

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

Sunday, September 12th, 2021 9:00 AM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Wednesdays 6:30 pm Worship
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 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

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering

Prayer Shawl Ministry

GATHERING

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

C: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God created all things.

C: We celebrate all that God created when we gather.

L: God made us in the image of the Creator.

C: We were created to create.

OPENING HYMN ***“All Things Bright and Beautiful”***
(on screens)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Creator of all things,

C: We have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be nurturing stewards of your creation. Amen.

L: Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

KYRIE ***“Bring Your Mercy”*** ALC #4
Chorus

Bring Your mercy, bring Your mercy, bring Your mercy Lord.
Bring Your mercy, bring Your mercy, bring Your mercy Lord.

Verse 1

To those who are distant. To those who are here. To those with resistance. Those who live in fear. *Chorus*

Verse 2

To our hidden places only You can see. To the many faces yearning to be free. *Chorus*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Creator God,

C: You have created us in your image. Teach us to create, build up, and contribute to this beautiful world you have made. Amen.

SPECIAL ANTHEM *“My Hands are the Hands”* Youth Choir

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Tera Elness, Christian Education Coordinator

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-2:4a Pew Bible p. 1
Readers: Bob and Marlene Johnson
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY ***“This Is My Father’s World”*** ELW #824

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM ELW p.234
Presentation of Confirmand: Victoria Robillard (on screens)

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

PRAYER
We bring to you, Lord, gifts out of the abundance you have created for us. Receive our gifts, and use them to continue making this world all that it can be. We thank you for your creativity and your endless love, in the name of Christ. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“How Great is Our God”*** (on 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 Church. In the scripture reading, God created humanity in God’s image—in the image of the Creator. We were made to create, build, and contribute to this world.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK forBinding of Isaac –
Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14**

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

Attendance last Saturday 21; Sunday 66;
Offering \$4,806; Borrowed \$4,000

TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING is designated to our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Prayer shawls are knit by members of our congregation and then delivered to those who are experiencing a time of sickness, or challenge, with the prayers of the knitter, and the love of the congregation knit right in. Yarn is purchased, as well as bags for the delivery. A beautiful written prayer is included with the shawl, and prayed, as the shawl is wrapped around the receiver. This is a beautiful ministry of the congregation that shares God's love and brings hope and comfort. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

THIS WEEKEND MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11. May the Lord continue to uplift those who suffered loss and provide healing from pain found in many hearts and souls.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY: Today is a day to celebrate grandparents or adopted grandparents, who have made an impact in your life. Thank you, grandparents, for your love and your role in our lives!

COME TO THE WINDOM REC FIELDS TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM FOR OUR KICK OFF TO THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH OUR BURGER BASH AND KICKBALL! We will be playing kickball on eagle field, so bring your friends! There will also be a free meal including hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies, and lemonade before kickball. Come have a blast and help us celebrate this school year! Hope to see you there!

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15th at 6:30 PM.**

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 10:45 AM: We celebrate with 17 young people as they make public affirmation of their baptism. May they continue to participate in our community of faith and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ.

COTTONWOOD COUNTY COATS FOR KIDS: Coat Distribution:

Saturday, September 25th, 2021 from 9am-2pm at the BARC, 1012 5th Ave, Windom, MN. Appointments are needed! Please call Luke Ewald at Public Health 831-6930 or cell 612-597-0433 or email

luke.ewald@dvhhs.org. **Donations include:** coats, gloves, mittens, snow-pants, and boots are all welcomed! Please ensure all materials are clean and minimal wear/tear. Donations will be picked up by 9-23-21.

Drop off locations for donations: Runnings, The Gathering Church (Bingham Lake), Windom Area Health, Baptist Church, Dollar General, United Methodist Church, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Barc, and the First Presbyterian Church. **Monetary donations are also accepted** and checks can be made out to Cottonwood County Collaborative.

SPONSOR A BIBLE! Do you love to share God's word with children and youth? The Christian Education Board is looking for Bible Sponsors for those who are being baptized, entering nursery or 3rd grade, and the 7th - 9th grade confirmation classes for the 2021-2022 school year. Bibles are \$20 each and will be presented to students this fall. A Bible Sponsor Form was included in the September Messenger. You may also pick one up on the table in the Narthex or in the church office. Thank you for helping to form the faith of our children and youth!!

BELL CHOIR: The bells have been silent for long enough! We are looking to start practice on Monday, September 20th at 6:00 PM. If you have a desire to join a group that loves to laugh, share about adventures, and just enjoy playing musical selections, contact Jane Cartwright (cartj58@gmail.com). Generally, each person is assigned 2 bells (flats/sharps). We are willing to provide tips and suggestions as to how to ring the handbells. Don't be afraid to highlight notes! In the past, we have played for a Sunday service once a month.

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed for September and October. Please sign-up on the Worship & Music bulletin board to be a Scripture Reader, Greeter, or Communion Assistant

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: We have seen the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida, and its effect on the Gulf Coast, while bringing historic flooding to the northeast. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida. Immediate needs

will include basic necessities and temporary housing. *Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response. Write "Hurricane Ida " on your check's memo line and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 or give at ELCA.org*

HOLIDAY FAIR is coming up on **November 13th, 2021!** Now is the time to be CRAFTING what is your crafty passion? Make some extras for the Craft Sales! Making PICKLES which are always great sellers in the Bake Department! Time to PURGE for the New and Nearly New! You can box up all items you're looking to get rid of and bring it to the church the week of Holiday Fair. (No clothing)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

Haven't yet registered your kiddos for Sunday/Wednesday School? It's not too late! Tera will be available in the Skylight Court this morning following service to take registrations, or you can hop online anytime! Online Registration Form can be found both on our Church website AND our Church Facebook Page. (and if you don't yet "like" us on FB, you can do that too!) Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible as class lists are already being made. RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 26th for ALL students (Wed and Sun) and will be a fun and fabulous way to kick-off a brand new school year! (And there's even an outdoor grill-out to follow!)

Sunday/Wednesday School Teacher Meeting will be on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



YOUTH NEWS/FUNDRAISERS:

10th Graders! CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL is Wednesday, Sept 15th at 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary!

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING is Friday November 19th-20th for 6th-9th graders. It's a night of fun, games, running around, and worship. The cost is about \$95 which can be taken from the kids' youth accounts. Let pastor Adam know if you're interested by September 20th. More information can be found at swmnelca.org under the youth/young adults tab and Youth Gathering.

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 12

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

6:00 PM Burger Bash & Kick Ball, Rec Fields



Monday, September 13

6:30 PM Sunday/Wednesday School Teacher Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

2:00 PM Altar Guild

7:00 PM Budget & Finance, Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship, Properties, Spiritual Life & Fellowship, and Worship & Music Board Meetings

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, September 15

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

8:00 PM Confirmation Sunday Rehearsal

Thursday, September 16

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

9:00 AM Conference Pastors Meeting

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Friday, September 17

Saturday, September 18

9:00 AM Shetek Women's Conference at Shetek Bible Camp

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, September 19

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

10:45 AM Confirmation Sunday