
906 Prospect Ave, PO Box 188
Windom MN 56101; Phone: 507-831-1794
E-Mail: winalc@windomnet.com
Website: www.alcofwindom.com
5:30 PM Wednesday Worship
9:00 AM Sunday Worship at the Lake
Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
Ministers: Everyone

ACCOMPANIST

Carol Vought

GUITAR

Sarah Tailowright

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Worship Team: Would you be willing to be on a Worship Team to help lead Wednesday night worship once a month? ALC is beginning to build a team of interested musicians and vocalists. Please contact the church office or Jane Cartwright, Worship and Music Coordinator for more information.

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 will 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.

From Sunday and Seasons.com.Text © James Quinn, S.J., Selah Publishing Co., Inc., North American agent. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies #SAS020594

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.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

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"

(v 5)

ELW #604

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

From Sunday and Seasons.com. Text: Latin hymn, c.8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt. Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561 Hymn tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies #SAS020594

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

Scripture Reader: Jane Cartwright

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, CE Coordinator

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11: 1-4

Pew Bible p. 845

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

He 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!

From Sunday and Seasons.com.Text © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies #SAS020594

APOSTLES' CREED ***"I Believe, I do Believe"***

ELW p. 105

Led by Sarah Tailowright

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 it, 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.*
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.*
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.*

Words and Music by John Ylvisaker © John Ylvisaker CCLI #836709

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 (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)”.

OFFERTORY 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Please remain seated; Holy Communion will be distributed to you. All who recognize the real presence of Jesus in the Bread and the Wine are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Simply extend your hand to receive. Children who have not yet received instruction or anyone else who wishes not to partake may receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest if this is your wish.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW #471

1) Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.
Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2) Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees; *Refrain:*

3) Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees;
Refrain:

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“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.”

From Sunday and Seasons.com. Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House Outside USA: Arr. from The English Hymnal, © Oxford University Press 1906. Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies #SAS020594

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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.

GLOW BIBLE STUDY: All ALC women are invited to join us on Thursday, September 17th, 2 PM at the Island Park Shelter (weather permitting) or the meeting Room across from the church office. If in doubt, please call the church office for the location. Bring your own beverage and lawn chair. We'll be studying the September "Gather" magazine page 20, Session one, *Holy Memory: Why we Remember and How God Remembers Us*" If you have any questions contact Carolyn Torkelson at 831-5986. Hope to see you there!

GLOW Point of Information: In August, 58 School Kits, 47 Baby Kits, and 27 Quilts were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul. Thank you to ALL who donated and helped make these!

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be on Wednesday, September 9th at the 5:30 PM Worship service and Sunday, September 13th at the 9 AM Worship at the Lake service!

VIRTUAL BAM BEGINS:

Wednesday, September 16th: BAM-Wed. via Zoom at 6:30 pm for Nursery-4th grade. BAM-Wed. Zoom at 7:15 pm for 5th-6th Grade and BAM-Wed. Zoom at 6:30 with John Shamp for 7th Grade.

Sunday, September 20th: BAM-Sun. via Zoom at 10:30 am for N-4th grade and BAM-Sun. Zoom at 11:15 for 5th-6th Grade.

YOUTH NEWS:

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!