

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

Sunday, August 22nd, 2021 9:00 AM
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."*

Revelation 7:12, NRSV

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

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Ministers: Everyone

WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

How Can We Serve You?

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____ **Address:** _____

**By turning this in, I give my permission for ALC to use my information for contact purposes.*

Preferred Contact Method: ☐ *Phone* ☐ *Email*

☐ *I would like information about joining ALC*

☐ *I would like a call and/or visit from a pastor*

☐ *I am a current member of ALC and this is an UPDATE to my information (examples: address change, name change, if you would like our weekly emails, please specify: _____.)*

☐ *I have a prayer request: _____*

Please fill out, tear off bulletin, and place in the offering plate.

We'd love to be in touch with you.

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.

Please check out our ALC website, www.alcofwindom.com, YouTube Channel, and our Facebook page to view online services, events, and stay up-to-date on the latest information.

GATHERING MUSIC

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Salvation belongs to our God,

C: Who is seated on the throne in highest heaven.

L: The Lamb has become our Shepherd.

C: He will quench our thirst and wipe away our tears.

OPENING HYMN

"You Servants of God"

ELW #825

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Eternal Lord,

C: We live in a world of anguish, and our sin only multiplies our suffering. Our despair discourages others. Our hopelessness paralyzes us from carrying out your work in the world. We pray for mercy, for strength, and for our faith to be restored, knowing that all good things come from you. Amen.

L: God will indeed make all things new. Our Creator knows, hears, and answers the cries of our hearts. Despair no more, for you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Be refreshed, and receive the peace which knows no end.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

Setting 4 (Sung)

P. 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

(Setting Four)

ELW #149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God,

C: Your strength far outstrips any earthly power. May we put our fears aside and our trust in you, in whom our hopes will not be disappointed. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17

Reader: Xavier and Penelope Roberts

Pew Bible p. 998

Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, “Come!”

I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer. When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, “Come!”

And out came another horse, bright red; its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another; and he was given a great sword. When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, “Come!”

I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand, and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a day’s pay, and three quarts of barley for a day’s pay, but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!” When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, “Come!”

I looked and there was a pale green horse! Its rider’s name was Death, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and pestilence, and by the wild animals of the earth. After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,

“Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

I said to him,

“Sir, you are the one that knows.”

Then he said to me,

“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY ***“Behold the Host Arrayed in White”***

ELW #425

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

“Please share a sign of God’s peace with those around you with either a wave of your hand or a hand shake: “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 a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

We put our faith in your wisdom, O Lord, that you see and know all that we do not understand. We bring our offerings as a sign of our trust that you will bless our efforts and multiply them on behalf of the disadvantaged and despairing. Our hope lies always in your goodness and all-powerful love. Amen.

Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
Distribution
MicheLe L. meditative music
Post Communion Prayer

CLOSING HYMN *“Shall We Gather at the River”* ELW #423

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

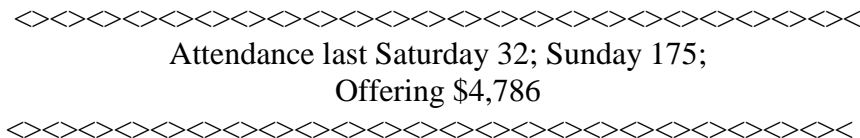
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, the apocalyptic vision has become extreme indeed—horsemen unleashing disasters on an unimaginable scale. To persecuted Christians, they are more real than imagined. The final and complete deliverance of God’s faithful ones is the best possible news they could receive.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Powerful God:
Revelation 13: 1-18

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in honor of Carol & Randy Schenk's Wedding Anniversary given by Cindy Clark.

Attendance last Saturday 32; Sunday 175;
Offering \$4,786



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION CANCELLED: Due to increased COVID-19 cases, the retirement celebration for Pastor Keith Zeh on August 29 is cancelled and may be held at a later time. You can still send greetings to Keith at Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 56562 or zeh@cord.edu.

Ever been interested in **HOSTING A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT**? Nacel Open Door is looking for families to host a student for no more than eight weeks. They currently have three students looking for a home here in Windom. If this sounds interesting to you contact Julianne Antes: 507-304-2143 or jante@team.nacelopendoor.org.

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT: tired of singing in the shower? Come join us as we gather together at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, September 29th.

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION STUDENT/PARENT MEETING on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP GUIDES MEETING on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

SHETEK WRAP UP SUNDAY: If you attended Shetek this summer, you are encouraged to come on Sunday, August 29th to share with the congregation, songs that you learned and share about your experiences. Send a message to [cartj58@gmail](mailto:cartj58@gmail.com) if you are able to participate. We thank the congregation for continuing to support Shetek camperships.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES needed for Lutheran World Relief! During GLOW Sewing Days this winter, we'll be packing Backpacks. Now is the time to buy school supplies while it's **ON SALE!** Help us fill over 100 backpacks for this winter!

Supplies needed to complete backpacks are listed on the box in the Skylight Court. Please place new supplies in the donation box located in the Skylight Court. If you don't have an opportunity to shop for supplies a \$6 **DONATION** will buy supplies for **ONE BACKPACK**. Also, thank you to Carolyn Janssen for sewing the backpacks and thank you in advance to everyone who donates, contributes, and helps assemble the backpacks for this great ministry!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AND ONLINE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

Students are not automatically enrolled, so registration must be completed.

Classes will be held on Sundays following service from 10:15-11:00am and Wednesday evenings prior to service from 5:30-6:15pm. Wednesday night suppers will begin each week at 5pm! You may pick up a registration form in the church office or go to our website, Facebook page, or our What's Up at ALC email to register.



YOUTH NEWS/FUNDRAISERS:

YOUTH BOUNDARY WATERS PRESENTATION this morning at 10am following worship. Get yourself a cup of coffee and a treat and listen to the experiences of the young as they talk about their trip and experiencing Wild Grace in the Skylight Court.

JR. League will meet this afternoon at 4:00 PM.

God uses money as a tool to help us grow. "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15).

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 22, *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour w/BWCA Presentation by Youth

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

4:00 PM -5:30 PM Jr. League

Monday, August 23

Tuesday, August 24

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, August 25

Thursday, August 26

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

4:00 PM Remick Ridge

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, August 29, *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

GLOW: Dykstra Flower Garden Sign-up Deadline

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

Follow us on Facebook, YouTube, and our website to watch worship services, get announcements, and see important events going on at and through ALC!!

