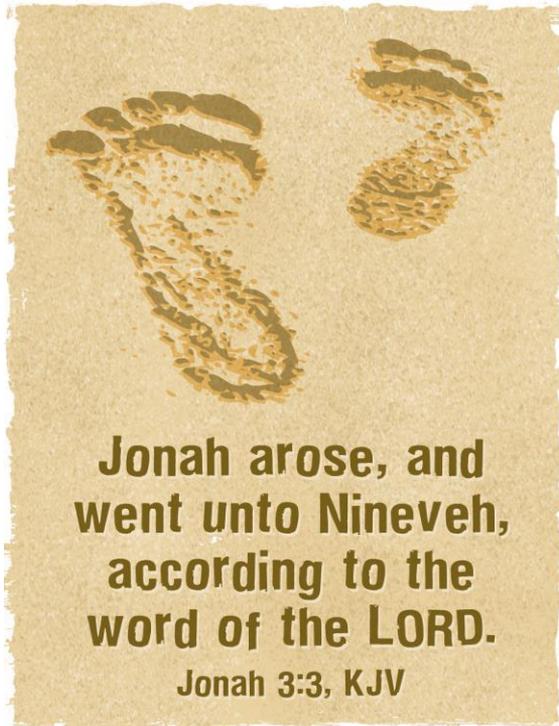


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**November 8, 2020 9:00 AM**  
Twenty Third 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

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME/STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

screens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

*Women of Today, Christmas Cheer Boxes*

*As you leave, there will be an opportunity to place your Noisy Offering in the offering cans located in the back of the church.*

GATHERING:

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

**C: Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our God is gracious!

**C: Our God is merciful!**

L: Our Lord doesn't easily anger,

**C: But abounds in love and mercy.**

L: God is ready to relent from punishing.

**C: Let us praise our God!**

OPENING HYMN *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"* ELW #712

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making

known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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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 *“O God of Mercy, God of Light”* (vs1&2) ELW #714

1 O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.

2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious God, You show abundant mercy even when we cannot see the purpose of it. Give us your heart for compassion and love for all of your children, regardless of who or where they may be, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

MUSICAL SELECTION *“My Lighthouse”* Sydney Erickson, Guitar

Reader: Karen Wickie

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” <sup>3</sup>But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

<sup>4</sup>But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup>Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.”

<sup>7</sup>The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” <sup>9</sup>“I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” <sup>10</sup>Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup>He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. <sup>14</sup>Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” <sup>15</sup>So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**3** The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.

<sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and

small, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

### 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 *“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”*

ELW #242

1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide  
the heav’nly door and lives now inside us forever.

2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing, his humble  
song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the  
broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to  
shatter all hatred and blindness.

3 In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as  
morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring. Then shall  
the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder, the weak be  
raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and  
cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and  
fearless. Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev’ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

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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

**Your generosity, O God, will always far exceed our own, and still you ask us to give of our abundance for the benefit of those who have less. Bless these gifts which we have offered and may they become food for the hungry and life for those who despair of help. May all your people know your care and the joy of life abundant. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* ELW #733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

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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, when God called on Jonah to proclaim destruction to his mortal enemies, Jonah tried to flee. But even in the deep, dark sea God found him and granted him a second chance. God went on to give a second chance to Nineveh, too. Everyone God encountered here was filled with the abundance of God's mercy.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for God Calls Isaiah: Isaiah 6:1-8



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Larry Lavin on winning the Mini Racquetball event last Sunday. He chose to donate the \$100 proceeds to the Church in Society Board to help with the Thanksgiving meal boxes. A big thank you to Page Kern for organizing and putting on this event!

**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](http://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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in a membership please call the church office at (507)831-1794.

**Teen Bible Study:** "Teens vs Parents" Sunday at 4pm. This Sunday the topic is Authority and Rebellion! What a great topic to discuss! Come check it out!

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE BE BRAVE Youth Retreat!!!!**  
This will be happening Friday, November 13th from 4pm-8:30pm, Saturday, November 14th from 2:30pm-8:30pm and Sunday, November 15th from 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! It is sure to be a great time of uplifting worship and connecting together in the presence of God! 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! There will be games, outreach, service projects and many other exciting stuff to do! You can sign up by contacting Melanie! If you are not sure yet if you can make it, you can also just show up but signing up is better!

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