

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:00 AM
Second 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.

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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

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SW Crisis Center 40 Day Lenten Challenge video, Maria Ahmed

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I was glad when they said,

C: Let us go to the Lord's house!

L: May peace be within these walls

C: And may this place be a refuge.

L: For the sake of our Lord,

C: Let us seek good for one another.

OPENING HYMN

“Lord, Be Glorified”

ELW #744

1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our song, Lord, be glorified today.

3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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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 your 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

Merciful God, You long for your people to bear the fruits of mercy and repentance. Tend and guide our growth into a faithful nation that serves you and the people you love, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION..... ELW Pg. 142

“Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”

Reader: Judy Trotter

Reader: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 13

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’” ³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’” ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. / **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Adam

Creative Expression - Toria and Fiona Robillard

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

ELW #841

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the

present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

- 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

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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 demand faithfulness and not perfection, O God. May these offerings be true reflections of our gratitude for your gifts, and may they be blessed to benefit those who need them, by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

PIANO MEDITATION

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG **“Sent Forth By God's Blessing”** ELW #547

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face— our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, remember the poor. / **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, Many terrible tragedies fell upon the Jews. While some believed it was their own fault for their lack of repentance, Jesus had a different message. Repent, not to escape tragedy, but that they might bear good fruit.

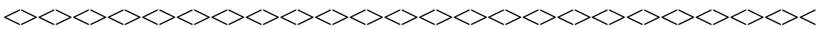
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Lost Sheep, Coin, Son, Luke 15: 1-32

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

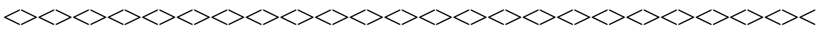
Acolytes: Quintin Tietz, Tucker Renquist
Ushers: Eleanor Eken, Aubri Spielman
Creative Expression: Toria and Fiona Robillard

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s worship service is given by Lori Seifert in remembrance of Grandmother Signe Holmen.

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





BROUGHT TO CHRIST through Holy Baptism on Saturday, February 27th was Emory Cheyenne Boeck, daughter of Mitchel and Cheyenne Boeck. Emory's sponsors are Samantha Boeck, Mitch Hurst, Kortney Krick, and Cody Wilkie. May God bless Emory and her family!

AED TRAINING follows the worship service today. Please gather in the Skylight Court. Jim Axford will be leading this training.

HOLY COMMUNION for those worshipping at home: we want everyone to receive Holy Communion who wants to receive it. Please call the church to arrange for one of the pastors to bring you Communion at home, or if you prefer to come in during the week or even drive by, that can be arranged too.

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.

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, March 7th and March 21st being the next sessions 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.

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.

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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