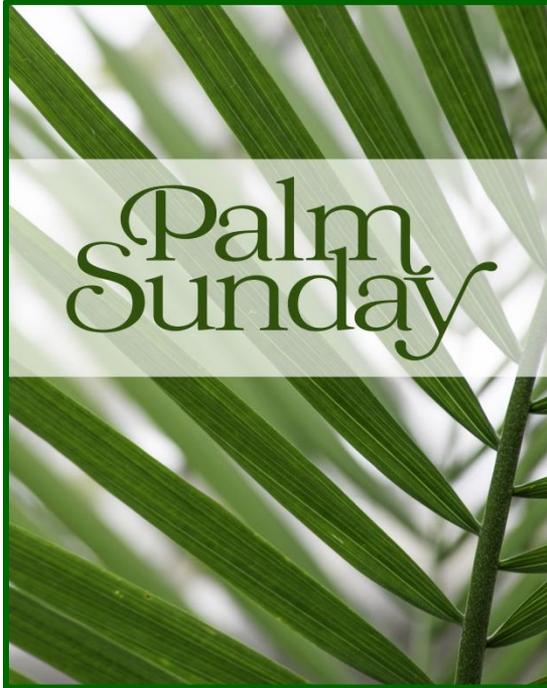


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, March 28th, 2021 9:00 AM
Palm Sunday

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Website: www.alcofwindom.com

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

Carol Vought, Organist

RINGING OF BELL

(Please gather in silence for the few announcements on the screen)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, the very heart of our calendar as a Christian people. During these days, may we be attentive to our Lord Jesus, as he willingly enters Jerusalem to the shouts of praise, but where he will be betrayed by one of his own, abandoned by those closest to him, arrested, beaten, mocked and finally hung on a tree to die. Daily readings for Holy Week are found on the God's Story our Story insert. Blessings to each one as we walk through these holy days.

(Worship begins in the back of the sanctuary)

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Luke 19:28-40 ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told

them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord.

OPENING HYMN *“All Glory Laud and Honor”* ELW #344
Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

“All Glory Laud and Honor” Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Public Domain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, Your son entered Jerusalem knowing the trials which awaited him. May we follow faithfully through this week of sorrows, knowing that your promised redemption awaits us, through Jesus our Lord. 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.”

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord according to Saint Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

PASSION SKIT

Reader Response: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregational Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY **“Stay with Me”** ELW #348 (*sing 3 times*)

Stay with me,
remain here with me,
watch and pray.
Watch and pray.

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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

We ask your blessing upon these gifts, but you ask us to open our eyes to the things that make for peace. Let us not believe that our service ends with giving, but compel us to work toward justice in your world, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Liturgy on pg. 69 #11

LORD’S PRAYER p. 112

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”* ELW #337

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
2. Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.
5. But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Public Domain.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

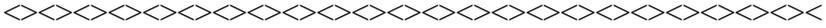
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, while the people prepared to celebrate the liberation in their past at Passover, Jesus wept for the bondage and turmoil he could see still coming.

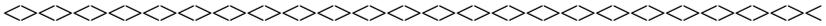
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Resurrection, Luke 24:1-12

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in celebration of Fred Frederickson's 93rd birthday on March 24th, given by his daughter Judith Johnson.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in memory of Bill Erpestad, Reid Erpestad, Keith Erpestad, Steven Erpestad, and Ryan Klenken by their family.



Attendance: Wednesday, 73; Sunday, 63;
Offering: \$3,997



YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

Acolytes: Nate Sykora, Isaac Armstrong
Ushers: Kaede Scrivens, Emma Holtz

THANK YOU to ALC members and Confirmation students who participated in the Passion Skit.

REMINDER! 5th grade bread baking with parents and children of First Communion will take place on Wednesday, March 31st at 6pm. First Communion will take place on Maundy Thursday, April 1st at the 6pm worship service. Congratulations to all First Communicants!

PLANNING FOR HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: We anticipate large numbers of worshippers during Holy Week. We continue to practice Social Distancing protocols. When the sanctuary is full, worshippers will be seated in the Skylight Court and in the balcony. You may also choose to worship at home online or through our radio broadcast. Blessed Holy Week to all!

NEXT SUNDAY IS EASTER! 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.

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 ministry.



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



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!

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!



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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: GLOW is doing a supplies drive in order to pack baby care kits for LWR. Each month we ask for a specific item, however, you can donate what you wish whenever you want. Donations from the congregation are greatly appreciated! Thank you! April Items needed: medium weight receiving blankets, Ivory soap, bath size bars, and combs.

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.

THE ALC COUNCIL RETREAT is rescheduled to Sunday, April 18th at 2:30 PM at the Shalom Hill Farm.

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 devotion 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.

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.

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)

“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.

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 April 25th at 10 AM** following worship in the Skylight Court taught by Jim Axford.

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).