

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



November 22, 2020 9:00 AM
Christ the King Sunday

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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

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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

Sarah Tailowright, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

OPENING HYMNS ***“Come Now is the Time to Worship”*** ALC #67
(Verse)

Come now is the time to worship, Come now is the time to give your heart, Come just as you are to worship, Come just as you are before your God, Come

(Chorus)

One day every tongue, Will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains For those who gladly choose You now

(Ending)

Come now is the time to worship Come now is the time to give your heart Come just as you are to worship Come just as you are before your God, Come

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“I Look to the Shepherd”

ALC #114

1) I look to the Shepherd, He meets all my needs, Beside the still waters, He faithfully leads, Bringing peace to my soul, As His love makes me whole.

Chorus

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, Follow me all the days
of my life, Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, All my life.

- 2) And when in the valley of deepest despair, I look to the Shepherd,
His presence is there, Bringing peace to my soul, As His love
makes me whole **Chorus:**

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of wisdom, your word lives within us, within our very souls. Make us living scriptures by which the world can see your love clearly demonstrated and shared. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34
Reader: Michael Wojahn

In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. ³It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. ⁴Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the Lord that he had spoken to

him. ⁵And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, “I am prevented from entering the house of the Lord; ⁶so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the Lord’s house you shall read the words of the Lord from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. ⁷It may be that their plea will come before the Lord, and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the Lord has pronounced against this people.” ⁸And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the Lord in the Lord’s house. ²¹Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary; and Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. ²²Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. ²³As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. ²⁷Now, after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah’s dictation, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: ²⁸Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned. ³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, *Christian Ed Coor.*

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *“Our Father, We Have Wandered”*

ELW #606

- 1 Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face; in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame, as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.
- 2 And now at length discerning the evil that we do, behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you. In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring, in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
- 3 O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord, grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease. Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

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RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

APOSTLES' CREED

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS, cont.

- L. Do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?
- C. **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**
- L. Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.
- C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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.

Offerings may be dropped off in the offering box located in the entryway of the church parking lot doors or mailed to PO Box 188, Windom. You may also visit our website www.alcofwindom.com and check out electronic/on-line giving by clicking on our GIVE TAB found in the top menu bar. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

OFFERING PRAYER

We honor your word when we live according to your ways. Accept these offerings which we present to you for the sake of your work in the world, in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Get out your blessing hands, face the center, and repeat after me:
May the peace of God enfold us, The love of God uphold us, And the grace of God remold us. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **“Lead On, O King Eternal!”** ELW #805

- 1 Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
- 2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.
- 3 Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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GLOW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY THROUGH ZOOM 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. Please contact the church office 831-1794 if you would like to be emailed the link!

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.

FEELING ALONE? You are not the only one!! Quarantine is not fun and isolation doesn't help anybody's spirits. It is just the time we are in. Call a friend, reach out to others, and pray for God is near. Your church staff is also here for you. Don't hesitate to call or reach out!

Be Brave-Love Jesus: Please stay tuned for the reschedule date. Hopefully in February or March!

Jr. High Virtual Youth Gathering: We were going to try to participate in this virtually on Friday November 20th, but that will now be **canceled due to Covid-19**.

Confirmation Announcement: Due to the current rise in Covid cases in the community and the entire Windom School District moving to Distance Learning we have decided to follow suit and have confirmation online instead of in person. An email was sent out to all confirmation students and their families. Please go to the ALC website www.alcofwindom.com, click on the Youth Ministries tab, and click on confirmation to view confirmation classes and find out more information. Thanks!

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