

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Stewardship and New Member Sunday

**November 17, 2019 9:00 AM**

Twenty-third 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 CAFE 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

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

*\*\*Please be mindful that this is cold and flu season and share a sign of God's peace without shaking hands. Thank you!\*\**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O come, let us worship the Lord,

**C: On whom God's spirit rests,**

L: Who judges with righteousness,

**C: And upholds the meek.**

L: O come, let us worship the Lord—

**C: The faithful one of God!**

OPENING HYMN *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”*

(vs 1,5&6)

ELW #634

## 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 for 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

*"Glory be to God in heaven"*

ELW #204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord God, we have not borne the fruit you have desired of us, and yet you show us mercy. Plant the seeds of grace within us, that our lives might show forth your glory, for the sake of Jesus, amen.**

ALC CHOIR ANTHEM

*"The First Song of Isaiah"*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coord.

READING

Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

Pew Bible pg 552

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

*"Lord whose Love in Humble Service"*

ELW #712

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

APOSTLES' CREED

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

PRAYER

**We offer you the harvest of our labor, the bounty of our blessings, asking that you bless it for your good. May your righteousness prevail on earth, that all may know your care and generosity. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

LORDS' PRAYER                      ELW p. 112

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN      ***“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”***  
ELW #534

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 our scripture reading today Israel had turned from God like “wild grapes” in a tended vineyard. The consequence would be exile. But God would send someone to redeem them one day.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Josiah's Reform, 2 Kings 22:1-10, [14-20]; 23:1-3

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Scripture Reader:** Xavier Roberts

**Greeters:** Natalie Burmeister and Teigen

**Media Ministry Team:** Todd Armstrong, Tim Hiley,

**Acolytes:** Abbi Zieske, Kameron Rupp

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's service is in memory of Fred Woizeschke's birthday on November 20th given by Marvel Woizeschke and sons.

Attendance last Wednesday 105; Saturday 60; last Sunday 173;  
Offering: \$4,638; Borrowed to date: \$62,000;  
Debt reduction envelopes \$4,225

**WELCOME** to our new members: Beryl Morton, Will, Jamie & Bradon Pohlmann, Sonja Stoesz, and Cody Winker.

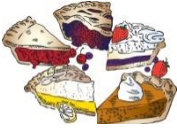
**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY:** As Christians we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our Neighbor. We serve this calling by faithfully stewarding the gifts God has so abundantly given us. Stewardship encompasses so much more than just money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care, our time, our talents, and our treasures to love God and our neighbors. As a part of celebrating Stewardship Sunday we ask you to bring your offering, Volunteer Opportunity Form, and Pledge card forward during the processional offering. If you don't have them today we will have a box to place them in out in the narthex for the next week. You may also return them to the office anytime. As you leave today remember to love and serve our neighbors through God! Thank You!

It is with a heavy heart to announce that Pastor Joseph "Joe" Nystuen passed away on November 10th after struggling with lung, heart, and kidney issues for the last few months. Pastor Joe served ALC from 1974-1983. His funeral service will be held on Friday, November 29th at 11:00 AM at Peace Lutheran Church in Cold Spring, MN. He was a very beloved pastor by his Church and Community. Cards may be sent to Nancy Nystuen at 103 Main St Apt 308 Cold Spring, MN 56320

**Holiday Fair:** Thank you to everyone who participated, worked, and attended the Holiday Fair last weekend! It was a very successful event. Preliminary figures indicate that approximately \$8,500 was raised. Craft items will be sold at half price this weekend.



**GLOW MEETING,** November 17th at 10AM in the Meeting Room across from the Church Office. All women are welcome. We will discuss GLOW Team Members, Holiday Fair wrap-up, Christmas planning, 2020 Brochure events, and GLOW Christmas donations to organizations. All women of ALC are members of GLOW. Come check us out. We would love your input and ideas!!



Join us for  
**Thanksgiving Eve Worship**

Wednesday, November 27

6:00 PM

Music by the ALC Choirs

& BAM students (Nursery—Fourth Grade)

Message by Pastor Adam

Processional Offering for the Windom Area Sharing Center

Pie Fellowship will follow the service

(Everyone is invited and if you would like to donate a pie  
that would be greatly appreciated.)



