



WORSHIP  
AT COTTONWOOD LAKE  
Rally Day Kick-off  
Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

**Sunday, September 10, 2023  
9:00 AM**

**American Lutheran Church, Windom  
Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts  
*Ministers: Everyone***

## GATHERING MUSIC

Angie Erickson, Keyboard  
ALC Joyful Noise Praise Band

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast to follow worship! Free will donation!

Noisy Offering – Everybody Eats

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Adam: Calling all children of the Living God:

**C: Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

Tera: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

**C: Let us worship together, every generation.**

Pastor Sarah: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

**C: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

Pastor Adam: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

**All: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.**

## OPENING PRAYER:

Let us pray:

**God our teacher, who helps us to understand the world around us,  
thank you for the privilege of education. You have blessed our communities with teachers  
who take new skills and concepts and pass them along to each new class of your people.  
God who came as a child to show us how to be fully human, to show us how to be children of  
God, we come to worship together, to lift up our young people and all those who care for them  
and teach them. Open our hearts to what you are saying to us today. Amen.**

## OPENING SONG: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

ALC #67

### Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are, before your God.  
Come.

### Verse 1

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God,  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still, the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now. *Chorus*

### Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,  
Willingly our knees will bow.  
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength,  
We gladly choose You now. *Chorus*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and of our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together With Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C. Amen**

## HYMNS OF PRAISE:

### **“This is the Day”**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

### **“Awesome God”**

ALC #143

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love, Our God is an awesome God

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy Creator, you created human beings in your own image to till the earth and help one another. Give us hearts to continue tending to all that you have made so that the earth will sustain life for generations to come. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 2:4b-25

Reader: Graycee Baloun

The scripture reading comes from the book of Genesis, Chapter 2:

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Tera Elness, Pastor Adam Roberts

INSTALLATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STAFF  
(Teachers, prayer partners, and other volunteers)

Pastor Sarah Tade`

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah Tade`

SONG OF THE DAY

**"I Love to Tell the Story"**

ELW #661

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. Refrain

3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. Refrain

INSTALLATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT- *Melanie Shamp*

Pastor Adam

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*"Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you with either a wave of your hand or a hand shake: "Peace be with you" Response: "And also with you!"*

OFFERING

*We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's love.  
Offering will be collect by ushers.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**"Everybody's Got Something to Offer"**

ALC #13

## Chorus:

Everybody's got something to offer; Young and old the prince and the pauper. Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

1. To the lost and the lowly ones the message it is clear;  
We have all got a gift to give our hands, our hearts, our tears. (Chorus)
2. To the believers gathered here the message it is true;  
We have all got a gift to give in all we say and do. (Chorus)

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

Children, families, and all who love them,  
Go out into the beautiful world that God has made!  
Go and play!  
Go and learn!  
Go and love others!  
May you be filled with loving kindness for yourself and everyone around you.  
May the prayers of your faith community keep you safe, healthy, and full of joy.  
May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever,  
Amen.

## CLOSING SONG                    **"As You Go On Your Way"** (2 times)

ALC #68

As you go on your way may Christ go with you.  
May he go before you to show you the way;  
May he go behind you to encourage you;  
Beside you to befriend you;  
Above you to watch over;  
Within you to give you peace.

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## DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Shine your light.  
We will. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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**ALC DAY** at Senior Dining is **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. They will be serving Chicken Salad on croissant, tomato and cucumber salad, also with a fruit and dessert! The meal is served at 11:30am. Please call 507-831-6161, at least one day in advance, to let them know if you plan to attend!



**Holiday Fair Department Chairs** will meet **on Sunday, September 17** after worship in the meeting room next to the office. We will be discussing plans for the event and choosing dates to have sign-up sheets in the Skylight Court so bring your calendars!

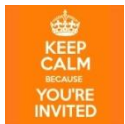


**2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering:** Once every three years the ELCA has a major youth gathering somewhere in the US. On average over 20,000 youth attend this event where there is a high energy worship service every night (usually in a stadium) and some type of awesome service project. This event will be held July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. There will be an informational meeting on this trip **Sunday, September 17th at 5pm**. Due to the immensity of this trip, everyone interested must attend the meeting or talk with Pastor Adam before the meeting.

**GLOW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm in the meeting room across from the church office. The study is based off the September Gather Magazine. If you need a copy, please see Melanie in the church office.



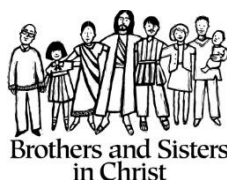
**SAVE THE DATES!** Our 3 year olds will be receiving their Bibles on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> during worship and on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> during worship. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be receiving their Bibles on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, also during the worship services.



**You're Invited!** Shalom Hill Farms is pleased to invite you to come to their Prairie Spirituality Celebration Event **on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. This event will start at 2pm with a Walking Dedication of new spaces at the farm! There will be a newly composed worship liturgy, music, and praying. At 3:45, refreshments will be served to close out the event! Please RSVP by emailing [shfprograms@gmail.com](mailto:shfprograms@gmail.com) or visit their event page on Facebook titled Peace on the Prairie – Dedication, Walking Tour and Worship. See the flier on the bulletin board by the office for more detailed information!

**EVERYBODY EATS! SUPPERS:** The suppers will begin on September 13th and run through the school year. The menu will be shared each week and we encourage families and individuals to join us! The meals will be family friendly and donations are accepted but not required. Congregation members are invited to contribute items for the suppers or give a monetary contribution. There is a wish list of items needed on the bulletin board outside the office. A donation of \$5 will cover one meal. **THIS IS SO GREATLY** appreciated! We are also in need of helpers to serve the supper and help with clean up! If you and some friends or your family unit would be willing to help, please contact Melanie.

**SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNERS** from the South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa will be visiting our synod between 9/21 and 10/12. There will be a synod wide Meet and Greet reception at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield, MN on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm-4pm with a short program at 2:30. We are hoping to get a visit from one of them at one of our Saturday chapel services.





## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Sunday, September 10th**

*Rally Day at the Lake- Kickoff to the School Year*

#### **Second Sunday Noisy Offering**

9:00am Rally Day Worship at the Lake & Noisy Offering. With installation of Sun./Wed. School Teachers/Volunteers & Prayer Partners. Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00am Properties Board

10:00am Rally Day PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the lake served by the Lions Club

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

### **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Spiritual Life & Fellowship Bd

### **Tuesday, September 12th**

8:00am Men's Bible Study

1:15pm Staff Team Huddle

2:00pm Altar Guild

5:30pm Youth & Family Bd

7:00pm Budget & Finance Bd

7:00pm Christian Ed Bd

7:00pm Disc/Marketing and Stewardship Bd

7:00pm Worship & Music Bd

8:00pm Church Council

### **Wednesday, September 13th**

9:00am Windom Ministerial Association

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper – Walking Tacos

5:30pm Choir

5:30pm Wednesday School

5:30pm Wednesday School Parent Meeting, Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Wednesday Worship w/ Holy Communion & Installation of Confirmation Small Group Guides

7:30pm Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Thursday, September 14th**

9:00am Bulletin Deadline

10:00am Cable TV Ch 22

11:30am ALC Day at Senior Dining

6:30pm Cable TV, Ch 22

### **Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Saturday, September 16th**

5:30pm Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering, will be held in the sanctuary

### **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Worship

10:00am Skylight Court-Coffee Hour

10:15am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday School Parent Meeting, Fellowship Hall

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM