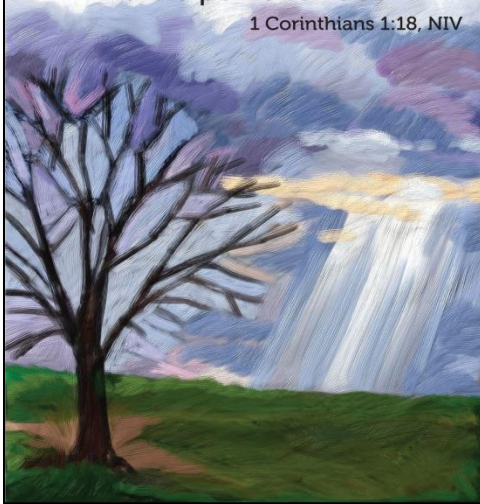


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

For the message of the cross
is foolishness to those
who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved
it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV



August 25, 2019 9:00 AM
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship

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

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Word has become flesh;

C: Praise the Lord of light!

L: Our God knows our weakness;

C: Praise the Lord of light!

L: The darkness is shattered;

C: Praise the Lord of light!

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW #595

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Saving God,

C: You have made all things good, but we do not always treat them as we ought. We disrespect ourselves, others, the world which you have lovingly crafted. We forget that we are your children, loved and redeemed. And we ignore your spirit to chase after our own desires. Have mercy and forgive us, O Lord. Amen.

P: God never lets us go, no matter how far we stray. Receive the promise of your redemption, the mark of your forgiveness and the spirit which sets you free. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

KYRIE

(Setting Ten)

ELW p. 203

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory be to God in Heaven” ELW #204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, your care for us knows no bounds; you even went as far as to become one of us. Live through us still as we strive to embody the presence of your love on earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ, Amen.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS/TOOLS OF EDUCATION

Melanie Shamp, CE Coor. and Pastor Adam

READING

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Pew Bible p. 926

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

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 1-18

Pew Bible p. 862

Response before: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

***“Praise the One Who Breaks the
Darkness”***

ELW #843

APOSTLES' CREED

Second Article of the Apostles' Creed,
& Luther's Explanation ELW p. 1162

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*As we prepare for Holy Communion, we share a sign of God's
peace with those around us:*

"Peace be with you" Response: "And also with you!"

OFFERING

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

RESPONSE

"Create in Me"

ALC #14

PRAYER

**From your fullness we have all received grace upon grace,
generous God. Our hearts and lives overflow with your love,
and we present these gifts to you in gratitude for your
unsurpassed grace to us. Receive them for the sake of this
world which you so love. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lords' Prayer

ELW p. 112

Songs during Distribution

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW #471

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

Post Communion Prayer

Post Communion Blessing

Amen

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

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

(vs. 1-3)

ELW #775

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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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.

WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! Today, we continue the second week study of the Apostles' Creed. In our scripture reading today we learned that God is the beginning of all things. God created, spoke, and acted before all things. In the beginning was God's Word; all things were created through the Word. We understand God's Word to mean not only what God spoke (through which all things came into being), but also Jesus (through whom all things were redeemed). Jesus, who was with God at the creation, walked the earth as flesh and blood, shining God's light into a dark world. God became ultimately vulnerable (born as a baby, flesh and blood) so that God could know what it is to be human, and so that God could communicate with us with that full knowledge-God is love.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for "Creeds: Holy Spirit," Acts 2:1-18

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture Reader: Xavier Roberts

Greeter: Sharon Thompson

Communion Assistants: Sharon Thompson, Page Kern,
Jane Cartwright, Sarah Tailowright

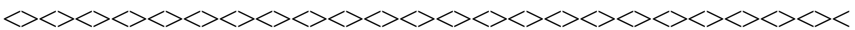
Media Ministry Team: Mark Brodin, Lindsey Cartwright,
Jen Anderson, Eugene Hanchett, Todd Armstrong, John Shamp

RADIO SPONSOSHIP for today's service is in memory of Pat Miller.



