

The American Lutheran Church of Windom



March 24, 2019 9:00 AM
Third Sunday in Lent

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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.

PRAYER CANDLES are 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.

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

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.

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

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 45:6-7 & Matthew 22:14

L: Your royal scepter is one of equity.

C: Your throne, O God, endures forever.

L: You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

C: Your throne, O God, endures forever.

L: Many are called, but few are chosen.

C: Your throne, O God, endures forever.

OPENING HYMN *“As We Gather at Your Table”* ELW #522

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Faithful Lord,

C: You were obedient in every way, even when that obedience led to death. As we walk this penitent season

with you, fill us with remorse at all the ways we have fallen short of being faithful, loving servants. Forgive us our shortsightedness, our waste, and our criticism of ourselves and others. We long for your grace and rely on your loving kindness. Amen.

L: Our God is indeed slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You have been forgiven and granted another chance to turn away from all which does not give life. Be assured and be made whole again. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE

(Setting One)

ELW p. 98

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of hosts, you constantly expand the boundaries of your kingdom. Make us joyful participants in your plan to redeem the world, that all people would be one in you. For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, CE Coordinator

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 151

“Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”

READING

Matthew 22:1-14

Pew Bible p. 803

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY ***“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”***

ELW#436

APOSTLES' CREED

ELW page 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be mindful that this is cold and flu season and share a sign of God's peace without shaking hands. Thank you!

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

RESPONSE **“Create in Me”** ELW #186

PRAYER

You have anointed us with the oil of gladness, O God. Make us generous givers and grateful receivers of your mercy and bless these gifts which we bring before you now. Use them for your kingdom's good work on earth. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW p. 112

Songs during Distribution ALC #58, ALC #44, ELW #488

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG **“I Am the Bread of Life”** ELW #485

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 reading, Jesus seems bent on stirring up his listeners with parables. Like a king inviting guests to a wedding banquet, God has invited God's children to participate fully in the community. Like the king, God has opened the banquet to anyone willing to open their hearts. When God invites you to a banquet, there is only one response, and only one dress code: celebration!

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.

Our Mission:

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

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for “The Bridesmaids,” Matthew 25:1-13.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture reader: Kelly Kleven

Greeter: Cragen Porath and Kylee Johnson

Communion Assistants: Kelly Kleven, Brok Derickson and Jaydan Petersen

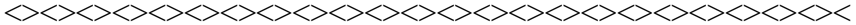
Media Ministry Team: Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett, John Shamp, and Mark Brodin

Acolytes: Dalton Riordan and Allison Negen

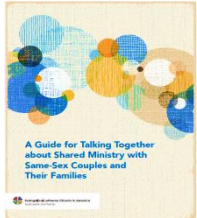
RADIO SPONSORSHIP of today’s service is given in memory of Bill Erpestad, whose birthday is on March 25th, and Reid and Keith Erpestad.



Attendance last Wednesday 124; last Saturday 40;
last Sunday 182; Offering \$6,848, Borrowed to date: \$28,000



Join facilitators Bryan Joyce and Pastor Sarah in the Fellowship Hall today, Sunday March 24th, 10 AM – 12PM for ***“TALKING TOGETHER ABOUT SHARED MINISTRY WITH SAME-SEX COUPLES AND THEIR FAMILIES”*** based on a document developed for congregations by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This is an opportunity for:



- * Respectful conversation. *Learning from God’s Word.
 - * Listening to each other. *Growing together as a community of faith.
- All are welcome!

EASTER CHOIR practices will be held on Tuesdays, April 3, 10 and 17 at 6:30 PM. Come and rehearse music for our 9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship service. All ages welcome! Note: There will be no rehearsal on Tuesday, March 26.



Attention All ALC Board Members! **GOAL SETTING FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING** has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 28, at 6:30p.m. in the church fellowship hall. This is a very important

meeting for all church board members to attend. It will serve as a collaborative guide into the mission, vision, and values of American Lutheran Church for the next one to three years. **See you there!**

Check room #102 for pans you may have forgotten to pick up at church.

Come to **ECUMENICAL WORSHIP/LUNCHEON** at the Presbyterian Church Wednesdays, March 27th, April 3rd, and April 10th at 12 Noon.

During Lent the Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board encourages you to reach out to someone you don't know and engage them in conversation. These relationships will bring us all closer and make new friendships

LENTEN 5 WEEK STUDY following Lenten worship at 6:30 in the Skylight Court. *“Living Well: Christian Practices for Everyday Life”*
1. Forgiving 2. Managing Household Life 3. Participating in Community 4. Praying 5. Reading the Bible Childcare will be provided.

LENTEN SUPPERS are served by various ministries of our church. The fourth Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 27th will be hosted by Christian Education. Through these contacts we are able to build a stronger Church community where all are welcomed. We are also given an opportunity to learn more about these ministries and what they do. Perhaps you would enjoy being involved with a group. Those serving the meals are using this as a fund raiser. If you are able we appreciate your generosity towards our ministries. **COME EAT! ALL ARE WELCOME!**



EASTER FLOWER order forms are now available at the back of the church or in the church office. Please return the order form to the office by 12:00Noon, Monday, March 25th.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed for April. Please sign up on the Worship & Music bulletin board!

Forty Day Challenge! Church and Society is challenging **EVERYONE** to give \$1 a day for forty days during lent.

The money collected will be given to the Southwest Crisis Center. Donations help provide a safe place, food, and clothing for men, women, or children escaping domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or sex trafficking. Hotels are frequently used for a temporary safe place till housing is found.

Please join us in supporting this important ministry. Please make checks to the Southwest Minnesota Crisis Center.



Didn't bring cash or a checkbook to worship but would still like to give an offering? Use this **QR CODE** to give an offering. Remember it costs thirty-nine cents per transaction plus three percent of how much you give. This is another great way to give.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

Reminder to 5th Graders and their parents that the second of the Communion instruction classes will be on Thursday, March 28th from 3:30pm-5pm.

The church bus will pick up kids at school. Please

let us know if your child needs a ride. Parents will then pick up kids afterwards at church at 5pm.

JOIN US Sunday, April 7th from 2pm-3pm for a Family Fun day hosted by the Christian Ed Board! Tina Mesner will lead us in painting an Easter themed painting! Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office so we know how many supplies to get.

April 1st is the deadline to get the Early Bird discount for Camp Shetek! Be sure to get your kids signed up soon to get in on the discount!

The youth that are going on the San Diego Mission trip will be having a Pasta Bar and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 13th starting at 5:30pm. (more details to come). If you would like to donate a themed basket or gift card for the Silent Auction, please contact John Shamp (507)822-2644, shamp2644@gmail.com or Melanie Shamp (507)380-8656, melanieatalc@gmail.com. Thank you!



Game Night Extravaganza – Canceled!!!

Game Night Extravaganza is now canceled and will NOT be rescheduled.

Scrapbook/Crafting Retreat

Friday, March 29th 9am - 9pm &

Saturday, March 30th 9am - 7pm

Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your favorite Crafting past time, rent a table and hangout with others that love to craft also. Reserve your table by contacting Mary MohlenCamp for information.

marymohl@rconnect.com

Jr League meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend

Sr League Wednesday Evenings at 8pm. Hope to See You There! Everyone is Welcome!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 24

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:00 AM Talking Together: Shared Ministry with Same-Sex Couples and their Family Discussion

10:15 AM BAM-S- Family Day!!

Monday, March 25

12:00 PM Deadline to Order Easter Flowers

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, March 26

No ALC Choir Practice

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

7:00 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship-Presbyterian Church

5:00 PM Supper- Hosted by Christian Education

5:45 PM Lenten Worship

6:30 PM Lenten Study

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation

8:00 PM Mission Trip Meeting

Thursday, March 28

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

3:30 PM- 5:00 PM First Communion at ALC

6:30 PM Goal Setting for Strategic Planning Meeting

Friday, March 29

9:00 AM- 9:00 PM Scrapbook Retreat

Saturday, March 30

9:00 AM- 7:00 PM Scrapbook Retreat

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 31

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM BAM-S