The American Lutheran Church of Windom



... May you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge! RUTH 2:12

July 1st, 2018 9:00 AM 6th Sunday of Pentecost Sunday

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship
Pastors Sarah Tadé and Henry Campbell
Ministers: Everyone

WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

If you are new to us or visiting from another church, please fill out a postcard for us. We'd love to be in touch with you.

A table with PRAYER CANDLES is located near the front of the church on each side. You are invited to light a candle and say a prayer while you are here.

WORSHIP BAGS with a variety of quiet toys for small children are available at the back of the church.

LITTLE READERS BOOK NOOK in the Narthex, has books from our church library for kids to borrow for service or to take home.

COFFEE HOUR immediately follows our services every Sunday morning in our Skylight Court. ALL are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship.

COMMUNION RECIPIENTS that wish to receive communion in the pew, please sit on the end of a pew near the side aisle. An Altar Guild member will be Holy Communion to you.

GATHERING MUSIC

Dustin Stevens, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO GREETING

from our Youth at the National ELCA Youth Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Who are we, Lord, that you should notice us?
- C: Be merciful, as God is merciful.
- L: We take refuge under your wings.
- C: Be merciful, as God is merciful.
- L: May we continue to find favor in your sight.
- C: Be merciful, as God is merciful. Amen.

OPENING SONG "We Have Come into His House" ALC #65

STATEMENT of MISSION

P: In the name of the Triune God.

C: We welcome all, walk together, reflect love, and serve creation

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: Forgive us, for we have been faithless. Daily you offer us chances to serve you, and we decline them. We turn inward and ignore your world in need. We hoard time, energy and resources. Have mercy on us and bring us back into your favor. Amen.

L: God is faithful, just and kind, and will not forsake us, even when we go astray. Hear the words of forgiveness offered to you, that your sins are remembered no more and your Creator restores your life for the sake of Jesus, your savior. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-knowing God, we cannot always see where your hand is leading us. Give us faith to follow your Spirit's nudging, and to look for those whom you have sent us along the way. In the name of your Son we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

READING Ruth 2:1-13, 17, & 19 Pew Bible p. 211
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF THE DAY: "Protector of My Soul" ALC #117

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ELW p. 227

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's love.

RESPONSE "Give Thanks" ALC #15

PRAYER

Bountiful Lord, the measure which we give is the measure which we shall see returned to us. Give us generous hearts to share our plenty with others, and grateful hearts to receive what you continue to grant us. For all things come from you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION ALC #52, ELW#733

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Battle Hymn of the Republic" ELW #890

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. / We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran today! Holy Communion is served to all who believe in the presence of Christ in the bread and wine given to us for the forgiveness of sins. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Children may come forward for a blessing.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

GREETERS: Brady & Kristi Mickelson Family **SCRIPTURE READER:** Sharon Thompson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Donna Gravley, Chuck Severson, Sharon

Thompson

MEDIA MINISTRY: Tom Wickie

SOUND TECH: Jay Elness

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Eugene Hanchett, Moni Harper, Page

Kern, Dana Wallace

Attendance last Saturday 24; Sunday 179
Offerings Received: \$4,158 Borrowed to date: \$19,000

WE WELCOME THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM Madalynn Jean Carlson, daughter of Brittany Sour and Kurt Carlson. Madalynn's sponsors are Susan and Bobby Buss. May God bless Madalynn and her family!

HELLO FROM HOUSTON!! We are hoping to join you all today during today's worship from the NRG Stadium in Houston, TX. Keep your fingers crossed. Again, we want to thank you all again, for supporting us. It will be our last Mass Gathering before we head back home to Minnesota. See you all when we get home!!



JOIN US TONIGHT for ALC Family Swim Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship with other ALC families at the local Windom Pool. ALC will pay for families without pool passes.

JULY NOISY OFFERING on July 8th will go towards school supplies for the ELCA Mission in Action Backpacks filled with school supplies. These backpacks are assembled by GLOW and are distributed internationally to children in need. Thank you for giving!



CAMPFIRE CHURCH will be held this Wednesday, June 13 at 6:00 PM. Join us for Supper on a Stick and an informal worship time on the church lawn! Bring your own lawn chair and a friend. Save the dates July 11th, and August 8th.



WORSHIP AT THE LAKE with us on Sunday, July 15! We'll gather by the shelter house at Cottonwood Lake for worship at 9:00 a.m. Bring your own lawn chair! The Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board will be serving root beer floats after worship.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING of the congregation immediately following worship on July 15th for the purpose of voting to call an associate pastor to American Lutheran church.

INCOMING 2ND GRADERS! Shetek Day Play is July 17th & August 7th 9am-4:30pm! Let's FILL THE BUS and go to Shetek for the day! You can sign up through Shetek's website or by giving them a call and then let the church office know that you need a ride.

JR & SR LEAGUE are combining the League's over the summer months. The next League Night will be on Wednesday, July 18th at 7pm!! EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT LEAGUE.

THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC BOARD would like to invite you Saturday, July 21st to help support our very own Lisa Peterson who will be preaching at Shetek Lutheran Ministries at 5:30 p.m. The bus will be going or you can carpool. We will leave the church parking lot at 4pm, and will be stopping for supper in Slayton after the service. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office if you would like to go or you can contact the church office.

OUR MID-YEAR MEETING will be held on Sunday July 22nd immediately following worship. Please join us for this important congregation meeting.

BECOME A *BEFRIENDER!* Life in community means nobody goes it alone. Many are lonely, can't get out, or are shaken by an experience of loss or trauma. Many of you could be a friend, a listening ear, and a sign that God knows and is present. Join a team of Befrienders, ministering alongside the pastors in our congregation.

Training, July 22nd & July 29th (Mondays) 7:00 – 8:30 PM led by Pr. Sarah, & Lisa Petersen who has taken the pastoral care segment of the Lay Preachers' training provided by our synod. Call the ALC church office to sign up or if you have questions, or just come!

THE ANNUAL LAKE SHETEK BIBLE CAMP

FUNDRAISING AUCTION brought in \$26,580. We sold 166 quilts and there were some silent auction baskets and runners. American Lutheran quilts totaled \$950. One quilt alone brought \$700! Thank you to the quilters and for the people who came and supported the event. It is great to look out and see familiar faces in the crowd! Thanks again.

FYI: Collected for The Banquet trip to Sioux Falls \$636.45. Still needed to meet our goal of 1,000.00 is \$363.55.

CHURCH SOFTBALL TONIGHT

5:30 PM ALC 2 vs. Baptist @ Bergen 6:45 PM ALC 1 vs. Bergen @ Bergen



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – SHIPWRECKED! We are looking for volunteers!! Do you like to craft? Would you like to lead music? Could you tell the crews about a bible story? This VBS is amazing and laid out with exactly what you need to say in a nice easy booklet. Please, if you are willing to help, even if for only a couple days, let me know! We appreciate all the help to make this the best week for the kiddos!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 1st

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 6:30 PM ALC Family Swim Night

Monday, July 2nd
YG 2018 returns from Houston

Tuesday, July 3rd
7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
1:30 PM Staff Meeting
5:00 PM CIS Bd. Mtg

Wednesday, July 4th
Happy Independence Day!
Office/Building CLOSED

Thursday, July 5th 9:00 AM Bulleting Deadline 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

Friday, July 6th

Saturday, July 7th 5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, July 8th
Second Sunday Noisy Offering
9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Coffee Hour