

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



October 11, 2020 9:00 AM
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Sundays 9:00 am Worship & 10:30 am Virtual BAM-S
Wednesdays 5:30 pm WOW & 6:30 pm Virtual BAM-W

Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
Ministers: Everyone

WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

If you are new to us or visiting from another church, please fill out a postcard for us. We'd love to be in touch with you.

AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING may be in progress during church services /events. Audio, video, and/or photos of the services/events may be posted or aired online for public viewing.

Things to keep in mind in the time of covid19: To best care for each other, we ask you to:

- wear a face covering unless you are 5 years old or younger or your prohibited by a health condition*
- keep a distance of 6 feet from others not in your family group.*
- be seated from front to back, and dismissed from back to front, as directed by an usher.*
- please leave the singing to song leaders.*
- stay home when not feeling well. Thank you for doing your part!*

GATHERING MUSIC

MicheLe Larson, 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.

NOISY OFFERING

Windom Area Schools Backpack Program

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

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

For 50 years of women's ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor bodies, **We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For the work of women serving as seminary professors and synod staff, chaplains and administrators, those who work for nonprofits, and those who are retired from paid ministries, **We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For all those who are discerning a call to serve Christ's church, for those who are in candidacy, and for those in their internship congregations, **We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For the witness of Mary Magdalene, the dance of Miriam, the hospitality of Lydia, the prayer of Mary, the discernment of Deborah, the courage of Rahab, and the faithfulness of our biblical foremothers, **We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For the witness of women in our church, Shetek Conference, and in the SWMN Synod, including Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson, our first woman pastor. **We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

Gracious and living God, **we praise you for calling all kinds of people to be witnesses to your grace and power. We celebrate how the Spirit has blessed your church through the work of women and girls, including in this time and place. Guide us, as your people, into welcoming your prophets and teachers among us and hearing Christ's good news through them. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN ***"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*** ELW #461

- 1) All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 2) All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 3) All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We are God's people, sheep of the Spirit's fold, lambs of Christ's flock, sinners of God's redeeming.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God, who already knows our hearts and welcomes our humility.

C: Loving God, our thoughts, our words, and our deeds are an open book to you. You have seen where we fall short. You know where we have strayed as individuals and as your church. In your mercy, forgive us and guide us into right ways of being— Ways of welcome, paths of mercy, habits of grace— So that we may live renewed in the joy of our salvation, prepared, equipped, and ready to meet Christ in our neighbors and in your creation. Amen.

P: God's ways are not our ways and God's thoughts are not our thoughts. Before we were made, God brought creation out of nothing and peace out of chaos. In this same love, God unyokes

you from sin and binds you to a new life and new living in Jesus Christ. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God.

All: Amen.

KYRIE **“Lamb of God”** from Singing in Community Booklet

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, 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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** (v3) ELW #858

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Text: Joachim Neander, tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt. Music: Erneverten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, Public Domain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most high God, you know our whole truth, and you give us refuge in the shadow of your wings. Continue to raise up girls and women to serve Christ’s church and strengthen all in the vocations to which you call us. And at the last, gather us with Miriam and the saints to dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 15:19-20 & Galatians 3: 26-29

Reader: Jean Johnson, GLOW Representative

¹⁹When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

²⁰Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah (Shetek Conference Women Pastors)

SONG OF THE DAY ***"In Christ There is No East Or West"***
ELW #650 w/video clips

Video: ***"We Are Called"***

1) In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Video: ***"Challenges"***

2) In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; his
service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Video: ***"Bible Verses & Positive Influences"***

3) Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

Video: ***"Color/LGBTQIA"***

4) In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

"In Christ There is No East Or West" Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt. Music: African American spiritual;
adapt. Harry T. Burleigh

VIDEO ***"We Say Yes to You"*** (screens)

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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.
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 long for us to worship you with acts of loving kindness. Bless
these gifts we offer to your service and for the benefit of all your
children in need. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***"You Are Mine"*** ELW #581

1) I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You
will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am
here.

2) I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

Refrain

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

3) I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name." *Refrain*

4) I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

We will! Thanks be to God!

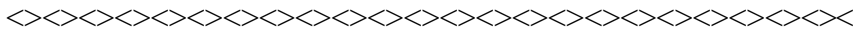
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church!

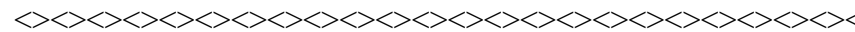
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for God Answers Hannah, 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Carole Jean Hanson.



