

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**Sunday, May 9th, 2021 9:00 AM**  
*Sixth 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](mailto: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](http://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

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

MOTHER'S DAY SLIDESHOW

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering

ALC's ELCA Scholarship Fund

GATHERING:

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lord, have mercy!

**C: For we are sinners,**

L: But sinners redeemed

**C: By God's own grace.**

L: Let us rejoice

**C: For God shows mercy.**

L: Let us bring worship

**C: In this holy place.**

OPENING HYMN

*"Rock of Ages"*

ELW#623

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling. Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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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

*"Great Is The Lord"*

ALC #144

Verse

For as high as the heavens are above the earth so great is His mercy to me and as far as the east is from the west so far are my sins from me

Chorus

Great is the Lord His mercy endures forever forever Great is the Lord His mercy endures forever forever

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Merciful God, We cannot save ourselves through our own actions, only through your grace, freely offered. Keep us faithful to the lives we have chosen and make us examples that others might see and come to believe in you, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21 Pew Bible p. 945

Reader: Quintin Tietz and James Erickson

<sup>13</sup>You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. <sup>15</sup>But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup>to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, <sup>17</sup>nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

<sup>11</sup>But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; <sup>12</sup>for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. <sup>13</sup>And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" <sup>15</sup>We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup>But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup>and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

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

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

*"We Walk by Faith"*

ELW #635

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you  
here."

- 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on  
you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the  
water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may  
behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

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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

**We bring the gifts of our wealth, our time and our lives to your  
service. We offer them freely as a testimony to our gratitude for the  
mercy you have shown to us. Accept them and use us for the  
important work of your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

*"Amazing Grace"*

ELW #779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I  
once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis  
grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*"Amazing Grace"* Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5 Public Domain

**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 demanded integrity and honesty from Jewish Christians, who were examples of faith to the Gentiles. But their adherence to the laws wouldn't take away from the saving work of Jesus Christ.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for One in Christ, Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29.

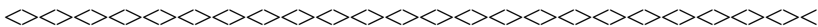
**YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:**

Scripture Readers: Quintin Tietz and James Erickson

Acolytes: Kaede Scrivens, Adam Dahna

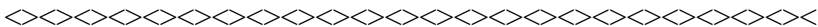
Ushers: Spencer Kleven, Olivia Hoffman

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's worship service is in honor of Olivia Mae Zimmer given by grandparents, Don & Deb Zimmer.



Attendance last Wednesday 44; Sunday 92;

Offering \$5,765; Parking Lot Fundraiser \$13,798



**BROUGHT TO CHRIST** through Holy Baptism today, May 9<sup>th</sup> is Olivia Mae Zimmer, daughter of Callie Jackson and Cody Zimmer. Olivia's sponsors are Cole Jackson and Isabella Zimmer. May God bless Olivia and her family!



**TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING IS DESIGNATED TO ALC'S ELCA SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** Any of our members going to an ELCA college is eligible to apply every year for financial help. In the last four years there have been six graduates who have received a thousand dollars from this fund when they applied. Every little bit helps our graduates who are very grateful for the support they receive from their church home. Please consider donating to this important ministry.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!** Thank you to everyone who submitted a Mother's Day photo to help us celebrate Mother's Day!



**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.

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

**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!

**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!

**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](http://alcofwindom.com) for more information.



**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 to the Boundary Waters this summer with Pastor Adam and Brandon Roskamp from August 1 to August 7th. Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries will lead us through that time. There is only room for six kids and priority will be given to the oldest. There will also be a \$150 deposit. Let Pastor Adam know if you are interested by 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! Please sign-up on the Youth & Family and Christian Ed Bulletin Board!

**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. Please sign-up on the Youth & Family and Christian Ed Bulletin Board!

**CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS:** Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>; 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 12<sup>th</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

**Confirmation Sunday:** September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.)

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)