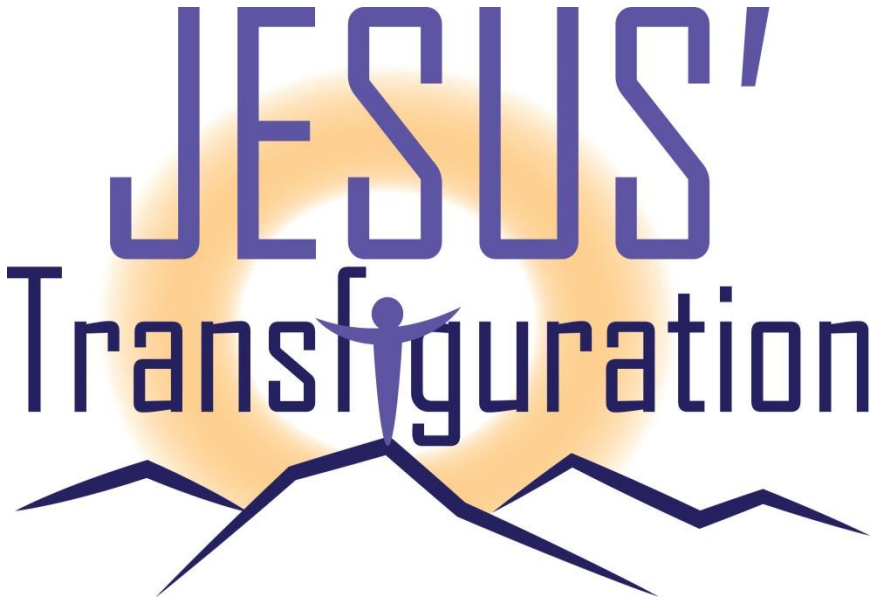


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:00 AM
Transfiguration of Our Lord

906 Prospect Ave, PO Box 188
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E-Mail: winalc@windomnet.com
Website: www.alcofwindom.com

Sundays 9:00 am Worship & 10:30 am Virtual BAM-S
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

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.

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.

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

Dustin Stevens, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Valentine's Day

Stewardship Message

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GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Your love reaches to the heavens, O God,

C: **And your faithfulness to the clouds.**

L: Your justice is vast and enduring.

C: **No one is left out!**

L: Everyone is sheltered in your wings.

C: **Enjoying the fountain of life.**

OPENING HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

“Beautiful Savior” Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent. Public D.

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 p. 138-139

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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Change My Heart O God”

ALC #82

Chorus

Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true, Change my heart oh God, May I be like You

Verse

You are the potter, I am the clay, Mold me and make me, This is what I pray

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, Your own followers did not always understand your words and deeds. Reveal yourself to us in the world, that we might reflect your glory and live as your beloved children. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-45

Pew Bible p. 843

Reader: Maria Thom

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving

him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said.³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.”³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him.⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.”⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.⁴³ And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,⁴⁴ “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.”⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Adam

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY

“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!

“Lead On, O King Eternal” Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917 Public Domain

APOSTLES' CREED

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

We offer all we have to you, O God: our lives and our possessions, for all that we have you have given us. Receive the gifts we bring and find favor in our efforts to serve you through serving others, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ALC #127

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now
bring us, Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land, With the Father's glory, Blaze Spirit blaze,
Set our hearts on fire, Flow river flow, Flood the nations, With grace and
mercy, Send forth Your word Lord, And let there be light

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your
story, Shine on me shine on me *Chorus*

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DISMISSAL

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

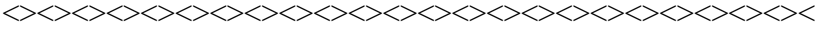
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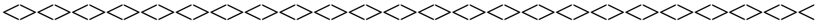
WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, the Transfiguration of Jesus was one more event indicating that Jesus would be leaving the disciples soon (and leaving his work to them, too). Still they failed to understand.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Lent 1: Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-42

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Howard "Howie" Davis.



Attendance: Wednesday, 42; Sunday, 42;
Offering: \$7,057



TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING is designated to our Vacation Bible School (VBS) Program. Thank you for donating to this great ministry!

CONGRATULATIONS to Duane and Barb Pigeon on their 60th Wedding Anniversary today, February 14th!

DELEGATES NEEDED: ALC is hosting the Shetek Conference Assembly this year, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 PM on February 21st. We are looking for 4 additional people to attend. Come learn about the activities of our Conference! Help do the work of the church. You may attend by ZOOM. If interested, please call the office. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWER order forms were sent out in the messenger and are located in the Narthex on the back table for those who are interested in ordering. The deadline to order Easter Flowers is **March 8th at 12 noon.**

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP will be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00 PM. Because of Covid things will be slightly different. The imposition of ashes will be done as you enter the sanctuary before worship begins. Stations will be found in the narthex and in the Skylight Court. In order to keep as distanced as possible we'll be putting the sign of the cross on the back of your hand. This also directs the aerosols from our mouths toward your hand and the floor instead of your face. We ask you to use the hand sanitizer as you enter and to wear your masks. Thanks for being flexible!

LENTEN WORSHIP FOR ALC & BETHANY

Theme: *Jesus: Our Hope for Healing and New Life*

When: 5:45 PM Wednesdays 02/24, 03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 03/24. Due to covid there will be no Lenten suppers this year.

FORTY DAY CHALLENGE! Church and Society is challenging EVERYONE to



give \$1 a day for forty days during lent. The money collected will be given to the Southwest Crisis Center. Donations help provide a safe place, food, and clothing for men, women, or children escaping domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or sex trafficking.

Hotels are frequently used for a temporary safe place till housing is found. Please join us in supporting this important ministry. Please make checks to the Southwest Minnesota Crisis Center. Thank you!

Mid-week Ecumenical Lenten Services at the Presbyterian Church

Where? First United Presbyterian Church, 336 11th St.

What? 30 minute Lenten Worship (in-person and through Facebook live).

When? 12:00 noon: February 24th, March 3rd, March 10th (ALC Hosts), March

17th (ALC Hosts), and March 24th. *Please note: due to covid there will be no noon meal following the service.

GLOW BIBLE STUDY Thursday, February 18th at 2 PM. Please join us in the ALC Meeting room or via Zoom. Contact the church office 831-1794 to be added to the Zoom Bible Study email list to receive the zoom link. This month's study is from the January/February "Gather" Magazine Bible Study "Journeys with angels", page 36 Session Two, Turnaround angels. Have questions; contact Carolyn Torkelson, 831-5986. Thank you!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is in critical need for Personal care kits! Please help by donating light weight bath towels, dark color, 20x40 and 52x27 in size. The Lutheran World relief donation box is located outside the office door. Thank you for your contributions.



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.

Men's Bible Study: Change of time and place. We meet every Tuesday at 8:00 AM (no longer 7:15) in the Skylight Court at ALC. Bring your own coffee if you like, and your own Bible. This is a very friendly group, and a great way to dig into God's word and hang out with a great group of guys. Men, if you're free, try it out!!



UPDATE: GLOW SEWING DAYS will now be from 9AM-2PM! The next GLOW sewing day is Tuesday, February 16th in the fellowship hall. Please bring a sack lunch. 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 the whole time! No experience necessary! If you have any questions you may contact Kathy Hiley at 831-4109.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY "*You were Made to Make a Difference*" by Max Lucado & his daughter Jenna Lucado Bishop every other Sunday, February 21st being the next session at 4:30pm in the Youth room. Snacks will be provided and FUN will be had!

SHETEK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST & SHETEK WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH: Amanda or Marv from camp will be coming to talk to us a bit about camp during worship, and get us pumped to get out to camp in 2021!

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 minicamp! 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.

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

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.

DES MOINES VALLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COVID-19 VACCINE SURVEY: go to www.dvhhs.org and click on the **RED Covid-19 survey link**. Your information will be used to determine when you may be eligible for the vaccine and for DVHHS to contact you when you are eligible to receive the vaccine. This information will be used only for that purpose and only by DVHHS employees. You do not have to provide all of the information on the survey, but if you don't, your ability to access these services may be impacted. Please go to our website and complete the survey. If you need help please call 507-847-6839.

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 KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS It's the perfect weather to cuddle up with new yarn and needles to make a Prayer Shawl. New yarn has been purchased and is available in the church library's closet. I recently was thanked by a recipient for the Prayer Shawl she received and how much it means to her. I want to pass that Thank You on to you, those knitters and crocheters who are knitting, hooking and praying! If you have any questions about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact me, Kathy Hiley @ 831-4109 or momhiley@gmail.com.



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!

Because all that we have belongs to God, our goal in using that which belongs to Him is to glorify Him. "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

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