**DAVE RAMSEY** will be giving a free webinar presentation on his Financial Peace University here on **November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:45pm-8:30pm**. If you missed the classes or didn't have time for all the sessions this event is for you. Childcare will also be provided thanks to the Youth & Family Board.

**GLOW Women's Bible Study** Thursday, November 21 at 2:00 pm in the Meeting room across from the Church office. November "Gather" Magazine page 22 "No Hard Feelings" Session Three STEWARDING THE GIFT OF JOY. Questions contact Carolyn Torkelson 831-5986.

**LOVE BOXES** are "lovingly" given to shut-ins and those needing extra encouragement and support this time of year. They will be distributed on Saturday, November 23rd by GLOW volunteers. If you would like to contribute, bring donations to the church by 4:00 PM Friday, Nov. 22nd or 9:00 AM Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Suggested donations include cookies (6 per plate,) small loaves of quick bread, muffins (4 per plate,) jelly, jam, caramel corn, pudding cups, fruit, and cash to purchase treats. If you know of someone who needs our support and love by receiving this gift, please contact the office.

Next **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** coffee hour will be in honor of Jim Haglund's 90th Birthday on November 19th. Everyone is invited for cake and coffee in our Skylight Court Cafe following worship. Stop by and wish Jim a happy birthday!



The **CHURCH IN SOCIETY BOARD** is collecting canned vegetables and monetary donations to pack a minimum of 60 meals for families who could use a helping hand at Thanksgiving. See the table in the Skylight Court for more information. Any donation, big or small, would be appreciated.

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations to the **Comfort Cupboard!** We have had an overwhelming response so will be "closing the cupboard" at this time. When supplies dwindle and needs arise again, the Comfort Cupboard will reopen. We'll let you know. Thanks.

For those that were not able to get in on the first **QPR TRAINING**, there will be another class offered in the near future! Stay tuned for information!



**BAM Offering:** Just a reminder that the BAM offering this year is going to ELCA Good Gifts to buy a family farm. The ELCA will distribute the farm where it is needed most. We are tracking our progress and so far we have bought 10 chicks, bees, 2 piglets, and a goat! We are well on our way to getting a full farm! Thank you for giving your child offering to bring to BAM and allowing them to make a big impact on the world!

**REMINDER:** Nursery-4th grade students will be singing at the Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6pm. Children will sit with their parents and be called forward.

**Save the Dates:**

Living Nativity December 11th from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm with a Youth Soup Supper from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

BAM Christmas Program will be December 22nd at 2pm!



**Sr. League: 9-12th Grade** Meets every Wednesday night at 8pm! Come for a fun, relaxing time to recharge your spiritual battery!

**Jr. League: 6th-8th grade** Tonight at 6:30pm. We will be having Bible/devotion time, drawing for Secret Santa, and playing some games!

**Mission Trip update:** If you were not able to attend the informational meeting but you think your child may still want to go, please contact Melanie Champ at 507-380-8656 or email at [melanieatalc@gmail.com](mailto:melanieatalc@gmail.com) for more information. Some information on the Youth Events bulletin board. Registration and down payment of \$150 is due December 2nd.

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

### **Sunday, November 17, *Stewarship and New Member Sunday***

8:15 AM Skylight Court Café

9:00 AM Worship w/Welcoming of New Members

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café

10:00 AM GLOW Meeting

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1

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

6:30 PM Jr. League

### **Monday, November 18**

No Bell Choir

### **Tuesday, November 19**

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

6:30 PM ALC Choir

### **Wednesday, November 20**

*Messenger Deadline*

5:00 PM Supper- Sloppy joes, green beans, and bars

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

5:45 PM Dave Ramsey

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation

8:00 PM Senior League

### **Thursday, November 21**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

9:00 AM Conference Pastors Meeting @ ALC

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

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

### **Friday, November 22**

Junior High Youth Gathering, Willmar, MN

### **Saturday, November 23**

Junior High Youth Gathering, Willmar, MN

GLOW Love Boxes

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### **Sunday, November 24, *Christ the King Sunday***

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

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1