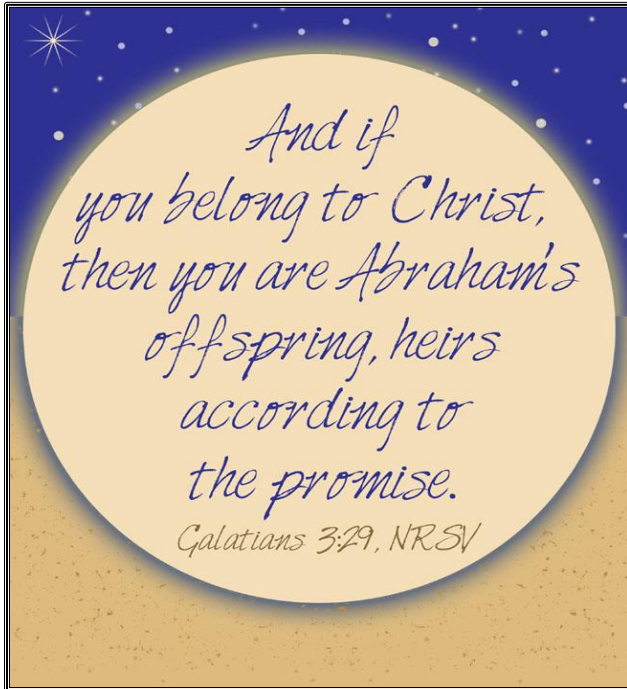


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, May 16th, 2021 9:00 AM
Seventh Sunday of Easter

906 Prospect Ave, PO Box 188
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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.

GATHERING MUSIC

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

KLW RECORDING

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed be the Lord!

C: For God has shown us favor.

L: God has sent a savior

C: To deliver us from fear.

L: God has shown us mercy,

C: And kept the ancient promise.

L: Blessed be the Lord!

C: For God has shown us favor.

OPENING HYMN

"All Are Welcome"

ELW #641

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *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

"Bind Us Together"

WOV #748

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love

Verse 1

There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one Body; that is why we can sing: *Refrain*

Verse 2

You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine. You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, The only law you demand is the law of love. By your grace, show us the path we are to follow, to spread your message of mercy and live lives of discipleship, after your son Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 Pew Bible p. 946

Reader: Spencer Kleven and Eric Heggeseth

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! ²The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? ⁴Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. ⁵Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? ⁶Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” ⁷so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. ⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” ⁹For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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 ***“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”***

ELW #817

- 1 You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

- 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*
- 3 You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary-- a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*
- 4 You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning: O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

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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.”

SPECIAL ANTHEM

“No Longer Strangers”

Dakota Road

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

There is no right way to please you through our offerings and actions, O God—only our open, thankful hearts freely given to you. Accept them and these gifts, and bless your servants in our journey of faith as your messengers of love. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“Go, My Children with My Blessing”* ELW #543

1. “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
2. “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
3. “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Share the Good News! / **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, Paul taught that God’s salvation was not dependent on people’s ability or willingness to follow Jewish laws. No, God’s salvation was a gift for all—no strings attached.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Pentecost: Fruits of the Spirit, Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26]

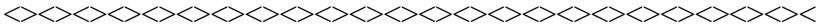
RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s worship service is in honor of the quilts. It was absolutely amazing to walk in on Sunday, May 2nd and see the dozens of beautiful quilts and see how many other things were made by the quilting ladies. Knowing how much work this entailed reminded me of the story about the loaves and the fishes. It’s astounding how such a small group of dedicated people could do so much in just a few hours. The hand of God was most definitely at work through all of you in completing this work. It was also evident in looking at all of those quilts, that the Spirit is alive and moving in a great and mighty way at ALC. The love shown and began here will spread throughout all corners, touching others and wrapping them in the love of Jesus through these quilts and kits. Blessings on all who made it possible.

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

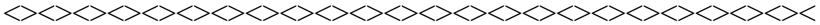
Scripture Readers: Spencer Kleven and Eric Heggseth

Acolytes: Morgan Johnson, Hayden Hedquist

Ushers: Blaise Larson, Leah Hauge



Attendance last Wednesday 30; Sunday 132;
Offering \$5,765; Parking Lot Fundraiser \$13,798



SENIOR RECOGNITION is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th at our 5:45 WOW Worship Service. Seniors please remember to send in your senior photo to the church office at winalc@windomnet.com by **Friday, May 14th** or sooner to be shown on our screens and in our June Messenger.

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.

MAY 23RD TRASH PICK UP SUNDAY: Join the Church In Society board and Junior League on May 23rd at 4pm as we go out and clean up around our community. Please bring a pair of work gloves and meet at the church. After all our hard work, plan on sticking around to enjoy ice cream with us!

FESTIVAL OF HOMILETICS: Pastor Sarah will be off site this coming week for Continuing Education at Shalom Hill Farm (other than Worship on Wednesday & Confirmation) taking in this national event on preaching by ZOOM.

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!

All women of American Lutheran and Bethany Lutheran - GLOW will be taking a trip to the **PAINTED PRAIRIE VINEYARD** near Curry, MN on **Tuesday, June 15**. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. to board the bus and carpool if needed. We will tour the facility, learn about its history, enjoy optional wine tasting, and order supper off the menu. Non-alcoholic beverages are available. All food and beverage is at your own expense. ALL women are welcome to attend by calling the office (831-1794), Kay Evers (830-1422) or signing up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office by June 1.

GIFTS OF GRACE - TOWARD FINANCIAL WELLBEING: Did you know that Bishop Jon Anderson is retiring after 18 years of service to the Southwest MN Synod? To honor Bishop Jon's leadership we are invited to make a contribution to one of his signature projects **Gifts of Grace** which supports congregations and pastors alike in financial wellbeing through stewardship training and grants for debt reduction or unexpected medical bills. Our Trust Fund is giving \$500. ALC's Venture Ministry Fund will give \$500 and challenges out members together to match that gift! Special Envelopes are in the narthex, or designate Gifts of Grace in the memo line of your check. Thank you for honoring Bishop Anderson, and promoting financial health in our synod.



HELP WANTED: The American Lutheran Church of Windom is seeking a part-time Youth and Family Coordinator. Go to alcofwindom.com for more information.

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

FUTURE YOUTH EVENTS:

BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP: Youth ages 13-18 are invited to go to the Boundary Waters this summer, August 1 to August 7th. There is only room for six kids and priority will be given to the oldest. Let Pastor Adam know if you are interested or have any questions by **May 31st**.

VALLEYFAIR TRIP: Thursday, July 8th leaving at 9am. For more information and to sign-up check out the Youth & Family and Christian Ed bulletin board!

ARNOLD'S PARK TRIP: Tuesday, July 27th leaving at 1pm. For more information and to sign-up check out the Youth & Family and Christian Ed bulletin board!

CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS: Sunday, June 6th, June 20th, July 11th and July 25th; 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

God grants to people the ability to earn that which is God's already: money and wealth. "Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all"
(1 Chron. 29:12)