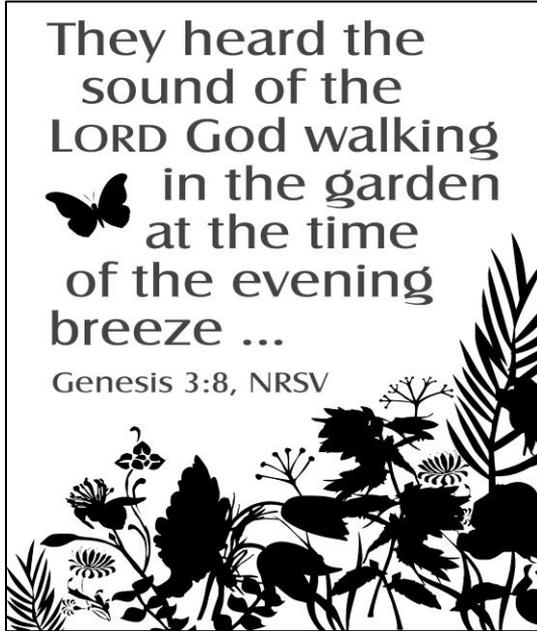


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Wednesday, September 9th, 2020

5:30 PM Worship Service

Fifteenth 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.

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.

Wednesday, September 16th: Confirmation (8th-9th Grade) 6:30 pm, The Case for Faith (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!

NOISY OFFERING

Prayer Shawls Ministry

As you leave, there will be an opportunity to place your Noisy Offering in the offering cans located in the back of the church.

GATHERING

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Clothe us with your wisdom, Lord,

C: **And open our eyes to your light.**

L: Take away our guilt and shame,

C: **And cover us with forgiveness.**

L: Let us not hide ourselves from you,

C: **But in freedom give you praise.**

OPENING HYMN **“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”**

1) He’s got the whole world in His hands; He’s got the whole wide world in His hands; He’s got the whole world in His hands; He’s got the whole world in His hands.

2) He’s got the wind and rain in His hands; He’s got the wind and rain in His hands; He’s got the wind and rain in His hands; He’s got the whole world in His hands.

3) He’s got you and me in His hands; He’s got you and me in His hands; He’s got you and me in His hands; He’s got the whole world in His hands.

4) He’s got every-body in His hands; He’s got every-body in His hands; He’s got every-body in His hands; He’s got the whole world in His hands.

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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

“Jesus Loves Me”

ELW #595

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven’s gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain:*

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. *Refrain:*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt. Music: William B. Bradburym 1816-1868 Hymn Tune:
JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, You created people not as subjects to rule, but as partners in tending and enjoying this bountiful earth. Help us release our shame and guilt over what we have done wrong, accepting instead your mercy and forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PIANO SOLO

Morgan Roskamp’s Alouette arranged by Jennifer Eklund *screens*

READING

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

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Scripture Readers: Sadie Tjentland, Caelen Rahlston, Penelope Roberts, and Max Brodin

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—⁷then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent,

“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’“ ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. ⁸They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS/TOOLS OF EDUCATION

Melanie Shamp, CE Coor. & Miranda Roskamp

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *God, Whose Almighty Word* ELW #673

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight; health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind; oh, now to humankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the water’s face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth’s darkest place let there be light.

Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might; boundless as ocean’s tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt. Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796 Hymn Tune: ITALIAN HYMN

APOSTLES’ CREED

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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

**You have freely given everything to us, O Lord. Teach us to be
good stewards of all your gifts, and accept these offerings we now
present as tokens of our gratitude and reflections of your
generosity to all people, for the sake of Christ. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

*Please remain seated; Holy Communion will be served 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. Simply extend your hand to receive. Children who*



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!!

Today's **NOISY OFFERING** is designated for our Prayer Shawl Ministry here at ALC. The Prayer Shawl Ministry was created to help those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Prayer shawls help individuals know that someone has been and continues to pray for them. It also encourages them to know that God is with them every step of the way, every day. Each Prayer Shawl costs about \$15 to make. Please consider donating to this great Ministry.

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 is TODAY Wednesday, September 9th. Packets can be picked up 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:

Confirmation Parent meeting: Tonight 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!