Attendance last Saturday 25; last Sunday 127;

Offering: \$5,108; Borrowed to date: \$50,000



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.

Hannah Anderson’s **PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT TODAY** Sunday, August 25th from 9:00am-1:00pm. Free Will Donation and Silent Auction. Hannah, age 13, is the daughter of Chris & Dana Anderson of Windom. At age 8, Hannah was diagnosed with Juvenile Idiopathic Scoliosis. On July 23rd, 2019 Hannah underwent Spinal Fusion Surgery. Please come and support Hannah!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed for September. Please sign up on the Worship & Music bulletin board to be a Scripture Reader, Greeter or Communion Assistant.

AD HOC COMMITTEE *Question & Answer* will be September 8th following Worship *in the Meeting Room*. If you have any questions or would like to follow up on the process in determining policies for Same-Sex Marriage please attend this Q & A, *or contact your Council members*. A recommendation created by the Ad hoc committee was brought to Church Council and later tabled to get more insight from the ALC Congregation. Copies of the full recommendation are available in the narthex, through the office, and were sent to each member in the August newsletter.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BACKPACKS

As the school year ramps up, LWR is in need of school supplies to fill backpacks. Many families in developing counties can’t afford school supplies and students face many challenges on getting an education. Students may walk up to 10 miles along dusty, rough roads that get muddy and slippery during the rainy season. School kits are a tremendous help to children around the world. A donation box is located in the Skylight Court. God bless you by serving those in need.

Supplies needed:

70 Sheet theme books	12” rulers with centimeters on one side
Pencil Sharpener	2 1/2” eraser
Blunt scissors	Ballpoint pens
Box of 16 or 24 crayons	



WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS) begins Wednesday, September 4th at 5:45 PM. Come for **SUPPER** at 5:00 PM. Supper that night will be walking tacos, fruit cups, and a cookie. **We need VOLUNTEERS to help serve the meals for Wednesday suppers** to continue. Melanie is now on staff and is unable to serve all of the meals. If you would like to be a volunteer please contact the church office at (507)831-1794. Thanks!

Put your right hand up, put your left hand up, put your right hand up and shake it back and forth.... **AMERICAN LUTHERAN'S BELL CHOIR** will begin practice once again on Monday, September 9th at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary. We continue to look for individuals who would be willing to substitute for a practice night. Please contact Jane Cartwright, director, at 831-5032 if you would like to know more about this group.

Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do! Men and women, time to begin warming up for **ALC CHOIR** rehearsal on Tuesday, September 3rd, 6:30 PM. Jamie Pohlman will be directing this group. If you have ever sung along with a favorite song in your car or perhaps with youngsters, join the group in the choir room located downstairs by the Fellowship Hall.



FAMILY 101: We have 2 sessions left, today, August 25th and next week September 1st.

BAM WEDNESDAY RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 4TH! Come for supper at 5, then worship, then BAM. Students will go to their rooms to meet their teachers and play some games and parents will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meeting and registration!

BAM SUNDAY RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH! The Benson Family Singers will come and perform and give us an awesome start to our BAM and Confirmation year! Following worship the BAM format will be the same as Wednesday.

BENSON FAMILY SINGERS are looking for a host home to stay in for Saturday evening, September 7th. They would need room for 7. Preferably no dogs. Please contact Melanie Shamp if you are willing to host.



JR. LEAGUE will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. September 1st (No Jr. League due to Labor Day) and Sunday, September, 15th. Jr. League is for grades 6th-8th! Bring your friends!

SR. LEAGUE will meet on Wednesday, September 4th at 8pm. Reminder that Sr. League is for 9th-12th Grade! Bring your friends! We will meet every Wednesday evening at 8pm unless announced otherwise.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 25

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Healing Prayers

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Family 101

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM

Monday, August 26

Tuesday, August 27

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, August 28

6:30 PM BAM Leader Orientation, Skylight Court

Thursday, August 29

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM ALC Worship on Windom Cable Channel 3

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 1

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion and Installtion of Jane Cartwright

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Last Family 101of the Summer

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM