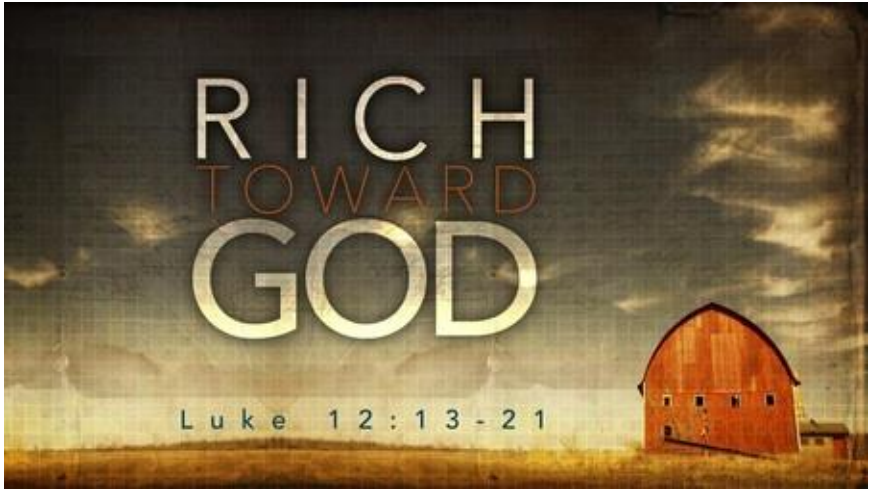


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom



**September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 9:00 AM**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship**

**Sundays 9:00 am Worship**

**Wednesdays 5:45 pm Wow & 6:30 pm BAM**

**Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts**  
*Ministers: Everyone*

**WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE 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 who wish to receive communion in the pew, please sit on the end of a pew near the side aisle. An Altar Guild member will bring Holy Communion to you.

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: And my mouth will declare your praise.**

L: You have no delight in sacrifice,

**C: No pleasure in burnt offerings.**

L: The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit,

**C: A contrite heart you will not despise, O God.**

**All: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *“How Firm a Foundation”* (vss. 1, 2, 4)

ELW 796

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: Generous God,

**C: You have blessed us with riches overflowing. And yet we waste what we are given. We hoard what we have. And we long for what we don't have. We dishonor your gift when we deny those who are in need. We bankrupt our own souls with greed. Forgive our blindness. Make our hearts clean again. Amen.**

L: A contrite heart is what God desires. A spirit humbled and opened to the service of others. Receive the redeeming mercy of Christ and believe in his promise. You are forgiven. You are made whole again. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you have shown us the way to fulfillment. Train our hearts in your healing way and rid them of their addiction to that which doesn't truly nourish. We ask this for the sake of your Son, who gave up everything for our sake. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Adam

## READING

Luke 12:13-34

Pew Bible p. 847

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

## MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

## SONG OF THE DAY *"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"*

ELW #358

## APOSTLES' CREED

ELW page 105

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

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

RESPONSE                                    *“We Give Thee”*    (vs.1)    ELW #686

PRAYER

**It is in giving that we receive. Accept and bless these gifts, O God, which come from our plenty, for the benefit of all your children. Use us as your instruments of peace and love in the world, that all may know your goodness. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION                                    ELW #800

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN                                    *“God of Grace”*                                    ELW #705

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:** Jeff & Ali Dahna Family

**SCRIPTURE READER:** Adam Dahna

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Babe Crowell, Lisa Petersen, Sharon Thompson

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** was given today in memory of Bud Mattson given by his friend Donny.



Attendance last Saturday 33; Sunday 177

Envelope: \$3,480 Borrowed to date: \$31,000



**WOW WORSHIP STARTS SEPTEMBER 5TH:** Worship on Wednesdays (5:45 pm - 6:25 pm) will begin on the Wednesday after Labor Day (September 5) and continue through the school year until Memorial Day. Holy Communion will be served at that service on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome! Please note that our Wednesday Suppers, BAM-W and Confirmation will start the following week, September 12.

**HELLO ALC FAMILIES!** Wednesday night suppers will soon be underway again and we are looking for helpers to serve! 5 people are sufficient to serve but more hands are always better! All you need to do is sign up for any Wednesday night to help serve and cleanup. All the preparation will already be done! You will soon be able to sign up via the website but until that is available, please contact Melanie Shamp (507)380-8656 by calling or texting; or contact the church office. Thank you! Please note: If there is no BAM scheduled for a Wednesday night, supper will not be served. However, Thanksgiving Eve and Living Nativity there will be NO BAM, but supper will be served.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S NOISY OFFERING** will benefit our Prayer Shawl ministry. Prayer shawls are knit by members of our congregation and then delivered to those who are experiencing a time of sickness, or challenge, with the prayers of the knitter, and the love of the congregation knit right in. Yarn is purchased, as well as bags for the the delivery. A beautiful written prayer is included with the shawl, and prayed, as the shawl is wrapped around the receiver. This is a beautiful ministry of the congregation that shares God's love and brings hope and comfort. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

