

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, March 14th, 2021 9:00 AM
Four 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

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering

Windom Area Sharing Center

GATHERING

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us bring our worship

C: To the God of grace,

L: Who looks after the needy

C: And gives the poor a blessing.

L: Let us tend the lost ones

C: And love the ones God loves.

OPENING HYMN *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* ELW #332

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun: And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585 Public Domain

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. (*Repeat*)

“May the God of All Healing” Text: Life Passages, Renewing Worship 4 Text © 2002 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, You care deeply for those who are in need. May we be your hands and heart as we go about your work of serving the poor, hungry and disadvantaged, feeding our souls on kindness and love. 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.”

SCRIPTURE READING Rich Man and Lazarus, Luke 16:19-31
Reader: Sharon Thompson

Reader: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the 16th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Adam

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY **“For the Fruit of All Creation”** ELW #679

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev’ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

- 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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

When we give, we receive a blessing: to know the fruits of love. Bless these offerings and use them, as well as our lives, to prosper the ones who need it most, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"We Are Called"

ELW #720

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice, We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. Refrain:

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain:

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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, nothing external could change the hearts and minds of the rich man or his brothers as they selfishly ignored the needs of those around them. Change comes from within.

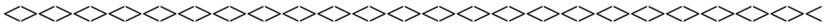
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Zacchaeus, Luke 18:31- 19:10

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

Acolytes: Spencer Kleven, Hayden Hedquist

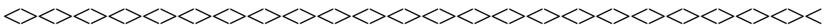
Ushers: Charlee Huska, Leah Hauge

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in honor of our grandson, Huxley Allan Johnson, son of Paul & Rachael, who was baptized on February 27th at First Lutheran Church, Milford, IA, given by Steve & Jean Johnson.



Attendance: Wednesday, 75; Sunday, 99;

Offering: \$6,538



TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING is designated to The Windom Area Sharing Center. Please drop any spare coins, bills into the collection cans located in the Narthex.

Remember to set your clocks ahead! Sunday, March 14th begins **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**. Please be aware of the time change so you are not late for worship on Sunday morning.

Windom Area Health Foundation Dad's Belgian Waffle feed TODAY, Sunday, March 14th from 9 AM to 1PM at Windom Community Center. Adult tickets \$9.00 Children ages 10 to 5, \$5.00 .Under age 5 free. Proceeds used to fund local youth choosing health careers.

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.

MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH! Church in Society will be collecting items through March for the local food shelf.

- First week–Cleaning/Paper items (Pledge, Detergent, paper towels..)
- Second week–Personal Items (Toiletries, diapers, soap..)
- Third week–Breakfast Items (Juice, cereal, oatmeal..)
- Fourth week–Canned Goods (Fruits, veggies, soup..)

We will take any items anytime–these are suggestions only! Cash donations are also great!

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 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.

Holy Week at ALC and Bethany Lutheran

Palm Sunday, March 28

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 1

6:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion and First Communion

Good Friday, April 2

6:00 PM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 12

The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00 AM Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 AM Bethany Lutheran Worship

11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion



EASTER SERVICE INFORMATION! Easter service will be at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM with Holy Communion. Both services will be in-person. If you wish to join us online, the 8:00 AM service will be live streamed on the church's Facebook, YouTube, and Website. Listen to KDOM radio at 10:30 AM as another option. Sanctuary seating will be limited to approximately 110 individuals. There will be overflow seating available in the Skylight Court. There will be a monitor for viewing the service. Worshipping virtually continues to be highly recommended.



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. Please join us in supporting this important ministry.

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

LIVESTREAM of Wednesday worship services during Lent can be viewed at 5:45 p.m. Livestream of Sunday worship services can be viewed at 9:00 a.m. Videos of worship services can be viewed at your convenience for up to one month. Livestreams and videos of services can be viewed on the church's Facebook page (American Lutheran Church Windom), our YouTube channel (alcwindom) or on the church's website (alcofwindom.com)

Virtual Small Groups: We did our trial run of doing small groups via an app called GroupMe and we're ready to get it up and running permanently again. Via the app there is a weekly video devotion that's no longer than three minutes. A little scripture and devo twice a week. And it's a place to share joys, concerns, pray for others, and have others pray for you. Let Pastor Adam know if you'd be interested in joining this ministry.

ONDINI PARTNERSHIP: At their February meeting our church council made a donation to the Shetek Conference/Ondini circuit partnership account. They also encouraged the congregation to add to the partnership account to help the Ondini churches in their time of need. The COVID virus has been hard on the people of the Ondini Circuit. To control the spread of the virus churches have been shut down. Pastors, who depend on the weekly donations of their parish, are going without pay. None of the earlier vaccines have been effective against the South African Strain of COVID. Funerals, which are traditionally held on Saturday have had to be done on other days of the week because so many are dying. Five pastors and the bishop of the circuit have died of the virus. If it is possible we ask you to help out our partners in South Africa. Donations earmarked for the Shetek/Ondini Partnership may be left in the office at any time. Thank you.

“ASSURANCE,” A CD OF FAITH-BASED HARP MUSIC RECORDED BY KAREN WOJAHN, is available in the church office. A minimum donation of \$10 per CD is requested, payable to American Lutheran Church, which will be forwarded to the SW MN Synod's Gifts of Grace Fund.



HELP WANTED: The American Lutheran Church of Windom is seeking a part-time Youth and Family Coordinator & Christian Education Coordinator to help with our Bible And Me (BAM) Sunday school program and also our teenage youth groups. Go to alcofwindom.com for more information.