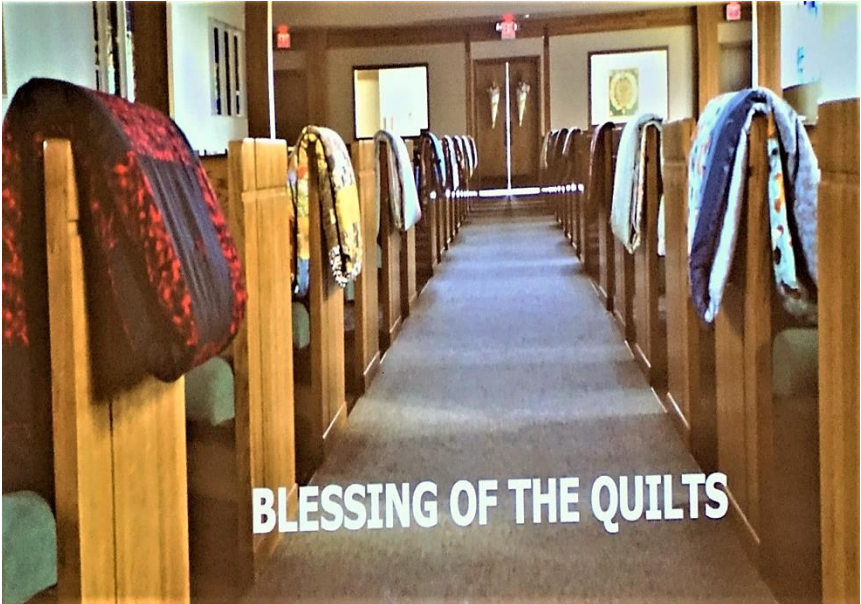


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 9:00 AM
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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E-Mail: winalc@windomnet.com
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.

ASSISTING MINISTER

Jean Johnson

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember to submit photos for **Mother's Day** before Monday, May 3
Blessing of the Quilts and Kits – GLOW (Gals Living Our Witness - women of ALC) quilters and kit makers met 4 times in August and September, 2020 and 11 times during January-April, 2021. With the help of donations from the congregation, Noisy Offering and the busy hands of GLOW, 90 quilts, 133 school kits, 169 baby care kits, and 86 personal care kits were made and assembled. Three quilts have been donated to the Shetek Quilt Auction being held on June 26. 15-20 quilts will be saved and donated to the Christmas Cheer Box in December. The remaining quilts and all of the kits will be taken to Minneapolis to the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse to be distributed throughout the world. We pray for those who will receive these gifts, wherever they may be.

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's salvation is for all!

C: **All lands and all peoples.**

L: No separation will stand

C: **Between us and our sisters and brothers.**

L: Let us praise the Lord of love,

C: **Whose grace has redeemed us all.**

OPENING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song,” What A Day That Will Be praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

“Blessed Assurance” Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 Public Domain.

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.

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p. 147 ELW

MEN’S QUARTET

“What A Day That Will Be”

Pastor Adam Roberts, Michael Wojahn, Chris Zimmerman, & Rick Quade

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, You showed your followers that their salvation didn’t depend upon culture or traditions, but on the grace freely offered by your Spirit. Show us the same open vision of mercy offered to all, regardless of background or practice, for the sake of the whole world. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Carol - organ meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 15:1-18

Pew Bible p. 899

Reader: Jean Johnson

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.³ So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers.

⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.⁵ But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.⁷ After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers.⁸ And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us;⁹ and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us.¹⁰ Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear?¹¹ On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."¹² The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.¹³ After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me.¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name.¹⁵ This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,¹⁶ After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up,¹⁷ so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—even all the Gentiles over whom my

name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things ¹⁸known from long ago.”

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

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Adam

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY **“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”** ELW #461

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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ELW p.104

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 of ourselves, you prosper our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts and us e them and us for the ongoing work of your merciful kingdom, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS (Acknowledge the Quilts near Altar)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* ELW # 597

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the
veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when
all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and
stay. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be
found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before
the throne! *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

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

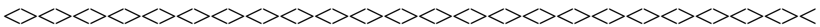
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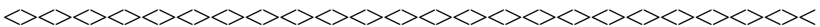
WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church! In the scripture reading, the early Christian church had a debate that brought the concept of grace to the surface. It would be God’s gifts, not people’s adherence to the laws, that would cleanse and save.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Living by Faith,
Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s worship service is in honor of Carolyn Torkelson’s 80th birthday on Monday, May 3rd.



Attendance last Wednesday 29; Sunday 102;
Offering \$3,262; Parking Lot Fundraiser \$12,098



Thank you to Jean Johnson for being the Assisting Minister today, while Pastor Sarah is attending the Tadé sons’ college graduations.

Have you sent in a photo of your mother in honor of **MOTHER'S DAY**? Please bring it to the church office or send it to winalc@windomnet.com no later than Monday, May 3rd. Please remember to include names with your photo.

PENTECOST, the birthday of the church will be celebrated the week of May 19th-23rd. Red is the color of the day. Please consider wearing something red to help celebrate this important day in the church calendar.

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!

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 Sunday May 2nd, 16th and 30th at 4:30pm in the Youth room. Please join us!

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!!

NOTE FROM SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES: "As you get ready to recognize graduating seniors in your congregation, who comes to mind that you could encourage to serve at camp this summer? There are those members of your congregation that have stayed connected through high school and are now moving on. I know they will benefit by serving at Shetek and developing skills this summer that will last them a lifetime and help them stand out to future employers. Thanks for your partnership in developing young adult leaders!" Marv Nysetvold, Executive Director

FUTURE YOUTH EVENTS:

BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP: Youth ages 13-18 are invited to go on a Boundary Waters "roughing it" trip with Pastor Adam and Brandon Roskamp from August 1 to August 8th. This is limited to 7 kids There is a \$150 deposit per kid. Funds will be raised by a few fundraisers (car washing, hot dish, and coffee and cinnamon roll to go after worship) beforehand and students who already have some money in their youth account can use that. Chaperones are Brandon Roskamp and Pastor Adam. For more information please contact Pastor Adam at 1(715)326-1961 or pastoradamcroberts@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, and Sunday, July 11th; 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.

CONFIRMATION SAVE THE DATES:

Confirmation Interviews: May 12th-June 2nd- please call to set up a date and time with your assigned Pastor if you have not already done so.

Faith Statement Recordings: Wednesday, June 9th at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 15th at 8:00 pm.

Confirmation Sunday: September 19th, 2021 at 10:45 am

(Last year we held two Confirmations due to COVID guidelines and restrictions. If we need to adjust for this year, we will keep you posted.)