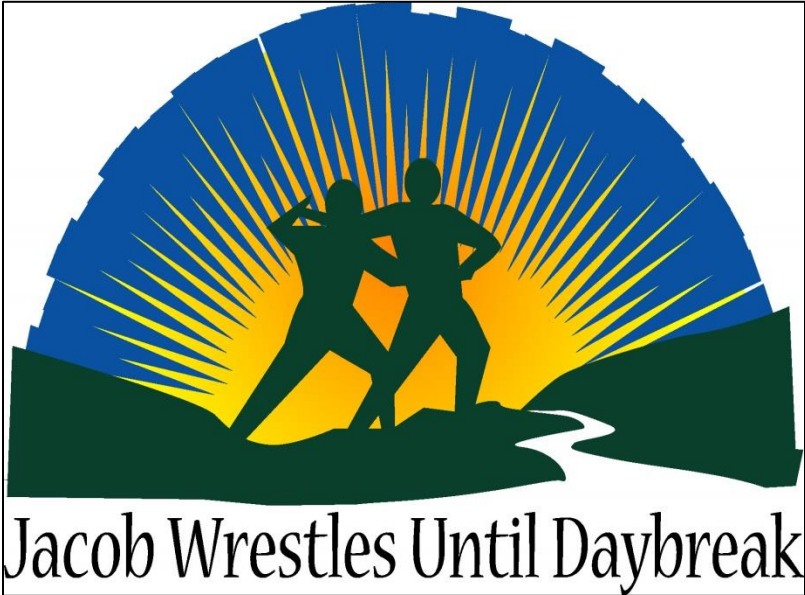


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**September 22, 2019 9:00 AM**  
Fifteenth 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 and GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When we fear the future,

**C: Faithful God, deliver us!**

L: When our fate seems uncertain,

**C: Faithful God, deliver us!**

L: When a new day brings dread, not promise,

**C: Faithful God, deliver us!**

L: You can do anything through us,

**C: Faithful God, deliver us!**

OPENING HYMN

*“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”*

(vs 1&4)

ELW #754

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Creator God,

**C: We have given you so many reasons to grieve. We disrespect your creation. We long for personal glory, material riches and other things which don't last. We mistreat ourselves and each other. We forget the power of your promises. We ask your forgiveness, counting on your never-failing mercy, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P: God's covenant is eternal and the promise is trustworthy: you are forgiven and belong to the communion of saints forever. Rejoice and be glad. Amen.

KYRIE

(Setting 10)

ELW p. 203

HYMN OF PRAISE ***"Blessing and Honor"*** (v.1) ELW #854

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Dear Lord, we often struggle in our lives and in our faith. Assure us that you will never let us go, and teach us to long for the blessings which result from seeing challenges through. In the name of your son, amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF 3rd GRADE BIBLES

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

READING

Genesis 32: [9-13] 22-30

Pew Bible p. 26

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

## HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer ELW p. 112

Songs during Distribution

*"O Bread of Life from Heaven"* (vs 1-3) ELW #480

*"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"* (vs 1-5) ELW #745

Post Communion Prayer

Post Communion Blessing

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

*“Baptized in Water”*

ELW #456

HOLY BAPTISM

ELW P. 227

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING

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

RESPONSE

*“Create in Me”*

ALC #14

PRAYER

**You have promised good things to your people, O God, even when they aren’t readily visible to us. Take these gifts which we offer in faith, and bless them for use in your vast kingdom on earth, for the sake of Jesus our savior, amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Go Now in Peace”*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

*“Onward Christian Soldiers”*

(screens)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran! 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.

In our scripture reading today Jacob was on the eve of a bittersweet and precarious reunion with his estranged brother. Maybe wrestling with God might result in a blessing and perspective he'll need.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Moses and God's Name,  
Exodus 1:8-14 [15—2:10]; 3:1-15

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Scripture reader:** Howard Davis

**Greeters:** Travis & Gina Freiwald family

**Assistant Minister:** Kim Armstrong

**Communion Assistants:** Don & Cheryl Brugman,  
Keith & Janice Pohlman

**Media Ministry Team:** Mark Brodin, Lindsey Cartwright, Darin Friesen, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett, Jen Anderson

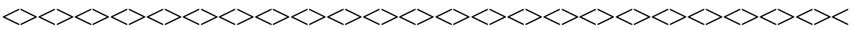
**Acolytes:** Wyatt Scrivens, Owen Dahna

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's service is in memory of Dick Severson given by Grace Severson and family.

**A RADIO GIFT** was also given in memory of Bob Boomgarden, Arnie Olson, and Betty Elness.



Attendance last Wednesday 92; Saturday 25; last Sunday 180;  
Offering: \$6,868; Borrowed to date: \$59,000



**BROUGHT TO CHRIST** through Holy Baptism this morning is Amelia Jo Pohlman, daughter of Ike and Megan Pohlman. Her sponsors are Jake & Liz Johnson, Emma Pohlman, and Zoe Pohlman. May God bless Amelia and her family!



Pastor Adam has been attending a Continuing Education event on Faith and Addiction this past Friday through today. Thank you to Kim Armstrong for being an Assisting Minister today.

