

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Creation Sunday
Sunday, May 1st, 2022 9:00 AM
Third Sunday of Easter

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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

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Justin and Kat Tigerman, Shalom Hill Farm Directors

GATHERING:

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, you have claimed us in baptism through the waters of Creation:

C: we join the Atlantic and Pacific, the Great Lakes and the Caribbean in giving you thanks and praise.

L: O God, you have called us to live in unity and love with our neighbors:

C: we join in worship with all creatures that walk, crawl, slither, fly, or swim.

L: O God, you nourish the earth with water and snow, and till the soil with frost and thaw:

C: we come before you to be cultivated by your Word.

L: O God, the planets and solar systems and galaxies belong to you:

C: we come before you with great humility, amazed that you are even mindful of us.

Call to Worship written by Rev. Jeff Schlesinger. From Lutherans Restoring Creation – Earth Day Service April 24, 2022.

OPENING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

(vs 1, 3-5)

ELW #879

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Forgiving God,

C: We spend so much of our time doubting you, doubting ourselves, failing to place our trust in you. Our lack of faith causes us to stumble, and when we fall we fall far. Forgive us our sin and lift us so that we can rise to the challenge of carrying out your mission.

L: God is merciful and just. God offers forgiveness for all. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins and walk with the power of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

(Setting 4)

p. 147

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast of Victory for our God”

ELW p. 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Merciful Creator,

C: your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRPTURE READING

Psalm 104:1-33

Pew Bible p 483

Reader: Karen Skarphol

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, Christian Ed. Coord.

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW #733

BLESSING OF SOIL, WATER, AND SEEDS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...we pray: **Merciful God keep your planet and people in peace.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Please be aware of the cold and flu season. 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

"Let the Vineyard"

ELW #184

PRAYER

**Sovereign of the universe, you set the parameters of the sea and
renew the earth with light from the ages and rain from the heavens.
Receive the gifts we bring and motivate us to care for oceans, lakes,
and all habitats, to the glory of God in the name of Christ our peace.
Amen.**

Written by Rev. Sarah Locke For Earth Day, April 24, 2022

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW p. 134

Distribution

MicheLe meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Come Living Christ and Be Our Word"

(screens)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in Peace. Care for the Earth!

We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today we
celebrate Creation Sunday. It is a day in which the church gives honor to

God for the gift of creation and to pray for the land, water, and all living creatures which supply the needs of all people.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Paul and Silas, Acts 16:16-34

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Janice Bell and Patty Stene given by Eugene Steen.

Attendance last Wednesday: 78; Saturday: 26; Sunday: 129;
Offering: \$4,590

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SCAN ME

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: Harriet Lohse, Charlotte Nauman

Technology: Dan Knigge, Bob Johnson, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

WELCOME TO THE TIGERMANS! Justin and Kat serve as the new program and executive directors at Shalom Hill Farm. A pastor and a deacon, they come to us from Idaho with their children Barry and Aeleen and their animals: sheep, chicken, turkeys, a dog and two cats.

TODAY IS CREATION SUNDAY! Thank you to everyone who emailed us your favorite snapshots of God's creation to be shown on our screens in celebration of Creation Sunday!

A Reading from **THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV BY FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY** Love all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love. Love the animals: God has given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled. Do not trouble it, don't harass them, don't deprive them of their happiness, don't work against God's intent.

GLOW MEETING TODAY SUNDAY, May 1st, 10:00 A.M. (after worship). ALL women belong to GLOW and are welcome to attend the meeting to find out what's happening and how you can be a part of the fun!

NEXT WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING will be designated for the ELCA Scholarship Fund. Please bring your spare change!

THANK YOU: The Church In Society would like to thank all who contributed to our 40 Day Lenten Challenge. Because of your generosity we were able to donate \$1,800.43 to the Crisis Center! We are grateful for your support of this important ministry!

There is only **1 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER** left until summer break. Join us Wednesday, May 4th for our last Wednesday Night Supper, which will be pizza! This will also be **MELANIE SHAMP'S LAST NIGHT OF HEADING UP THE WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS**. Please join us in celebrating her!

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS is scheduled for May 15th. If you or someone you know would like to become a member of ALC please contact the church office at (507)831-1794 or winalc@windomnet.com and let us know. New Member Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 PM in the Skylight Court.



The **LAST DAY OF CONFIRMATION** for 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade will be Wednesday, May 11th at **6:30 PM**. In celebration of this confirmation year 7th and 9th Graders will be going to a movie at the Windom State Theater and the 8th Graders will be going out to Shalom Hill Farms! Thank you all for the great year!

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING IN THE SANCTUARY? We have added 3 additional **SOUND MATES**, which are available from the ushers. Sound Mates are a small unit that helps amplify sound through the use of headphones. Check one out. They are easy to use.

A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 6TH GRADERS that are “graduating” from Wednesday/Sunday School this spring and will be transitioning into Confirmation in the fall! Congratulations to: Landon Ausing, Ruby Baloun, Bella Borer, Mason Chester, Abby Freiwald, Hailee Hilbrands, Madison Holtz, Olivia Joyce, Elie Kleven, Wyatt Knutson, Mya Larson, Jonah Lohse, Bryson Marsh, Mackenzi Meyeraan, Soren Nielsen, Neveah Ott, and Makayla Whiting!

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS will be on May 15th, 2022 at our 9:00 AM Worship Service. **GLOW SEWING DAYS TOTAL:** The American Lutheran quilters/GLOW members have completed 64 quilts, 72 School Kits, 123 Baby Care Kits, and 16 Personal Care Kits. All these items will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items and their time to help make this happen!

SENIOR RECOGNITION is scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd at our 9:00 AM Worship Service. Seniors please remember to send in your senior photo

to the church office at winalc@windomnet.com by **Friday, May 13th** or sooner to be shown on our screens and in our June Messenger. Christian Education / Youth and Family will sponsor Skylight Court Cafe on May 22nd with cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice. All are welcome! Come celebrate and greet the Seniors!

GLOW OUTING ON JUNE 7TH – American Lutheran Women are invited to take a day trip to tour the Cambria Plant in Le Sueur and then travel to Donna Vaupel's new home in New Prague where she will serve us lunch. We will carpool, leaving the church parking lot at 8 am and will be back in Windom by late afternoon. Our tour is limited to 15 ALC women and a firm signup deadline is May 19. Signup sheet and more information are on the bulletin board across from the church office.

SOUND & VIDEO TECHNICIANS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to operate the Sound System and/or Video System. If this is something you'd like to check out or may be interested in doing, please contact the church office and we can help schedule a Wednesday or Sunday service for you to sit in on to learn more information about it.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

TODAY May 1st: SIXTH GRADERS AND THEIR

PARENTS will meet me in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 1st during their regular class times as we look forward to next year and their journey on to Confirmation!

**May 4th/8th: END OF THE YEAR WEDNESDAY
SCHOOL & SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS!**

Teacher/Leader/Guide Appreciation Sunday, Students will be singing at the Wednesday/Sunday services (Wednesday night kids at the Wed night service and Sunday morning kids at the Sun morn service), these dates also serve as the **LAST DAY OF CLASS** for ALL students! With a celebration outside on the church lawn with some fun activities as we give thanks to God and bid a grateful farewell to this Sunday and Wednesday School year! These final class times will be FILLED with outdoor fun (or indoor if our weather doesn't cooperate!) including lawn games, a treat table, a potter's bench, and a VBS registration station with craft! Don't miss this last fun class time together!



YOUTH NEWS/FUNDRAISERS:

The Youth going on the Boundary Waters Canoeing Area Trip have raised the majority of the money needed for their trip!

There will not be any more Hotdish Fundraisers for the month of May because of this. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated or participated in the many Youth Fundraisers! We couldn't have done it without you and the support of our ALC church community!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 1, Creation Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM GLOW Meeting

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM 6th Graders & Parents Special Celebration, Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

Monday, May 2

6:00 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, May 3

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

5:15 PM Church in Society Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 4

11:00 AM Sogge

5:00 PM Last Wednesday Night Supper: Pizza!

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Last Day of Wednesday School

6:30 PM Last Day of Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion, Sunday
& Wednesday School Teachers & Small Group Guides Appreciation

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

Thursday, May 5

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

6:00 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting

7:00 PM New Member Orientation, Meeting
Room

Friday, May 6

Saturday, May 7

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Noisy Offering

Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Sunday & Wednesday School Teachers & Small
Group Guides Appreciation

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Last Day of Sunday School

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Soup & Bread

