

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, March 21st, 2021 9:00 AM
Fifth 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

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.

ASSISTING MINISTER

Kim Armstrong

GATHERING MUSIC

Angie Erickson, 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: Rejoice, the Lord is near—

C: Salvation has come to this house!

L: The healer is in our midst;

C: Our faith has made us well.

L: Rejoice, the Lord is near—

C: Salvation has come to this house!

OPENING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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. (*Repeat*)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, You welcomed all people and did not hold their misfortunes against them. Encourage us also to set aside our prejudice and show the same unbiased mercy you demonstrated, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES LEADER: Chloe Shamp

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 Luke 18:31-19:10 Pew Bible p.853

Reader: Cheryl Ahern

Reader: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 18

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

18³¹Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.” ³⁴But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” ⁴²Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” ⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”

⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my

possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

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

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Adam

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *“O God, Why Are You Silent”* ELW #703

- 1 O God, why are you silent? I cannot hear your voice; the proud and strong and violent all claim you and rejoice; you promised you would hold me with tenderness and care. Draw near, O Love, enfold me, and ease the pain I bear.
- 2 My hope lies bruised and battered, my wounded heart is torn; my spirit spent and shattered by life's relentless storm; will you not bend to hear me, my cries from deep within? Have you no word to cheer me when night is closing in?
- 3 Through endless nights of weeping, through weary days of grief, my heart is in your keeping, my comfort, my relief. Come, share my tears and sadness, come, suffer in my pain, oh, bring me home to gladness, restore my hope again.
- 4 May pain draw forth compassion, let wisdom rise from loss; oh, take my heart and fashion the image of your cross; then may I know your healing through healing that I share, your grace and love revealing, your tenderness and care.

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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 have given freely to us, and so we freely offer these gifts to your people. Bless them and use all of our resources: time, money and talents, to serve your kingdom’s mission in the world, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“Just as I Am”

ELW #592

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev’ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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DISMISSAL

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

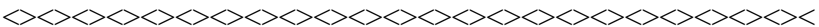
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, A man’s blindness was punishment for his sin. Another man’s sin had yet to be punished. But Jesus welcomed them both with compassion, forgiveness, and a new lease on life.

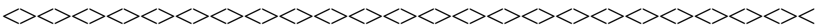
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Triumphal Entry, Luke 19:29-44

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s worship service is in memory of Rick Amundson on what would have been his 75th birthday on March 18th given by Monica Amundson, Leah Bussa family and Jimmy Amundson family.



Attendance: Wednesday, 78; Sunday, 57;

Offering: \$4,450



YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

Acolytes: Blaise Larson, Kayden Paulson

Ushers: Aaden Nauman

Bell Ringer: Harriet Lohse

THE ALC COUNCIL RETREAT scheduled for Sunday, March 21st is postponed to Sunday, April 18th at 2:30 PM at Shalom Hill Farms.

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 4

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.

NOTE THE WORSHIP TIME FOR WEDNESDAYS! Worship on Wednesdays, beginning April 7th, will continue to be at 5:45 PM through the month of May.

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 (alcofwindom) 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 that 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.

“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.

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).