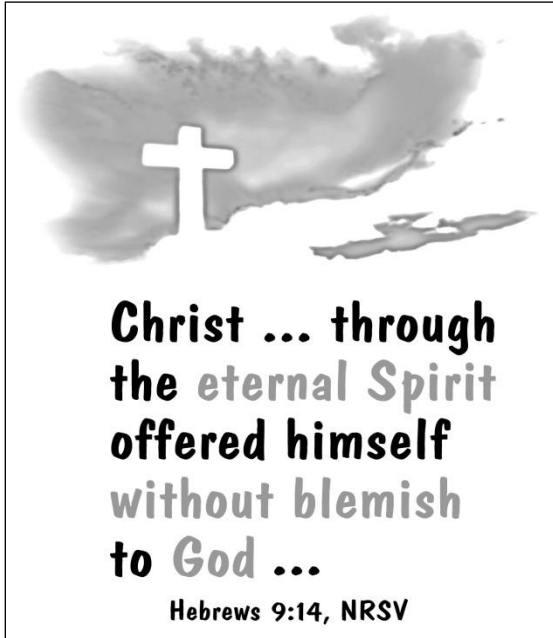


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



August 4, 2019 9:00 AM

Eighth 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

Dustin Stevens, pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Enter God's house with praise!

C: Come into the sanctuary of the Lord.

L: For God has made this place holy.

C: And those who enter are blessed.

OPENING SONG *“Standing on the Promises”* (screens)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of our ancestors,

C: We admit that at most times, we are anything but faithful. We put our trust in impermanent things. We long for flimsy honors and meaningless admiration. We have failed to be your humble servants. We have used the law as a club against our opponents. We have forgotten your command to love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, in your great compassion. Amen.

P: Jesus, our great high priest, has completed and perfected our salvation through his death and resurrection. Be glad; be grateful; be at peace. Your sins are forgiven. You are forever God's children. You are free, by the grace of our Lord. Amen.

SONG

“Kyrie Eleison”

ALC #2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Saving Lord, you have been to hell and back on our behalf. Remind us of your unsurpassed love and faithfulness which models the servant life for us, and bids us to follow where you lead. Amen.

PIANO/ORGAN DUET

“Let the Church Say Amen”

Dustin Stevens & Michele Larson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, CE Coordinator

FIRST READING

Hebrews 9: 1-14

Pew Bible p. 975

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 12: 1-6

Pew Bible p. 792

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

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”*

ELW # 729

APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 105

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

**O Lord, we bear no sacrifice of blood to atone for our sin.
But only these gifts we bring before you, in gratitude for
your generosity and love for us. Receive them with mercy
and use them to your good purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer ELW p. 112

Songs during Distribution ALC #98, #97

Post Communion Prayer

Post Communion Blessing

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***"Earth & All Stars"*** ELW #731

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

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! As today's scripture lesson is read, it is helpful to recall that before Jesus, the way to sanctification and redemption was through the offering of a blood sacrifice by the High Priest in the Holy of Holies. When Jesus came, it was to annihilate the consequences of sin forever. Jesus' saving work took him to death and back; to earth and heaven; to the agents of hell and of pure holiness. We now live under the promise of forgiveness, redemption, and eternal life. We

live with the constant presence of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus' death and resurrection we are forgiven and redeemed eternally.

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 Meaning of Faith,"
Hebrews 11: 1-16.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture Reader: Karen Wickie

Greeter: Steve Johnson

Assistant Minister: Jean Johnson

Communion Assistants: Karen Wickie, Steve Johnson

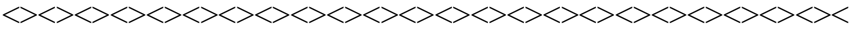
Media Ministry Team: Mark Brodin, Lindsey Cartwright,
Tom Wickie

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's service is in memory of Linda Fossing Ryan given by her parents Don and Jan Fossing.



Attendance last Saturday 32; last Sunday 173;

Offering: \$5,324; Borrowed to date: \$41,000



Next Sunday's **NOISY OFFERING** will be designated for the St. Dymas Ministry in the Sioux Falls Penitentiary. Bring your spare change!

THANK YOU for the wonderful reception last Sunday! The outpouring of good wishes and expressions of thanks touched my heart. Keep singing! Karen Wojahn

All women are invited to the **GLOW MEETING** following worship Sunday, August 11th! Come to the meeting room by the office to help us plan for the future! Your ideas are very **WELCOME!**

If you participated in our **2019 PHOTO DIRECTORY** and did not get your complimentary 8x10 photograph sent to your home address we received your photo here at the church. You can come to the church office and **pick up your complimentary photo** anytime Monday-Friday 9am-12noon and 1pm-4pm. Thanks!



CHURCH SOFTBALL TODAY

Come to the Bergen Ball Fields after church to watch the church softball championships and to have a piece of pie and more!

Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered at the **THE BANQUET** in Sioux Falls. We had a great turn out of volunteers and raised \$1,035! Thanks again!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BACKPACKS

As the school year ramps up, LWR is in need of school supplies to fill backpacks. Many families in developing countries 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. 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	

THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

ALC wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

CREDIT & DEBIT CARD GIVING allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving allows you to go to the American Lutheran Church website at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.



Join us for **HOLY HAPPY HOUR** at Plaza Jalisco, upper level, every Wednesday 5:15 – 6:15 PM. Pastor Adam and Pastor Sarah take turns leading a discussion based on Lutheran Trump Cards *Playing our Best Hand in the 21st Century*. Come for conversation, chips & salsa, & a beverage of your choosing.



FAMILY 101 TODAY! There are 6 sessions left counting today! Everyone is welcome to join even if you have missed some sessions.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR 2019 “ROAR” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)! It wouldn't have been possible without our fantastic VBS students, volunteers, congregation members and everyone else who helped! We can't wait to do it again next year!!

SAVE THE DATES:

Join us on Saturday, August 24th at 8pm in the parking lot for a **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!** We will be showing *A Dog's Purpose!* Jr. Leaguers will be selling popcorn, pop, water, and other snacks (for cheap!) The movie will start at 8:30pm but come early to get a good spot and all your snacks and POPCORN! Please bring your lawn chairs! If the weather does not cooperate, we will be in the fellowship hall!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will be on Sunday August 25th at the 9AM Worship Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: If you have a child that is turning 3 years old by September 1st and will be enrolling in Sunday school please call the office at (507)831-1794 and let us know.



Jr League:

Next Meeting will be August 18th at 6:30 PM!
Starting in September, Jr. League will start meeting every other Sunday again! Be sure to keep an eye out for the September Calendar to get all the dates!

Sr League:

Next Meeting will be August 14th at 8:00 PM!
Starting in September, Sr. League will meet every Wednesday evening at 8pm.

SAVE THE DATE: 8th & 9th Grade Acolyte Training will be held on Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A letter will be sent out with more information.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS

We are currently in need of confirmation mentors. Please consider volunteering for this powerful ministry. Confirmation Classes are Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45. Please let the office know if this is an area in which you'd be willing to serve.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 4

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
10:00 AM Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Family 101
10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM

Monday, August 5

Tuesday, August 6

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle
5:30 PM Worship & Music Board Meeting
7:00 PM Christian Education Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 7

10:30 AM Good Samaritan Communion @ Sogge
5:15 PM Holy Happy Hour at Plaza Jalisco

Thursday, August 8

2nd Thursday at Senior Dining

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM ALC Worship on Windom Cable Channel 3
6:30 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, August 11

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Coffee Hour
10:00 AM GLOW Meeting
10:15 AM Family 101
10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM