

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**September 8, 2019 9:00 AM**  
**Thirteenth 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.*

*Skylight Court Café is before and after Worship every Sunday morning. 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.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

WELCOME and GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Benson Family - Love Offering Box is available in the Narthex to help support their music ministry

TEMPLE TALK

Sarah and Christopher Tailowright,  
Financial Peace University

NOISY OFFERING

*Prayer Shawl Ministry*

OPENING HYMN

*"In the Garden"*

vs. 1-2

(screens)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Creator God, you have given us every good thing on earth: all that we need to live, thrive, and enjoy this life. Fill us with gratitude for the advantaged position in which we find ourselves, that we might use our powers in service toward you. In Jesus' our savior's name we pray, amen.**

BENSON FAMILY SINGERS

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        ***“We Give Thee but Thine Own”***        ELW #686

LORD’S PRAYER        ELW p. 112

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN    ***“How Great Thou Art”*** (vs 1&4)    ELW #856  
with Benson Family/ Instrumentals and Rozanne Gronseth at piano

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

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran on this Rally Sunday. We are blessed to have the Benson Family Singers of Fairbault, MN with us today, to help us launch a new year of activities. Following worship a free-will offering will be collected in the Narthex to support the Benson Family Singers’ ministry. Please take time to read the scripture reading for today. It is from Genesis 2:4b-25, Pew Bible p. 2. God created a man from dust—from an earth that was yet incomplete. God created woman as a partner. From the first moment of creation we were created to be in relationship—with God and with others.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Isaac’s birth to Sarah, Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7.

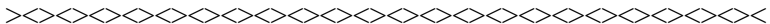
**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Greeters:** Ed and Jan Yonker

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

**Acolytes:** Miranda Cory and Chloe Shamp

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today’s service is in loving memory of Dale Bacon given by Doris Bacon and family.



Attendance last Saturday 26; last Sunday 158;

Offering: \$7,109; Borrowed to date: \$50,000



## THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

### **Sunday, September 8**

*Second Sunday Noisy Offering*

9:00 AM Worship w/Benson Family Singers

10:00 AM Ad hoc Committee Question & Answers, Meeting Room

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM BAM-S Rally Day

### **Monday, September 9**

6:30 PM Bell Choir

### **Tuesday, September 10**

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

2:00 PM Altar Guild

6:30 PM ALC Choir

7:00 PM Budget & Finance, Properties, and Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board Mtgs

7:15 PM Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship Board Mtg

8:00 PM Church Council

### **Wednesday, September 11**

*Patriot Day*

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

5:00 PM Supper

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday) w/Installation of BAM Leaders, Confirmation Guides, and Blessing of Nursery Bibles

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation Student & Parents Mtg

8:00 PM Senior League

### **Thursday, September 12**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

### **Friday, September 13**

### **Saturday, September 14**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

### **Sunday, September 15**

9:00 AM Worship w/Installation of BAM Leaders, Confirmation Guides, & Blessing of Nursery Bibles

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:15 AM Honduras Presentation by Nick & Judy Trotter, Meeting Room

4:30 PM- 6:30 PM Soup & Bread

6:30 PM Jr.League

Today's **NOISY OFFERING** is designated for our Prayer Shawl Ministry here at ALC. The Prayer Shawl Ministry was created to help those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Prayer shawls help individuals know that someone has been and continues to pray for them. It also encourages them to know that God is with them every step of the way, every day. Each Prayer Shawl costs about \$15 to make. Please consider donating to this great Ministry.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**Question & Answer** TODAY

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.

**ALC Finance Update *Help us not go to the bank!*** Many wonderful things are taking place at American Lutheran, and God is providing for our ministry in so many ways! At the same time our expenses have exceeded income by \$50,000 so far this year. We can borrow from our own reserves up to \$50,000 but after that, we have to go to the bank. If you believe in the ministry of this congregation, please do what you can to keep us from borrowing more. This ministry belongs to you. Thank you for your generous support!