

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

"HOW CAN I
[UNDERSTAND],
UNLESS SOMEONE
GUIDES ME?"

Acts 8:31, NRSV



Sunday, April 25th, 2021 9:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Sundays 9:00 am Worship & 10:30 am Virtual BAM-S
Wednesdays 5:45 pm WOW (Worship On Wednesdays)

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

AED training following worship in the Skylight Court

Creation Sunday: Blessing of soil and seeds

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Open our ears, O God

C: And give us understanding.

L: Hold a light before your word

C: And illuminate your truth.

L: Pour over our heads the water of life,

C: And we will praise your abundant mercy.

OPENING HYMN ***"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*** WOV #767
Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

2 The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ry one. *Refrain*

4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Risen Lord,

C: We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.

P: Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy, and pardon for sin! Because he lives, you are forgiven, therefore go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

KYRIE

p. 147 ELW

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of truth, You have revealed yourself to people of every time, place and situation. May we not put limits on where or how your Spirit might capture human hearts and spread the word of your gospel far and wide, for the sake of our risen Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-39

Pew Bible p.892

Reader: Betty Olson

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He

asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

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

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BLESSING OF THE SEEDS AND SOIL

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Adam

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY **“We All Are One in Mission”** ELW #576

- 1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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HOLY BAPTISM

ELW p. 227

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

Bless the gifts we offer, and guide us to the ones who need our witness of love, mercy, and good news. Open our hearts each moment to where we may best serve you, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Dustin - piano meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Borning Cry”

ELW #732

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in Peace. Share the good news. /
Thanks be to God! Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, when Philip was sent by an angel to a lonely wilderness road, he couldn't have known he would have an encounter with a man that had the potential to affect an entire kingdom.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Council at Jerusalem, Acts 15:1-18

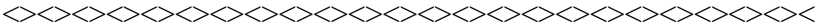
YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

Acolytes: James Erickson, Elijah Friewald

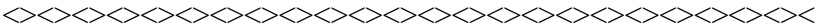
Ushers: Harriet Lohse, Raelyn Marcy

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is given by Doug & Trisha Grant in honor of their children Ethan, Dillon, Cameron, and Brienna.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given by Tom & Karen Wickie in honor of their granddaughter Rachel Wickie.



Attendance last Wednesday 38; Sunday 98;
Offering \$6,094; Parking Lot Fundraiser \$8,803



BROUGHT TO CHRIST through Holy Baptism today, April 25th is Jesus David Mendoza Hernandez, son of Luis and Rebecca Mendoza Hernandez. Jesus' sponsors are Jayme Buckentin, Marc Oakland, and Sarah Nordstrom. May God bless Jesus and his family!



AED TRAINING TODAY! Join Jim Axford following worship today, in the Skylight court, to learn about this life saving device. Ushers and congregational members are encouraged to attend. Cardiac emergencies can happen to anyone at any time, even in church. Knowing how to handle this crisis leads to a greater survival rate.

THANK YOU: The Church In Society would like to thank all who contributed to our 40 Day Lenten Challenge. Because of your generosity we were able to donate **\$2,280** to the Crisis Center! We are grateful for your support of this important ministry.

JR LEAGUE: Join us today Sunday, April 25th at 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM!!

PAVE THE WAY PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN: Please check out the bulletin board in the Skylight Court and help us pave the way to resurfacing ALC's parking lot!

MAY 9TH IS MOTHER'S DAY! Send a photo of you and your mother or mother figure in your life to the church office at winalc@windomnet.com. Young, old, multiple generations! Please send them by May 3rd to be shown in a slideshow to help honor the moms of our congregation.

THE WINDOM AREA SHARING CENTER is looking for volunteers. Please contact Christine, 507-822-7210 for more information.

ALC IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COVER FOR THE CUSTODIAN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS THIS SUMMER. This will entail a small list of duties to prepare for our Sunday morning worship. If you're interested please call or text Steve Johnson at (507)822-2716 to be put on a volunteer list and learn more of what duties will entail. Thank you!

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.



GLOW (Gals Living Our Witness) TEAM MEETING Sunday, May 2nd, 10 AM in the ALC Meeting Room. All ALC women are welcome!

TEEN BIBLE STUDY *"You were Made to Make a Difference"* by Max Lucado and his daughter Jenna Lucado Bishop today, Sunday, April 18th at 4:30pm in the Youth room. Please join us!

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS, May 2nd: The American Lutheran quilters/GLOW members have completed 84 quilts, 18 School Kits, 97 Baby Care Kits, and 39 Personal Care Kits. All these items will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who donated items and their time to help make this happen!

HOLY COMMUNION for those worshipping at home: 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We meet every Tuesday at 8:00 AM 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!!

FUTURE YOUTH EVENTS:

BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP: Students finishing 8th-12th Grade in June 2021 are invited to go on a Boundary Waters "roughing it" trip July 25th-August 1st. This is limited to 7 kids. Estimated cost is \$700 each which includes all food and supplies but it isn't set in stone yet. Funds will be raised by a few fundraisers (car washing and hot dish) beforehand and students who already have some money in their youth account can use that. Chaperones are Brandon Roskamp and Sarah Tade'. For more information please contact John Shamp by calling or texting 507-822-2644 or email at shamp2644@gmail.com or contact Melanie at 507-380-8656 or melanieatalc@gmail.com. Sign-up deadline is May 31st. We will have a meeting after sign up to give all the details.

VALLEYFAIR TRIP: Thursday, July 8th. Open to families or students entering 9th-12th grade. Anyone under 9th grade needs to be with parent or guardian. Leaving at 9am. Cost will be \$40 plus extra for food/extras. If we get enough signed up we can get a great deal on a group meal. Students....Remember you might have account money!

ARNOLD'S PARK TRIP: Tuesday, July 27th leaving at 1pm. Open to students entering 6th-8th grade and open to families! If student is under 6th grade they need to be with a parent or guardian. Cost is \$20 plus money for food/extras. Students might have account money.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS: Sunday, June 6th, Sunday, July 11th, and Sunday, August 8th; each time 11am-3pm with 2 shifts- 11-1 and 1-3. We need about 10 kids per shift. Open to ALL youth 6th-12th grade. Not just for those attending trips.

The wealth we have has its source in God. "But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth" (Deut. 8:18).

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