

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, January 23rd, 2022 9:00 AM
Third Sunday of Epiphany

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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

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual meeting today following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

GATHERING

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

C: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus calls us into this house of worship.

C: We come with open ears, minds, and hearts.

L: We come with our shame.

C: We leave with healing.

OPENING HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

ELW #456

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

L: Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. Live in this new found freedom.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

ELW #154

HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Are Called”

ELW #720

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Birth God, You gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 3:1-21

Pew Bible p 863

Reader: Maria Thom

Response before: The Holy Gospel according to John,
the Second Chapter. / **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after: The Gospel of the Lord. / **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“O Morning Star How Fair and Bright”

(vs 1-3)

ELW #308

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be aware of the cold and flu season and the increase in COVID cases statewide. Greet one another with a wave of your hand or an elbow bump

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“We Give Thee”

(vs 1&4)

ELW #686

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We bring our offerings to you, not in cover of darkness, but by the exposing light of day. Shine a light on these gifts, and use them to serve those whose darkness is oppressive. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Carol V meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”**

ELW #445

DISMISSAL

Christ is your light. Go forth and Shine!! /

We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, a Jewish leader came to Jesus under cover of night to seek guidance from him, the teacher who comes from God about the kingdom above.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for The Woman at the Well, John 4:1-42.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of my father, Charles "Chuck" Severson given by Lee Severson.

Attendance last Wednesday: 87, Saturday: 18, Sunday: 84,
Offering: \$5,824

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: Heidi Johnson, Brita Tjentland

Communion Assistants: Sheryl Hanefeld, Nancy Michalski

Technology: Mark Brodin, Dan Knigge, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

ALC ANNUAL MEETING TODAY! SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be childcare provided during the Annual Meeting. Come and learn about the ministry we had in the past year and learn about the year to come and enjoy some coffee and donuts! Hope to see you there! A Zoom link will also be put on our ALC Facebook page and Website for those who would like to attend, but can't in person.



SOUP & BREAD TODAY! January 23rd, 5:30pm-7pm

Hey everyone! We are getting back into the role of things! As a reminder.....Soup and bread is for ANY adult couples or adults that wish to come and share fellowship over supper; then we play games and have a fun RELAXING time with other adults! Have young kids? NOT A PROBLEM! We have child care available! Your child(ren) can eat with us and then go with the youth watching over them or you can feed them before you come! It's up to you! We all bring a dish to share (not always Soup and Bread but that is actually what it started out as.) We eat, laugh, have fun and share stories of our crazy, fun lives! We would LOVE to have you join us!

RENOVATION LOAN UPDATE: We need approximately \$2,500 to be able to pay off this loan by January 31st, 2022. Any contributions to help up reach this goal would be greatly appreciated.

Due to all the sickness going around, **CHOIR PRACTICE** is canceled and will hopefully start back up again in February! Be on the lookout for updates!

HEALTH CONCERNS - As we enter into the cold and flu season, and as the COVID-19 virus continues to circulate, our concern is for the good of the neighbor. We encourage each one to do what is best to stay well, and keep others healthy.

- We will not be shaking hands during the sharing of the peace.
- Please stay home if you are sick.
- Mask wearing provides added protection, and you are welcome to do so.

HEADS-UP: SEWING DAYS have started up again and will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays January-April. Join us February 1st and February 15th at 9:00 am-2:00 ish. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits, and pack school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Come for an hour or two or bring a sack lunch and spend the day. No experience necessary! Questions? Call Kathy Hiley: 831-4109 or Jackie Turner: 831-1633.



SKYLIGHT COURT CAFÉ GOODIE SIGN-UP: A sign-up sheet is located in the Skylight Court for anyone that would like to host and bring goodies. It's a great way to gather around with good food, conversations, and really good coffee. Free will donations will be accepted to help pay for coffee expenses.

SEEKING INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, OR FAMILY GROUPS WILLING TO USHER. Thinking of creative scheduling such as one week per month on a rotation basis. It's a great way to meet people in the congregation. Contact Jane Cartwright 831-5032 (h) or call the church office.

Our **ALC LUTEFISK SUPPER** for January 2022 is **CANCELLED**.

Are you interested in **SPONSORING THE RADIO BROADCAST** on Sundays? The cost is \$57 for a Sunday service sponsorship. The months of February and March are open. Please contact the ALC office if you are interested in a sponsorship.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL January 23rd due to winter break/allowing teachers/parents to attend the annual meeting following worship on today.

DONUTS WITH GROWN-UPS! Is coming up on Wednesday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 6th during the Wednesday School/Sunday School hour. Grown-Ups are invited to join their students in the Fellowship Hall for Donuts, Juice, Coffee, and a fun lesson with Tera on the "Do Nots" of the Bible! Please plan to join your favorite kids for this special day at Church!

SHETEK SUNDAY (and WEDNESDAY!) are quickly approaching! The dates have been set for Wednesday evening, February 23rd and Sunday morning, February 27th. Shetek Lutheran Ministries will be here to talk about life at camp (including what's brand new!), and all they have planned for this summer!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALC PROVIDES TOWARDS CAMPERSHIPS FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND CAMP AT SHETEK? That's right! We provide \$100.00 towards Mini-Camp, and \$200 for those wishing to attend Full-Week camp, Family Camp, and/or Grandparent/Grandchild camp! In addition, ALC will again be giving AWAY two camperships - one mini and one full-week! Please contact CEC Tera if you would like to register your child in the drawing to be held mid-March!

Also, the ALC Trust Fund provides a scholarship towards college for any student that works at Shetek for the summer! For those high school and college students that are looking for a summer job check out Camp Shetek!



YOUTH NEWS/FUNDRAISERS:

The youth will be selling **HOTDISHES** on the 3rd Wednesday (February 16th) and 3rd Sunday (February 20th) of the month. A small is \$10 and a large is \$15. They will also be doing coffee hour on the 3rd Sunday (February 20th) of each month. This will go through May.



Jr. League will be held the 1st (February 6th) and 3rd (February 20th) Sundays of the month from 2:00PM-3:30PM! **SR. LEAGUE** will be held the 3rd (February 20th) Sunday of the month from 4:00PM-5:30PM. Join us for some fun activities! All are welcome! Bring your friends!!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday of Epiphany

No Sunday School

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Annual Meeting w/Childcare and via Zoom

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Soup & Bread

Monday, January 24

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, January 26

No Choir Practice

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper: Chicken noodle hotdish, buttered bread, corn, and a cookie

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

7:30 PM Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th Grade)

Thursday, January 27

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

3:00 PM Mikkelson Manor

4:00 PM Remick Ridge

Friday, January 28

Saturday, January 29

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, January 30

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM