

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



November 15, 2020 9:00 AM
Twenty Fourth 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

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: Rev. Keith Pearson, Regional Gift Planner for Western MN, ELCA Foundation

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

"A Family's Plan"

screens

RECOGNITION OF CUSTODIANS: Dorothy Fundahn & Judy Lindvall

GATHERING:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Holy is the Lord of hosts!

C: The whole earth is full of God's glory!

L: The Lord calls, and we answer:

C: Here I am; send me!

L: Holy is the Lord of hosts!

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OPENING HYMN ***"Holy, Holy, Holy"*** (vs 1&3) ELW #413

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

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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 *“God Is So Good”* (vs 1 & 2)

1 God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me.

2 He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He's so good to me.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, You can make us clean in an instant. Grant us courage to leave the mistakes of our past behind, and to answer your call with willingness, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12: 1-3 & 1 Corinthians 12:19-26

Reader: Maria Thom

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

12 If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

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

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-20

Rev. Keith Pearson

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your

life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

Response: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Rev. Keith Pearson

SONG OF THE DAY *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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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

“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

**Bless the offerings which we bring before your altar, and make them
a pleasing sacrifice of gratitude for all you have done for us, and all
that you have forgiven us, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”** (vs 1 & 3)

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts
unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the
clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of
immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of
the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ
our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each
other, lift us to the joy divine!

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

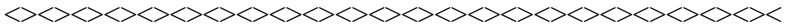
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture
reading, Isaiah had a vivid and supernatural vision of God, where

Seraphs hovered around the throne of God singing God's praises. In a simple act of touching Isaiah's lips with a hot coal, God purified him for the work of a prophet.

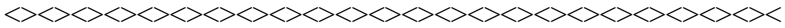
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Christ the King Sunday - the end of the church year, and Welcoming of New Members; God Promises a New Covenant, Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; then 31:31-34

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Fred Woizeschke, whose birthday was on November 20th given by Marvel and sons.



Attendance last Wednesday 47; Sunday 77;

Offering \$5,732; Borrowed \$25,000



STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT: Today is Stewardship Sunday. ALC welcomes this opportunity to hear our guest preacher, Rev. Keith Pearson, Regional Gift Planner for Western Minnesota - ELCA Foundation. Keith will be available following worship today to answer any questions you may have about estate planning our legacy giving. Our annual stewardship letter, pledge card, and volunteer opportunity form was recently mailed out. If you have brought back your forms, they will be collected on the tables located in the Narthex. If you forgot, that's alright, we'll take them on any Sunday or you may drop them off at the office during the week.

CUSTODIAN RECOGNITION: **Thank you** to our custodians Dorothy Fundahn and Judy Lindvall! Dorothy and Judy have worked hard at the care of, maintenance, and cleaning of the American Lutheran Church. Sadly, both Dorothy and Judy have decided to retire. We wish Dorothy and Judy the best and thank them for all their hard work at ALC!

Please join the women of GLOW on Wednesday, November 18 @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be assembling **Scripture Survival Kits** to be delivered this holiday season to our members at the Sogge Campus and Hillside Manor. No special skills needed and will be an opportunity to share in some fellowship. Please bring your mask.

Recognition of New Members will be on Wednesday, November 18th and Sunday, November 22nd.

GLOW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Thursday, November 19th at 2pm in the meeting room across from the church office. We'll be covering the November "Gather" magazine, page 18, Session 3, HOLY FUTURE: REIMAGINING THE TIME TO COME God's promises point us where we need to go.

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!

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 are still being accepted.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00 PM. Gratitude during the Pandemic? So many have given of their time and talents during the past months. If you are willing to share how you have experienced or provided acts of gratitude during the past months, please contact Jane Cartwright or write a short message and leave it in the church office by November 19th.

There will be **NO BIBLE STUDY** on November 22nd as the Shamps are not available that evening.

After many prayers and much discussion, with heavy hearts, we are announcing the **postponement** of the **Be Brave, Love Jesus** that was suppose to happen this weekend. Please watch for a rescheduled date.

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