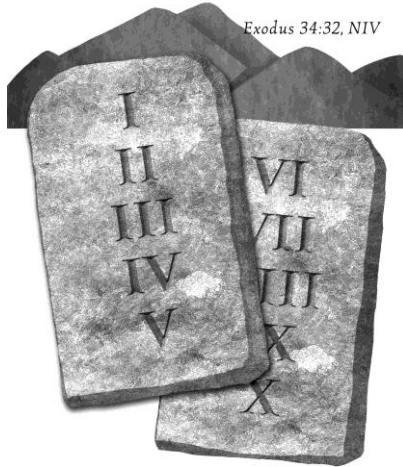


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

...he gave them all the
commands the Lord had given
him on Mount Sinai.

Exodus 34:32, NIV



October 7, 2018 9:00 AM
20th Sunday after Pentecost

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship & 10:15 am BAM-S
Wednesdays 5:45 pm Wow & 6:30 pm BAM-W

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.

If you 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

Karen Wojahn, Organist

SING ALONG

“Blessed Be Your Name”

(screens)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Obey my voice and keep my covenant,

C: You are my treasured people.

L: Follow my law of love,

C: You are my treasured people.

L: Life is a light to all around you,

C: You are my treasured people.

OPENING HYMN

“Spirit of God”

ELW #800

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Confident in God's mercy, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: God of forgiving grace,

C: We are not always patient to wait for your words and your actions in our lives. We whine and complain, and we try to control those things which are out of our control. We manipulate, cheat, and extract all we can for our gain. Forgive us. Transform our hearts, our minds, and our behaviors so that we might be more like you.

L: We are blessed to be loved by a fierce and passionate God who will stop at nothing to claim us as God's own. In God's goodness, today, all our sins are forgiven, washed clean, and we are transformed into new creations, made whole by the saving work of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE (Setting One) ELW p. 98

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This is the Feast"* ELW p. 101

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, your law is the sign of your everlasting love. Keep us faithful to your word that our lives might testify to your grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Adam

READING Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 Pew Bible p. 57
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *"Christ, Be Our Light"* ELW #715

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

**Your steadfast love lasts a thousand generations, O Lord.
We see it in the blessings which you have bestowed upon us,
and we offer these gifts now as tokens of our gratitude. Use
them for the sake of bringing about your justice on earth,
in the name of your son. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION

ELW #787

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Spirit of Gentleness”**
 (vs. 1, 2, 4) ELW #396

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! In today’s scripture lesson, we hear that Moses has led God’s people out of slavery into the wilderness. How will they be able to live with this newfound freedom? God gives them the Ten Commandments as a guide for living that is still pertinent today. During worship, 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.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for “Joshua Renews the Covenant.”
(Joshua 24:1--26)

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Scripture reader: Xavier Roberts

Greeters: Bryan & Amy Joyce Family

Communion Assistants: Grant & Dorothy Johnson, Deb Minion

Media Ministry Team: Mark Brodin, Daron Friesen, John Shamp,
Tom Wickie

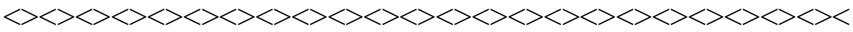
Acolytes: Abigail Grunewald and Tyra Khounsanthone

RADIO SPONSORSHIP was given today in memory LaVonne Swenson, given by family and friends.



Attendance last Wednesday 122; Saturday 32; Sunday 234

Offering: \$4,552 Borrowed to date: \$31,000



ADULT LEARNING: Following worship today, join Pastor Sarah in the Meeting Room to tackle the topic “*Ending Life Well.*” She will share ideas on the topic, hear yours, and introduce you to a tool within our congregation for thinking about the end of life, and funeral planning.

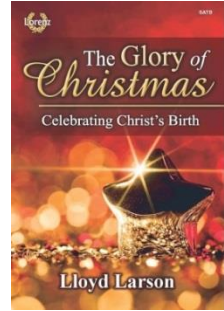
SOUP & BREAD GROUP will be meeting tonight, Sunday, October 7th, at 5:00 pm and will be playing the “Minute to Win It” games. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Kathryn Ralston (507-822-0686). Check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1459085460978678/>

The Annual **FALL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE** organized by the Southwest Minnesota Synod will be held at Mount Carmel Ministries near Alexandria on September 9 - 11. Pastors are expected and youth leaders are invited to attend. Pastors Sarah and Adam along with Lisa Petersen will be attending. The theme this year is “*Spirituality in God’s Ongoing Reformation.*”

ADULTS, BAM-W needs 2 more leaders, 1 for 5th grade and 1 for 6th grade. If you are available, contact the church office. Please consider filling this need!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA:

Practices are being held here at American Lutheran on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. The Cantata, "*The Glory of Christmas*," includes familiar carols and inspiring new songs. The Cantata will be presented as a benefit for the Windom Area Sharing Center on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 PM in the ALC sanctuary. There's room for more singers!



GLOW OUTING: Come with us to Jubilee Market & Peacemeals and the Care & Share Shop in Mountain Lake on Thursday, October 11, at 11:45 a.m. Meet at the church to ride the bus. We will enjoy a tour of Jubilee Market and have a soup and sandwich lunch at your own expense. After lunch, we will visit the Care and Share shop which also houses the Ten Thousand Villages store. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office and indicate your soup and sandwich choice by Monday, October 8th.

NOISY OFFERING next week will benefit the Winfair Backpack Program. Bring your spare change!



2019 MISSION TRIP?

Heads UP!! The ALC Youth Program has adopted a 3-year plan for trips that rotates between Adventure, National Youth Gathering & Mission. This year is Mission.

The kids have picked 2 possible different Mission Trips to go on. The first is a Mission Trip that includes all current 8th - 12th and a second Mission that is a Seniors Only Mission. To be honest, we will wait and see on involvement levels at both.

Here are the plans...

The **Mission Trip** is planned for San Francisco, CA where the Youth may serve all or part of the week at a food shelf, clothing

distribution center, soup kitchen, children's program or elder care facility. Estimated deposit amount: \$200

The **Senior Mission Trip** is planned for Puerto Rico where the students may serve all or part of the week at an outreach ministry, a rehab facility for adults overcoming addiction, or a variety of children's summer camps. Estimated deposit amount: \$200 (Plus, all travelers MUST apply for a passport and MUST participate in the fundraising of both trips.)

TWO HUGE YOUTH EVENTS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 2018:

- ✓ **1st: DARE2SHARE**, Mt. Lake, Saturday, October 13th from 11am - 6:30pm. This is a NATION WIDE/LIVE EVENT for ALL Youth from 8th - 12th Grade. Don't miss this opportunity to join fellow youth across the nation as we learn how to share God in your community and to know Him better yourselves.
- ✓ **2nd: Sr League MEA Retreat**, Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp, Friday, October 19th @ 4pm thru Sunday, October 21st @ 11am. All 9th - 12th Graders, it's time to spend some time in community again. Hope you consider coming along.

THIS IS YOUR YOUTH GROUP...IT CAN ONLY BE WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE IT!!

Come learn about God and maybe get to know Him a little bit better. Come Join in the Fun!! Come Join the Community!!

SR League: Attention ALL 9th - 12th Graders! Senior League is YOUR community within ALC. Think about joining us on Wednesday Nights at 8pm. Everyone is welcome!

JR League: Attention ALL 6th - 8th Graders!

The start of another season of Jr League is here!! Whoop! Hoo!! We meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday Evenings from 6pm-8pm.

Typical Meeting: Arrival 6pm, Check In/Social Time, League Business, Time In The Word

and Social Time-Fun and Games. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends too!!



THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 7

- 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour/ Adult Learning: "Ending Life Well"
- 10:15 AM BAM-S
- 5:00 PM Soup & Bread Group
- 6:00 PM Jr. League

Monday, October 8

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, October 9

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
- 2:00 PM Altar Guild
- 6:30 PM Cantata Choir
- 7:00 PM Board Meetings for Budget & Finance, Properties,
Spiritual Life & Fellowship
- 8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, October 10

- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:00 PM Supper- Chicken Noodle Soup, Bread, Cookies
- 5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)
- 6:30 PM BAM-W and Confirmation
- 8:00 PM Sr. League

Thursday, October 11 *2nd Thursday at Senior Dining*

- 9:00 AM Windom Ministerial Meeting
- 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV
- 11:45 AM GLOW Trip to Mountain Lake
- 4:30 PM Grief Group

Friday, October 12

Saturday, October 13

- 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, October 14

- 9:00 AM Worship with Second Sunday Noisy Offering
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour
- 10:15 AM BAM-S
- 1:00 AM Confirmation Workshop: Stole & Video