

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:00 AM
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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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 WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

If you are new to us or visiting from another church, please fill out a yellow postcard for us or email our ALC office winalc@windomnet.com if you would like more information on our Church or would like to know how to join.

We'd love to be in touch with you.

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Please check out our ALC website, www.alcofwindom.com, YouTube Channel, and our Facebook page to view online services, events, and stay up-to-date on the latest information.

GATHERING MUSIC

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The righteous are like trees

C: Growing in the house of God,

L: Giving fruit throughout their lives,

C: Green and full of sap.

L: Let us praise the Lord our God—

C: The one who gives us life and light!

OPENING HYMN

“Peace like a River”

WWG #750

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul; I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.
(my soul.)
2. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul; I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (my soul.)
3. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul; I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (my soul.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of light,

C: You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don't believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self-absorbed.

P: Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: *you are forgiven. Be made whole and be restored to God.*

All: Amen.

KYRIE

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.

L. Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**

L. Christ have mercy. **L. Christ have mercy.**

L. Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Doxology”

ELW #885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

“Doxology” Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt. Public Domain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, You gave the law to free your people, not sink us further into bondage. May we seek your Spirit of truth in all that we do, that our lives may glorify you always, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:1-16

Pew Bible p. 837

Reader: Donna Marcy

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ²But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ³Jesus answered, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?” ⁵Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.” ⁶On another sabbath he

entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” He got up and stood there. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?” ¹⁰After looking around at all of them, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. ¹²Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

MESSAGE

No Rules without Love!

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“Son of God Eternal Savior”

ELW #655

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whole birth among us, hallows all our human
race, You our head, who throned in glory, for your own will ever
plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our
need.
2. Come, O Christ and reign among us, king of love and Prince of
peace, Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords
cease, By you patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of
pain, Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of
gain.
4. Son of God eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whole birth among us hallows all our human
race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be
one, Grant, oh, grant our hope’s fruition; here on earth you will be
done.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

You desire offerings of gratitude, O God, but you desire honest hearts even more. Bless these gifts and turn us toward your mercy, that our lives might reflect it as we head into the world in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”*

Verse 1

I’m so glad Jesus lifted me, I’m so glad Jesus lifted me,
I’m so glad Jesus lifted me, Singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

Verse 2

I was lost in sin Jesus rescued me, I was lost in sin Jesus rescued me,
I was lost in sin Jesus rescued me, Singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

Verse 3

Now I’m heaven bound Jesus set me free, Now I’m heaven bound Jesus set me free,
Now I’m heaven bound Jesus set me free, Singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

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DISMISSAL

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

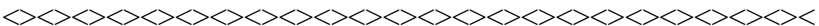
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, Jesus ruffled feathers by eating and healing on the Sabbath. But he knew the laws had outgrown their purpose. It was time for God’s laws to serve people, and not the other way around.

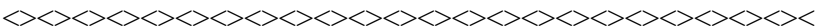
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Roman Centurion and Raising the Widow’s Son, Luke 7:1-17.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s worship service is in memory of Rick Kirstein’s February 1st birthday given by Carol Kirstein and family.



Attendance: Wednesday, 35; Sunday, 48;

Offering: \$3,508



Because ALC is committed to the care of each other we ask that you:

- Wear a face covering unless you are 5 years old or younger or you're prohibited by a health condition.
- Keep a distance of 6 feet from others not in our family group.
- Be seated from front to back, and dismiss from back to front, as directed by an usher.
- Leave the singing to song leaders.
- Stay home when not feeling well.

Thank you for doing your part!

NEXT WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING is designated to our Vacation Bible School (VBS) Program. Please bring your spare change!

THANK YOU! We would like to thank Lavern Christianson, Howard Davis, and David Vaupel for the many years of making baptismal boxes. These boxes are given to the newly baptized members in our congregation. Sadly, they're retiring from this service. A sincere thank you for all your hard work, donated time, and compassion for this ministry. ~The Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board.

INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS will be on Wednesday, February 3rd at the 5:30 pm WOW service and Sunday, February 7th at the 9 am. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve ALC on our Boards and Council!

Are you interested in **SPONSORING THE RADIO BROADCAST** on Sundays? Radio Sponsorships for the months of February and March are open! The cost is \$57 for a Sunday service sponsorship. Please contact the ALC office if you are interested in a sponsorship.

THE WINDOM ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO TRANSPORT YOUNG STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL, EACH SCHOOL DAY. These students do not receive bussing services at this time, and are too young to walk alone. Their parent's work schedules do not allow them to provide their child's transportation. If you would be willing to help these families and the school, please contact the Windom Elementary School office as soon as possible.



HELP WANTED: The American Lutheran Church of Windom is seeking a part-time youth coordinator and Christian education coordinator to help with our Bible And Me (BAM) Sunday school program and also our teenage youth groups. Christian Ed is 10

hours a week and Youth & Family is 8 hours a week. Apply for one or both. An application form is available in the church office or visit: www.alcofwindom.com.

GLOW SEWING DAYS have begun! Join us February 2nd and 16th at 9 am in the fellowship hall. We'll be making quilts, baby care kits, fabric kits, personal care kits, and school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Come for an hour or all morning! No experience necessary! If you have any questions you may contact Kathy Hiley at 831-4109.

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!

John and Melanie Shamp will start leading a **TEEN BIBLE STUDY** “*You were Made to Make a Difference*” by Max Lucado and his daughter Jenna Lucado Bishop starting on Sunday, February 7th at 4:30pm in the Youth room. Snacks will be provided and FUN will be had!

SHETEK REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR SUMMER 2021! Early Bird deadline- February 1. Sign up before February 1 to get the biggest discount on camp this summer!

CAMPERSHIP DRAWING: It's that time of the year again! We will be doing a drawing for one FREE full week of camp and one FREE mini camp! Get your child signed up by contacting the church office at 831-1794 or winalc@windomnet.com by Friday, February 19th! We will be doing the drawing on Monday, February 22nd!

LEAGUES: Both Jr. League and Sr. League are on hold until further notice.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SHETEK CONFERENCE will be Sunday, February 21st, 2021 at 2 PM in-person at the American Lutheran Church, Windom and via Zoom.

A.L.I.C.E. TRAINING: The Windom police department will be offering ALICE training to local congregations on Sunday, February 21st, 2021 from 6:30PM-8:30PM at the E-Free Church, Windom. An ALICE training helps congregations know what to do if there was ever an active shooter. Due to Covid we are only allowed to bring 30 people. If you would like to attend please let Pastor Adam know or contact the church office.

AED Training: *Please Note - this will be held 02/28 and not 02/07 as previously announced.* Cardiac emergencies can happen to anyone at any time, even in church. Knowing how to handle this crisis leads to a greater survival rate. ALC has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and we want to make sure our ushers and enough members know how to use it. **An AED training course will be held on Feb. 28 at 10 AM** following worship in the Skylight Court taught by Jim Axford. COVID guidelines will be followed. Please RSVP to the ALC office if you plan to attend. Thank you!

All that we have belongs to God. “The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it” (Psalm 24:1).

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