**THE MINNESOTA WELSH HYMN FESTIVAL** will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Mankato TODAY, Sunday, September 22 at 1:30. Enjoy great congregational singing of hymns and music by the Windom Chordhustlers. Free admission and refreshments after.

**Young Adults in Global Mission Speaker** Calla Gillson has just returned from a life-changing year serving as a Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) in Jordan and the Holy Land. ALC has supported the YAGM program in Southern Africa through our Trust Fund. Come hear the impact of this ministry in which we share. Tuesday, Sept. 24, 12:00 PM in the Skylight Court. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome!

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Classes**

(9 total), led by Sarah and Chris Tailowright, You have a choice between Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm and Sunday evenings from 5pm-6:30pm starting Wednesday, Sept 18, and Sunday, Sept 22nd, here at American Lutheran Church. Anyone can participate, members and non-members, people in or out of debt. Dave Ramsey and his financial team will teach strategies on how to beat debt and build wealth with the most powerful tool there is, your own income. Contact Sarah and Chris Tailowright at 507-830-0311 or go to <https://www.fpu.com/1096450> and <https://www.fpu.com/1096636> to sign up! The cost is \$109 and assistance is available to ALC members upon request. You must attend 8 of the 9 classes to "graduate."



Calling all Women! Spend the day "recharging" at the **WOMEN'S FALL RECHARGE** "All things in Christ"

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM here at the American Lutheran Church.** Tickets are \$15. Coffee, rolls, a craft, inspirational speakers, and lunch will be provided. Invite a friend and sign-up on the bulletin board across from the office to reserve your spot or by calling the Church office at 831-1794 by September 28<sup>th</sup>! To find out more information a poster is provided right next to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Tickets will be available following Church in the Skylight Court.

***Council Decision on Marriage Practices***

The ALC Council met on 9-10-2019. First, a vote passed that the decision on marriage practices should be made at the Council level. Secondly, after months of prayer, talking together, seeking input from the congregation's members, and guidance from Bishop Jon Anderson, the Council of the American Lutheran Church of Windom voted 7 to 4, to approve the policy recommendation of the Ad-Hoc Committee to *"trust our pastors with the blessing and burden of fulfilling the pastoral role of officiating at legal marriage ceremonies for all couples regardless of gender makeup."* Consideration of Bishop Anderson's experience and insight included knowledge of current call challenges to those churches not providing same sex marriage, with candidates recalling their candidacy upon learning of that policy. Input

from the congregation was vital and we are appreciative of those who took the time to share your thoughts, and learn from others. Together, we wrestled with difficult topics, and are seeking to be faithful. We pray to live our Mission Statement: Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.

**LEFSE DAYS:** All 5 Tuesdays in October the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 8 am. Holiday Fair is November 9th and we need **YOU** to help make the Lefse. Come for a fun morning! No experience necessary! All are welcome!



Please consider one or more ways to participate in services by signing up to be a Communion Assistant, Greeter, and/or Reader on the **October Volunteer** sheet located on the Worship and Music bulletin board or speak with Jane Cartwright.

**Choir Members**, we are making music on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm in the choir room. Come on in! Don't be shy.



We are still in need of a 3rd Grade teacher for BAM Wednesday (45 minutes on a Wednesday Night).

Please let Melanie know if this is an area in which you are called to serve.

The Youth and Family Board is hosting a **Kickball and Burger Bash** event down at the park and rec fields **TODAY at 6pm**. Come and eat a burger or hotdog, chips, and cookie and then play a fun game of kickball!



**Center Creek Orchard:** Join the Christian Ed Board for a fun Family Day at the Center Creek Orchard by Fairmont on **Saturday, September 28th at 10am**. There are games, a hayride, a big slide, mazes and all kinds of other fun activities to

do for a fun fall day! Sign up on the Youth Events bulletin board. We will be taking the bus so please indicate if you will be riding the bus.



**Sr. League:** Meets every Wednesday night at 8pm! Let's plan a great year of great things!

**Jr. League:** Will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at 6:30 PM.

**Dare2Share LIVE, October 12th in Mt. Lake!** A Rally point for Spiritual Revival in our community. Do you want to share the good news but you don't know where to start? This is a national, live, multi-site evangelism training and outreach event designed to spark a movement of Gospel conversations across the country, primarily for teenagers, but anyone can come! Sign up on the Youth bulletin board! More info on the bulletin board.

## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Sunday, September 22**

8:15 AM & 10:00 AM Skylight Court Café

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion and Blessing of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1

6:00 PM Burger Bash & Kick Ball @ Recreation Softball Field

### **Monday, September 23**

*First Day of Autumn*

6:30 PM Bell Choir



### **Tuesday, September 24**

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

12:00 PM Speaker, Skylight Court

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

6:30 PM ALC Choir

### **Wednesday, September 25**

5:00 PM Supper- Chicken noodle soup, crackers, buttered bread, fruit cup, and a bar

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation

8:00 PM Senior League

### **Thursday, September 26**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

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

### **Friday, September 27**

### **Saturday, September 28**

Women's Fall Recharge **Sign-Up Deadline**

10:00 AM Center Creek Orchard

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### **Sunday, September 29**

8:15 AM & 10:00 AM Skylight Court Café

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM