

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:00 AM
First Sunday in Lent

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Sundays 9:00 am Worship & 10:30 am Virtual BAM-S
5:45 pm Lenten 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

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shetek Sunday

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come to God's house

C: And walk in the light.

L: Speak truth and spread goodness,

C: Do not slander your neighbors.

L: Honor the Lord and keep your word.

C: And God will guard your steps.

OPENING HYMN ***"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"*** ELW #676

- 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.
- 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

P: God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. The giver of life forgives our sins. May God restore to you the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

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: 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.

LENTEN RESPONSE ***"May the God of All Healing"*** ELW #220
May the God of all healing enfold us in love, fill us with peace, and lead us to wholeness and strength.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of wisdom, You challenge us to expand our minds to your inclusive view of the world. Teach us to welcome the stranger whoever they may be, and to open ourselves to having our minds changed and our hearts transformed, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-42

Pew Bible p. 844

Reader: Kelly Kleven

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” ³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY ***“O God Of Mercy, God of Light”*** 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.

- 4 For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died;
grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.
- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.

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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 please you when we serve your children in need. Use these offerings to provide for the lack of others, and to carry out your justice upon the earth. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"* ELW #659

- 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that
I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; we are here
to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will
hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with
you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey
through.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

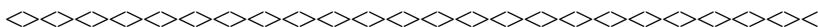
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, through the parable of the Samaritan and his words to Martha, Jesus challenged his hearers to think differently, to open themselves to the possibility that their ideas of right and wrong might be off just a bit.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Lament over Jerusalem, Luke 13: 1-9, 31-35

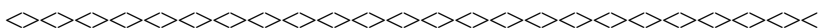
RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in loving memory of Audrey Byers given by Bob Byers and family.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given by Craig Zimmerman in honor of Joyce Zimmerman's 87th birthday on February 22nd.



Attendance: Wednesday, 36; Sunday, 41;

Offering: \$3,701



SHETEK SUNDAY, TODAY & 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!

SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS: Reminder the church offers each member \$200 for a full week of camp and \$100 for the mini camp. The church also offers half the cost and only up to \$200 for family camp and grandparent camp.

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.

Lenten Worship Themes

Jesus: Our Hope for Healing and New Life

Lent 1: Jesus, God's Fragrant Offering

Lent 2: Eighth Commandment Way of Life

Lent 3: Forgiveness

Lent 4: Community Building

Lent 5: Fasting/Taking On

LENTEN WORSHIP FOR ALC & BETHANY

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.

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

This past year has been hard. COVID has separated us physically. Current events have pitted people against each other. The book of Ephesians has a lot to teach us about unity in the Body of Christ and the new life which is possible in Him! Come join the 40 day journey as we do the hard work of examining our hearts and mending our relationships to be more like Jesus.

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 Minnesota 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.

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**.

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

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: 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!!



GLOW is expanding sewing days! We will meet weekly - Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. BYO lunch if you wish to stay beyond noon. Even if you're not a sewer, come and help assemble school kits, baby care kits, and personal care kits. Covid has increased the need for personal care kits. Donations of new lightweight bath towels, bar soap, combs, toothbrushes, and nail clippers would be greatly appreciated. No experience necessary! If you have any questions you may contact Kathy Hiley at 831-4109.

AED Training: 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!

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.

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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