

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



November 1, 2020 9:00 AM
Twenty Second 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.

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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

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

WELCOME/STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING:

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

C: Amen

TOLLING OF THE BELL/ALL SAINTS DAY LIST

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those family members and friends who are dear to us and who have died since last All Saints Day.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us share the good news:

C: God's word is trustworthy and true.

L: The promise is ours to treasure:

C: God's word is trustworthy and true.

L: There is nothing to be afraid of.

C: God's word is trustworthy and true.

OPENING HYMN *"For All the Saints"* (vs 1,2,4,&6) ELW #422

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of the covenant,

C: You have never failed in your promises to us, but we often fail to be your faithful people. We waste our time and resources on things which do not give life. We doubt our abilities and hide our light away from the world. We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us. Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.

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 *“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”*

(vs 1, 2, & 5)

ELW #863

1. My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!
2. How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of thee must be--
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awesome purity!
5. My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863 Public Domain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Steadfast God, you do not wish for us to struggle through this life on our own. May we accept the people and the signs you send our way to help us on the path you have set out for us, and may we trust in the mercy of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

READING 1 KINGS 17:1-16 [17-24] & HEBREWS 12: 1-2

Reader: Tera Elness

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”²The word of the Lord came to him, saying,³“Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”⁵So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. ⁷But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.”

¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.”¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.”¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

[¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!”¹⁹But he said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God,

have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."]

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW #588

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.

2 There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all: greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

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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

When we share what we have, our blessings and our joy are multiplied. Receive these gifts which we offer for your kingdom work on earth, that justice would prevail and all your children would know your love and care, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

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”**

ELW #494

- 1 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.
- 2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3 With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4 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 **“Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer”** ELW #618

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

**Brass Group: Dana Wallace, Page Kern,
Jamie Pohlmann, Ramona Harper; Organ: Michele Larson**

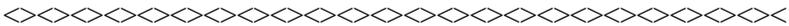
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today we recognize All Saints' Day. It is a day of remembrance of those who have ended their baptismal journey and now rest in God. American Lutheran Church provided services for 32 individuals. The bell is rung an additional 3 times to remember those loved ones in our hearts.

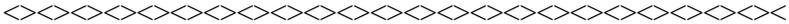
In the scripture reading, Elijah was a great prophet working to get God's fickle people to return to God. But he couldn't do it alone. God sent him to a poor widow whose gift of hospitality made all the difference.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Jonah & God's Mercy, Jonah 1:1-17;3:1-10

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Wade Grams given by Louanne Grams and family.



Attendance last Wednesday 22; Saturday 97; Sunday 53;
Offering \$7,591; Borrowed \$20,000



FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR ALC: Our ministry matters, but in the last month or so, our giving has not kept up with expenses. We have now borrowed \$20,000 internally to meet October's obligations. Had we not received \$59,000 through the Payroll Protection Plan from the federal government earlier this year, we would be down nearly 80,000! The pandemic has affected us all in different ways. Some have lost income, others have been sick, and we all have been more isolated. We need our church community more than ever! Through it all, God, our refuge and strength has been faithful. If you are in position to do so, please support the congregation with any financial contribution that is possible. Thank you!!

NEXT WEEKS NOISY OFFERING will be designated to the Women of Today-Christmas Cheer Boxes. Please bring your spare change!

GLOW MEETING: Sunday, November 8th at 10AM in the Large Meeting Room across from the church office. All women are welcome to come and plan our future!

GLOW LOVE BOXES will be distributed on Saturday, November 21! For the care and safety of the recipients, boxes will be filled with purchased fruit and goodies. Monetary donations are welcome to purchase these goodies. Please leave or send your donation to the church office marked "Love Boxes". Thank you!

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SURVEY: The Worship and Music Board is seeking input regarding holiday worship services. At the present time, these services will most likely look and feel different than in past years. We realize that our sanctuary will not accommodate the number of worshippers that have previously attended services. The survey may be found on the ALC website, Facebook, in the *Messenger*, or extra copies are located in the back of the church.

HELP WANTED: American Lutheran Church is seeking 2 part time custodians to care for and maintain our church building. These positions are not to exceed 30 hours a week and will include some evening hours and every other weekend. An application form is available in the church office or you may go to the website www.alcofwindom.com. Applications will be accepted until October 31, 2020.

THANKSGIVING BOXES: CIS is collecting monetary donations to pack a minimum of fifty meals for families. 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*

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.

Teen Bible Study: TONIGHT at 4pm! Teens vs Parents! This week's topic is Authority and Rebellion.

Jr. League: TONIGHT at 6:30. At church! Devotions, games and snacks!

Save the Date! BE BRAVE Youth Retreat: Friday, November 13th, 4-pm-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 to create an EPIC Gathering and Worship Event for the youth of Windom! Josh Edwards 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! If you can't make it to all days or even if you can't stay the whole time, that's cool! Come when you can and stay for however long you can! Talk to Melanie to sign up or just come!

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