

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

Sunday, September 5th, 2021 9:00 AM
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

New Fall 2021 Schedule

Wednesdays:

5:00- 5:30pm Supper (beginning 09/29)

5:30- 6:15pm Wednesday School (formerly known as
BAM-Bible And Me beginning 09/29)

6:30- 7:15pm Wednesday Worship (beginning 09/15)

7:30- 8:30pm Confirmation classes for 7th, 8th and 9th
graders (beginning 09/22)

Sundays:

9:00am Worship

10:00am Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour

10:15- 11:00am Sunday School (beginning 09/26)

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM



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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 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

Altar Guild Video

GATHERING

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: It is the desire of God to dwell with us.

C: Death and mourning shall be no more!

L: God is making all things new!

C: Water to the thirsty; light to the lost!

OPENING HYMN

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

ELW #618

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)

Pg. 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”

ELW #149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Faithful God,

C: When all has passed away, you remain. May our hearts be glad and our hope restored, that we might live each day to the praise of your glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION *“Glorify Your Name and Glory to the Lamb”*

MicheLe Larson and Dustin Stevens

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5 Pew Bible p.1007

Reader: Narrator: Rick Quade Voice: Fritzie Stemm

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy

city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said,

“See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said,

“Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Then he said to me,

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever.

The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

RECOGNITION OF VOCATION

SONG OF THE DAY

“We Are an Offering”

ALC #17

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!”

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

ELW #186

As the tree of life bears fruits of healing, so we bear fruit ripened by the sunshine of your love for us. Receive these gifts, offered in humility for the purpose of fulfilling your gracious will on earth. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

ELW #439

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, finally, we have a vision of the new creation that God has kept for us. Death and destruction will never have the final word, not as long as our God is the beginning and end of all things.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for...Creation by the Word -Genesis 1:1-2:4a

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in honor of Sharon Thompson for all she does for ALC.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in memory of Joyce Zimmerman.

Attendance last Saturday 23; Sunday 124;

Offering \$3,427; Borrowed \$4,000

IT'S LABOR DAY WEEKEND! Our work matters, and it matters to God. Thank you for what you do in your work, and the many vital roles that you play in your family and in the community. ***Have a good rest!***

Church/Office will be closed Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

NEXT WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING is designated to our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please bring your spare change.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS IS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH DURING OUR 9AM WORSHIP SERVICE. Students bring backpacks and teachers bring your work bags!

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!!

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

REMINDER for our 10th Graders getting confirmed on Sunday, September 19th at 10:45 am, there is Confirmation Rehearsal on Wednesday, September 15th at 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

COME TO THE WINDOM REC FIELDS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH 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!

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

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

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:

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AND ONLINE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR! You may register online through our church website or link found on our FB page! 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. 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.

Our School Year Kicks Off this Year with **RALLY DAY** on Sunday, September 26th for ALL students whether enrolled in Sunday class OR Wednesday class. RALLY DAY will be a fun and eventful morning (and grill-out lunch!) here at Church, so mark your calendars!

*****WE NEED YOU!*****

With classes offered twice each week for Students Nursery-6th Grade, we need TEACHERS! Our teachers TEAM-teach which allows for flexibility throughout the school year. Please get a hold of CEC

Tera if you are willing to serve in this important and impactful ministry. You will be part of an AMAZING team, and we'll have some big time FUN along with the way too!

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

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, September 5, *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

Monday, September 6

Labor Day

Church/Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

5:00 PM Church in Society Board Meeting

7:30 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 8

9:00 AM Windom Ministerial Association

7:00 PM Confirmation Small Group Guide Meeting

Thursday, September 9

2nd Thursday at Senior Dining (need a reservation)

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

Friday, September 10

Saturday, September 11

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

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