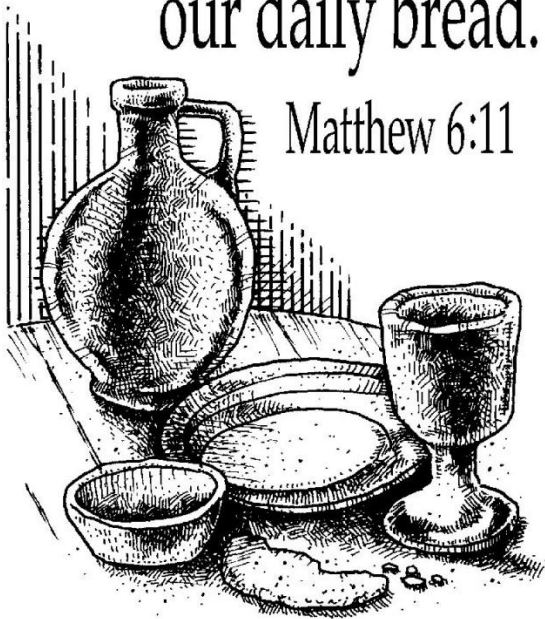


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

Give us today
our daily bread.

Matthew 6:11



February 3, 2019 9:00 AM
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
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Website: www.alcofwindom.com
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

Karen Wojahn, organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,

C: But our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

L: Some heap up empty praises, so as to be heard,

C: But our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

L: Some fast to look dismal and pray to be noticed,

C: But our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

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: Patient God,

C: You have taught us all we need to be your faithful people. And yet we persist in going our own way, doing our own thing, and minding our own business when we ought to be about the business of your kingdom. Forgive our selfish neglect of others and bring us back into wholeness with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

L: God is merciful, patient, kind and forgiving. We have been pardoned for all that we have done, and all that we have overlooked. May we give now as we have received: generously and extravagantly, in the way of our loving teacher, savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE (Setting One) ELW p. 98

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast” ELW p. 101

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, you desire a simple, humble relationship with us. Turn our hearts away from seeking others’ approval and toward your way of mercy and peace, as our savior taught us. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON Melanie Shamp, CE Coordinator

READING Matthew 6:7-21 Pew Bible p. 787
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY “*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*”
(vs. 1, 4, & 5) ELW #364

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 ***“Give Thanks”*** ALC #15

PRAYER

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Give us riches within, that we might be generous in what we are willing to give away. Bless these gifts to your service and bless us in the act of offering them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer ELW p. 112

Songs during Distribution ELW #793, #742

Individual Prayers for Healing are available with the Pastor at the side after you have received Holy Communion.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“Seek Ye First”*** ALC #87

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 the reading today from Matthew, it was common for people in Jesus' day to express their religious rites and rituals with grand, public gestures. But Jesus lays out for his followers a way to pray and fast which is pleasing to God, not a means to attract attention and credit on earth. Jesus wanted people to have genuine, authentic relationships with God—the kind that that change a person from the inside out.

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 “The Golden Rule” (Matthew 7: 1-14, 24-29)

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture reader: Lisa Petersen

Greeters: Boy Scouts

Communion Assistants: Kay Evers, Gina Hauge,
Rick Quade, Michael Wojahn

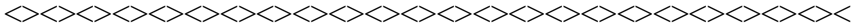
Media Ministry Team: Todd Armstrong,
Eugene Hanchett, Mark Brodin

Acolytes: Chloe Shamp and Ethan Zafft

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Doug Zimmerman given by the Zimmerman family.



Attendance last Wednesday 102; last Saturday 17;
last Sunday 122; Offering \$4,038,
Borrowed to date: \$16,000



HEALING PRAYERS: *"I am the Lord who heals you." Exodus 15.26b* Prayer is central to our life together, as we lift before God the needs of the members of our community and world. On Sunday morning, a station for Prayers for Healing is set up in the north transept area by the baptismal font. During Holy Communion, a pastor will be available to receive your prayer request and offer prayer with you. On Saturday evening, a pastor will meet with you following worship.

ALC CHOIR will practice this Tuesday, February 5 and prepare an anthem for Sunday, February 17. Come have fun singing with a group for the spring season! Please note there will not be choir practice on Tuesday, February 12.

INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS will be on Wednesday, February 6th and Sunday, February 10th. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve ALC on our Boards and Council!

If you are interested in **SPONSORING THE RADIO BROADCAST** on Sundays, the month of February and March are open. The cost is \$57 for a Sunday service sponsorship. Please contact the ALC office if you are interested in a sponsorship.



The Worship and Music Board is sponsoring a **LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE (LSS) SUNDAY** for February 10, 2019. Lutheran congregations have partnered with LSS for

decades as a service or *diakonia* branch of our life together, meeting the needs of neighbors across the state. We are expecting a visit from a representative from the St. Paul office to share more on the work of LSS during a temple talk and an adult forum. An envelope will be included in your bulletin for a special offering. Senior Dining at the Community Center is an LSS program in Windom. We are looking forward to this special day!

“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. An opportunity for:

* Respectful conversation. *Learning from God’s Word.
* Listening to each other. *Growing together as a community of faith.
February 24th and March 3rd 10 AM – 12 PM at the American Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall at the round tables. This conversation will be facilitated by Bryan Joyce and Pastor Sarah Tade. All are welcome!

GLOW SEWING DAYS are Tuesday, February 5th & Tuesday, February 19th, 9:00 am. Come to the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, fabric kits, personal care kits, and school kits for missions. Come for part of the day or bring a sack lunch and spend the day (until about 2:00 p.m.). No experience necessary! Questions? Contact Carolyn Janssen, (507)831-3082.



For the tech savvy giver: Try using the QR code on the right!! (You will eventually start seeing **QR CODES** in your bulletins.) When you scan it with your smartphone it will take you directly to our online giving site, Easytith. This is handy if you don’t bring cash or checkbooks to worship but would still like to give an offering. The downside is it costs thirty-nine cents per transaction plus three percent of how much you give, but if you currently don’t use the offering plates or SimplyGiving this is another option for you.



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH will be having **ALICE TRAINING** at 6:30pm on February 12th and 21st and everyone is invited. The first session is a lecture and the second session is practice scenarios. We will have the ALICE training here at the ALC by the Fall of this year.

Did you know that you can see sermons on the **ALC WEBSITE**? Don’t miss out. Go to <http://www.alcofwindom.com/> and click on the Media tab to hear a sermon that you might have missed.

Christian Education News:

Reminder to get your kids signed up for the Shetek camp drawing by Friday February 22nd! Drawing will be held on Shetek Sunday, February 24th!



Check out the vlogs Melanie has been doing on the church Facebook page!

Wednesday, February 6th is Pajama day at BAM! Wear your pjs to BAM! Sunday, February 10th will be Pajama day for Sunday BAM!



SAVE THE DATES:

2nd Annual Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 16th, 2019 from 5pm-7pm
Our Dinner Tickets are on sale in the church office or after Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. Tickets: \$15ea. Menu: Dinner

Salad & Breadsticks. Choice of Spaghetti, Chicken Alfredo or Lasagna. Choice of Desert, Cheesecake, German Chocolate Cake or an Ice Cream Sundae. Come Join Us!!

We will be setting up the Fellowship Hall as an intimate Italian dinner space for parties of 2-4 people.

Game Night Extravaganza

March 10th / 5:30 – 8:30pm

Hot Dog Bar & Beverages Available

Watch the Bulletin for Details

Scrapbook/Crafting Retreat

March 29th & 30th

Contact Mary Mohlencamp

mary.b.mohlencamp@state.mn.us

PLUS: Every 1st Sunday, the Mission Trip Youth will be bringing in homemade cookies or bars as a fundraiser for their 2019 Mission Trip. There will be a freewill offering, please consider supporting the youth!

Jr League meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings from 6:30pm-8:40pm. 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, February 3 (*Boy Scout Sunday*)

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
10:00 AM Coffee Hour- Mission Trip Fundraiser
10:15 AM BAM-S
4:30 PM Soup & Bread- Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 4

6:00 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 5

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
9:00 AM Sewing-GLOW
1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle
6:30 PM ALC Choir

Wednesday, February 6

10:30 AM Good Samaritan Communion @ Sogge
5:00 PM Supper- Tater tot hotdish, jello-cups, and cookies
5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday) w/Holy Communion/Installation of All Board Members/Officers
6:30 PM BAM-W (Pajama Day!!)
6:30 PM Confirmation
8:00 PM Senior League

Thursday, February 7

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

Friday, February 8

Saturday, February 9

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, February 10 (*Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Sunday*)

Second Sunday Noisy Offering
9:00 AM Worship/Installation of All Board Members/Officers
10:00 AM Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Adult Forum- LSS Ministries
10:15 AM BAM-S (Pajama Day!!)