

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



THE FIRST PASSOVER

October 4, 2020 9:00 AM
Eighteenth 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 commit 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

Angie Erickson, 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.

GATHERING:

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

C: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, learn of the law of the Lord!

C: It is renewing to the soul!

L: The ways of God are perfect,

C: And in them we rejoice!

L: God's grace is all that's needed,

C: To pardon and to save.

OPENING HYMN *"As We Gather at Your Table"* ELW #522

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion, to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There

no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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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: 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 **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** (4) ELW #858

4) Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of might, You protected and guided your chosen people out of danger into new life. So lead us into the places where we can live and grow as your faithful people, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 Pew Bible p. 51-52

Reader: Keith Bloomgren

(12) The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

(13) The Lord said to Moses: ²Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. ³Moses said to the people, “Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. ⁵When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. ⁶Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the Lord. ⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. ⁸You shall tell your child on that day, ‘It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.’

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

PRESENTATION OF THE 3RD GRADE BIBLES

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY **"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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APOSTLES' CREED ELW p. 105

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.*

OFFERING PRAYER

You do not demand sacrifices of blood, but the offerings of our hearts and lives. Receive and bless these gifts which we offer in response to all that you have freely given, and use them for your highest purposes in this kingdom on earth. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW p. 112

Please remain seated. *All who recognize the real presence of Jesus in the Bread and the Wine are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. During the Words of Institution, take in hand your communion kit. Please take the wafer when "The Body of Christ Given to you" is spoken. Please drink the juice when "The Blood of Christ Shed for you" is spoken. When concluded, place the cup back in the bag, which you can dispose of when leaving the sanctuary.*

COMMUNION SONG **"For The Bread Which You Have Broken"**

(vs 1 & 2)

ELW #494

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **"O Living Bread From Heaven"** ELW #542

O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest. O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows!

My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place, and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace; for you have freely given what earth could never buy, the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy, And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown, and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

Oh, grant me then, well strengthened with heav'nly food, while here, my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear; and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, remember the poor.

We will! Thanks be to God!

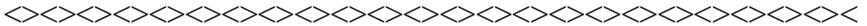
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, when God decided to free the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, God did not do so quietly. God rained fire and death upon Egypt, passionately claiming God’s people as God’s own.

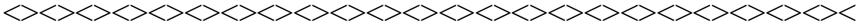
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for The Golden Calf Mt. Sinai:
Exodus 32:1-14

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s worship service is in memory of Arnie & Delores Olson given by family and friends.



Attendance last Wednesday 67; Sunday 95;

Offering \$4,706; Borrowed \$10,000



NEXT WEEK WILL BE NOISY OFFERING for the Windom Area Schools Backpack Program. Please bring your change to help fill the can for this good cause.

On Sunday, October 11th American Lutheran Church will celebrate the **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN**. Come hear stories, as women pastors from the Shetek Conference, share their faith journeys.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY: Storytelling with Rachel Wrenn! She recorded this in July for the SWMN Synod and we’ll watch this recording! “Finding Trust When Trust is Hard: How the Holy Spirit guides God’s people through hard times, through the lens of Ezra.” This will start after worship on Sunday, October 4th in the Fellowship Hall and go for 3 weeks. **Week 1:** Ezra 1-3: Joy and sorrow intertwined; Spirit stirrings to make a beginning. **Week 2:** Ezra 4-8: “For the hand of God is upon me” **Week 3:** “Learning from past mistakes: Power over the powerless, oppression for the oppressed and the things we do when we’re desperate to survive.”

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 sixty 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

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!

GLOW: Thank you to Bill Tjentland for delivering 51 School Kits, 32 Baby Kits, 35 Personal Care Kits, and 8 Fabric Kits to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in October. THANK YOU to all those who donated and assembled these kits! Watch for dates in January 2021 to get back to work!

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!

CONFIRMATION: American Lutheran Church will have 22 young adults who will participate in their Affirmation of Baptism. With the larger class size and current COVID-19 guidelines, we split the group into two groups. **Group 1** (Last names A-J) will be Confirmed on Saturday, October 10th at 11:00 AM. **Group 2** (Last names N-Z) will be Confirmed on Saturday, October 24th at 11:00 AM. In order to provide enough social distancing in the sanctuary, we ask that congregational members please acknowledge these individuals with a card in the mail, rather than attending the service. May God bless these young adults as they begin to shine their light in the world. We plan to Livestream these services on Facebook. A link for the services will also be placed on the ALC YouTube page. **Group 1** of students getting confirmed on October 10th (students last name A-J) will have rehearsal on Wednesday, October 7th at 8pm. Picture order forms will be sent home with them.



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! We are excited to start this new Bible study for teens! This study is called Made to Make a Difference by Max and Jenna (Max’s daughter) Lucado. This will include grades 8th-12th, for both guys and girls! This will kick off on Sunday, October 11th at 4pm. John Shamp will be leading the guys and Melanie will be leading the girls! We are hoping to also offer one for Middle school in the near future.



Jr. League: TONIGHT at 6:30 at the church. If the weather is nice, we can play some games outside, otherwise we will play games inside. Pre-packaged snacks will be here!