**SHALOM HILL FARM'S BIGGEST CELEBRATION** is coming up next Sunday, September 9th, and everyone is invited! The Fall Festival will begin at noon with fresh food and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. Minnesota musicians Six Mile Grove will perform at 1pm and 3pm, and you can enjoy live music with a free lunch, served from noon until two. Freewill donations are encouraged, as this is the most important fundraiser of the year to support the work of Shalom Hill Farm and all they give back to the community - helping people to understand rural life, learn from the land, and take time to for well-needed rest. Bring cash or a checkbook so when you browse the market stands of fresh produce and crafts from local vendors, you can take home just what you need. Face-painting, lawn games, farm animals, door prizes, and other festivities will be ready for you.

**ALC CHOIR** begins rehearsals on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM in the choir room. All are welcome! This fall, the Choir will sing for Sunday morning worship once a month and for Thanksgiving Eve. During September, we'll be practicing those fall anthems. Our Community Christmas Cantata practice will begin in October.

**SOUP & BREAD GROUP BEGINS ON 09/16**, and hereafter, the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 5-7 pm at the American Lutheran Church basement kitchen. All are welcome, generally 25ish to 45ish, but no age restrictions. Do not need to be a church member, bring a friend! Child care is provided so adults can enjoy being adults. What we do: share a meal and discussion with each other, game nights playing board games, cards trivia, craft activities around the holidays, community service such as cooking and serving lenten meals, and lots more.

**BAM (Bible and Me) NEEDS LEADERS!** Did you know that we work with 126 families in our nursery through 7th grade Christian Education program? We are blessed with so many children and families and the story of God's love to share! Please consider being a part of this amazing ministry among our children this year. Grab a friend and teach as a team, or be a substitute, or tag team. The more leaders we have in place for our children, the stronger our ministry. Call Darci at the church office to volunteer. Indicate BAM-Wednesday or BAM-Sunday. Thank you!!

**YOU ARE INVITED** to a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration honoring Merle and Gayle Derickson Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at American Lutheran Church. Let your presence be your gift!

**ALC FALL FAMILY EVENT/BURGER BASH AND KICK BALL** Sunday, September 23 at Kastle Kingdom, Burgers at 6:00 PM followed by Kick ball. **EVERYBODY COME!**

**APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted for the part-time (15 hrs/wk) Christian Education position at ALC. Want to be a part of a fun team? ALC is seeking an individual who would be interested in working with the Christian Education board, pastors, and alongside the ALC staff to provide Christian Education opportunities for the congregation. This includes, but is not limited to, the BAM (Bible & Me) programming, and curriculum Adult Education. A job description and applications are available in the church office and on our website. Deadline for applications is Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE:** All prayer chain requests will now be handled through the church office. To activate ALC's Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 831-1794 or send an email to [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com). If you are not currently part of the ALC Prayer Chain and would like to be, please let the office know.

## YOUTH NEWS:

**SENIOR LEAGUE:** Attention ALL 9th - 12th Graders! Senior League is YOUR League. Think about joining us on Wednesday Nights at 8pm. Everyone is welcome! A few things that we have been kicking around as a group are:

- Hosting F3 Events after School Events. What is an F3 Event? Faith, Food & Friends (F3). The ALC Youth are going to host a time where everyone can just hangout after the games. There is an open invitation to all youth from 6th to 12th grade.
- A Lock-In or Retreat over MEA Weekend.
- Next Summer's Events including a Mission Trip and other Trip Ideas.
- Reworking the Youth Room and turning it into more of a teen center space..
- ALC YOUTH - Online Community - Podcasts & Blogs

**PLUS A TON MORE...THIS IS YOUR YOUTH GROUP...IT CAN ONLY BE WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE IT. Come Join in the Fun!! Come Join the Community!!**

**JUNIOR LEAGUE:** FALL KICK-OFF is scheduled for Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm! Stay tuned for more details!

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

### **Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion  
& Blessing of the Backpacks  
10:00 AM Coffee hour

### **Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Labor Day*

Building/Office Closed

### **Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting  
5:00 PM CIS Bd.  
7:00 PM Christian Ed Bd.  
7:00 PM Worship & Music Bd.

### **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 AM Good Samaritan Communion @ Sogge  
5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wed.) w/Holy Communion  
6:30 PM Small Group Guide Training  
8:00 PM Sr. league

### **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline  
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV  
4:30 PM Grief Group  
6:00 PM BAM-S Leader Orientation  
6:30 PM Y & F Bd.  
7:00 PM BAM-W Leader Orientation

### **Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Shetek Women's Retreat*

### **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Shetek Women's Retreat*

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Second Sunday Noisy Offering*

9:00 AM Worship & Installation of Pastor Adam Roberts  
10:00 AM Coffee Hour  
12-5:00 PM Shalom Hill Farm Festival