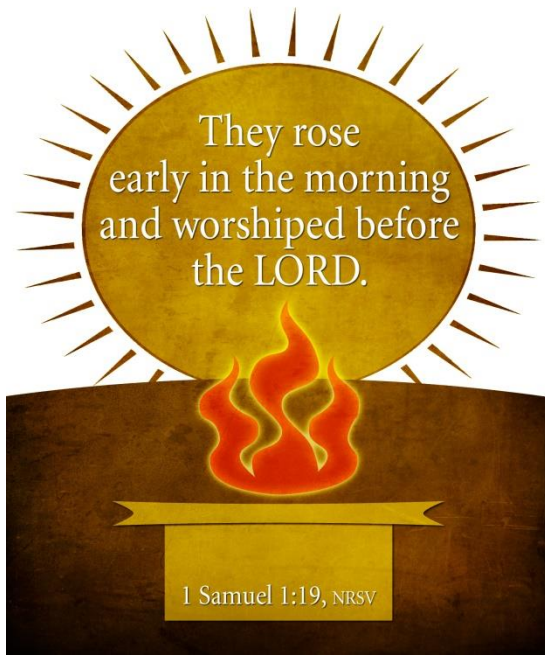


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



October 18, 2020 9:00 AM
Twentieth 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!*

ASSISTING MINISTER

Karen Skarphol

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.

Video for Church in Society

“Thanksgiving Boxes”

Betty Olson

GATHERING:

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

C: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our hearts delight in you, O God,

C: For you do amazing things!

L: Your wisdom far outweighs our own.

C: Your ways evade our reason.

L: You lift up what was lowly

C: And bring the dead to life.

OPENING HYMN

“*Abide with Me*”

ELW #629

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its
glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O thou who
changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

“Abide with Me” Text: Henry F. Lyte, Music: William H. Monk Public Domain

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: Because Jesus has died for your sins, you are forgiven of everything you have ever done, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 “*Take My Life and Let Me Be*”

(vs 1 & 6)

ELW #685

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;

take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

“Take My Life and Let Me Be” Text: Frances R. Havergal, Music: William H. Havergal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of justice, you love exalting the humble and showing mercy to sinners. Give us that same heart for the oppressed, that we might work for the betterment of all and the coming of your kingdom on earth, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

Scripture Reader: Jane Cartwright

Pew Bible p. 213

1 After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

2 Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. ²"There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793

- 1 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.
- 2 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'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 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.
- 4 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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APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

“Please share a greeting with those around you with a wave of your hand.”

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 give to us and we give back, O God. Bless these gifts we present to you, and cultivate generous hearts within us, that your will might prosper on earth, for the benefit of all your children. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“For Fruit of All Creation”*** (vs 1-3) ELW #679

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

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

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
Abbigail 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



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Want a donation made in your name to your favorite church account? Put on your athletic shoes and get ready! A **MINI RACQUETBALL EVENT** is being put on for ALC and Bethany Lutheran on Sunday, November 1st with play beginning at 1pm. Anyone 18 years and older can participate! There is a \$10 Registration Fee! Registration forms can be picked up and returned to the church office by October 26th! For more information see the flyer on the ALC Bulletin Board across from the church office. Come enjoy this fun new way of donating!

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

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!

REMINDER: There is BAM and Small Catechism today!

TEEN BIBLE STUDY: "Teens vs Parents" TONIGHT 4pm. This Sunday the topic is Living up to Expectations.

JR. LEAGUE: TONIGHT 6:30pm! We will be going to Boji Scare! Tickets are \$10 each.

SR. LEAGUE: Friday, October 23rd at 7pm. We will be taking a trip to SF to go to a haunted house to share the love of Christ. We will be bringing our wooden crosses to ward off the demons! Tickets are \$16. Please sign up and pay with Melanie by Monday, October 19th. You can use your account money!

Save the Date! BE BRAVE YOUTH RETREAT Friday, November 13th, 4pm-8:30pm, Saturday, November 14th, 2:30pm-8:30pm and Sunday, November 15th, 2:30pm-8:30pm! Melanie has been working with the youth leaders of the Methodist and Baptist church to create an EPIC Gathering and Worship Event for the youth of Windom! Josh Edwards and the team from TIME TO REVIVE will be coming in to give us amazing skills on how to BE BRAVE AND BOLD to share the good news of the gospel with others! There will be games, outreach, service projects and many other exciting stuff to do!

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