Attendance last Wednesday 59; Sunday 83;

Offering \$5,860; Borrowed \$10,000



This service is being broadcast on Windomnet cable Channel 3 on October 15th at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

Today's **NOISY OFFERING** is designated for The Windom Area Schools Backpack Program which provides weekend meals to elementary students in Kindergarten - Fifth Grade. Generous donations from the community make this independent program possible, as it receives no school funding.



ADULT LEARNING TODAY!! Pastor Rachel Wrenn, married to our former pastor Tim Wrenn has just been installed as an adjunct faculty member at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Join Rachel in Adult Learning

by video today at 10:00 AM following worship in the Fellowship Hall: "Storytelling - Week 2, Finding Trust when Trust is Hard" on the book of Ezra.

THANKSGIVING BOXES: Church in Society (CIS) is again joining hands with our Community to provide turkey meals to families that could use a helping hand. CIS is collecting monetary donations to pack a minimum of fifty meals for families with the help of our local Dept. of Health and Human Services, businesses, organizations, and individuals. We would appreciate any donation, big or small, that would help. We could not complete this project without your donations. Thank you very much!! -From the Church in Society Board

There will be no virtual BAM-W (Bible and Me), Confirmation, Small Catechism, or Case for Faith due to **MEA break** on Wednesday, October 14th

Congratulations to the first group of confirmands that affirmed their baptism on Saturday, October 10th. **The second Confirmation service will be held on October 24th at 11:00 AM.** To allow space for social distancing for family members to attend, we ask that congregational members recognize these students by mailing them a card. This service will be streamed live on ALC's YouTube page. On Saturday the 24th, a link will also be posted between 10:30-10:45 am on ALC Facebook page to access this service. You can watch the October 10th Confirmation service by going to ALC's YouTube Channel. These Confirmation services will also be shown on local cable TV Channel 3 on Thursday, October 22nd and October 29th at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

October 10, 2020

- Ryan Boltjes
- Riley Borer
- Ethan Brockman
- Owen Dahna
- Henry Erickson
- Abigail Grunewald
- Anna Holtz
- Kaden Holtz
- Rebekah Johnson
- Kylee Johnson

October 24, 2020

- Mackenzie Doorenbos
- Camryn Elness
- Allison Negen
- Jaydan Petersen
- Damion Pohlman
- Cragen Porath
- Naomi Purrington
- Kameron Rupp
- Wyatt Scrivens
- Chloe Shamp
- Peyton Winters
- Abbigale Zieske



THANK YOU to Carol Christianson, Jane Cartwright, Rosie Davis, Kay Evers, Jean Johnson, Kelly Kleven, Betty Olson, Beth Scrivens, Jane Silker, Judy Trotter, Jackie Turner, Donna Vaupel, and Karen Wojahn for preparing the Confirmation banners! Thank you also to the many small group guides and mentors who have worked with these students!

SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES QUILT SALE 2.0: Check out the

Shetek Fall and Craft ONLINE Store October 1st- December 1st. The Summer Quilt Online Store was such a great success this last summer that the Camp is now offering another Quilt and Craft Online Store this Fall! It will feature holiday quilts, table runners, and wall hangings for Fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. GLOW donated 12 items - 3 quilts, 1 tablecloth, 5 table runners and 3 wall-hangings. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated!! Click on the Shetek Camp Store below! www.shetek.org/store

GLOW OCTOBER BIBLE STUDY Thursday, October 15th, 2 PM, ALC Meeting Room. Bring your own beverage. The study is on the October Gather Magazine, page 22 Session 2: The holy “now” Recognizing and Responding To God’s Kairos Time” All are welcome!

ALC will be **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** on Wednesday, November 18th and Sunday, November 22nd. If you are interested in a membership please call the church office at (507)831-1794.

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!



Rocky Railway BAM packets for October 14th- November 8th are now available for pick up in the lobby of the parking lot doors.

Teen Bible Study! For 8th-12th Graders. Starting TODAY at 4PM here at the church! Will go till about 5-5:15. We will be doing a study called “Teens VS. Parents” by Mark Matlock. No, your parents are not coming to this. (The myth of a perfect family can lead to disappointment, frustration and anger. **There is no perfect family.** But many teenage students struggle with expectations and authority from their parents.) This study will run for 4 weeks and then we will start a new one. We are looking forward to a lot of great discussion with this study! Guys and girls will start off together to watch the video and then we will split, guys will go with John, girls will go with Melanie. **Bring your friends!**

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