

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

PREPARE YE THE  
WAY OF THE LORD



**January 8th, 2023 9:00 AM**  
*Baptism of Our Lord*

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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.*

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*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](http://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

NOISY OFFERING

GLOW Quilting

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 has called us in the waters of baptism.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: God has claimed us as beloved children.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: God has raised us to new life.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

OPENING HYMN

*“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

(vs 1,3,4)

ELW #302

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways.**

P: Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his abundant love, all your sins are forgiven, that you might walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

KYRIE

HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”*

(vs 1,2)

ELW #413

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy Spirit,

**C: In the waters of the Jordan you claimed Jesus as your beloved son and launched him into his earthly ministry. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might live as your children and care for all that you have made. Amen.**

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

*“We Three Kings”*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-17

Pew Bible p 784

Reader: Kim Armstrong

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY ***“On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist’s Cry”***

(vs 1-4)

ELW #249

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Please be aware of illness. 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 Vineyards Be Fruitful”***

ELW #182

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**O God, you call upon us to bear good fruit. Accept these gifts as a sign of our commitment to you and the world you have created, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“Bright and Glorious is the Sky”***

(vs 1,2,3,5)

ELW #301

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Christ is your light. / **We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

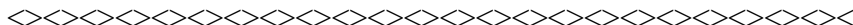
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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, following the baptism of Jesus, God claims Jesus as his beloved son. We are children of God through our baptism.

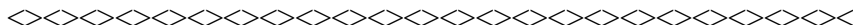
**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Tempted in the Wilderness,  
Matthew 4:1-17.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's worship service is in memory of the January 8th birthday of Mary Johnson, mother of Carol Arndt and Leann Johnson.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in memory of June Richardson.



Attendance last Wednesday: Holiday Break;  
Saturday New Year's Eve: 27; Sunday New Year's Day: 79;  
Offering: \$5,007



Didn't bring cash or a checkbook to worship but would still like to give an offering? Use this QR CODE to give an offering. Remember it costs thirty-nine cents per online transaction plus three percent of how much you give. This is another great way to give.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Acolytes:** Lilly Derickson, Charlotte Nauman

**Technology:** Lindsey Cartwright and Jace Anderson, Todd Armstrong, Eugene Hanchett, Tom Wickie

**THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY** begins with the Epiphany of our Lord on January 6th marking the visit of the Gentile Magi (non-Jewish astrologers or "wisemen") who were guided by a star and came to worship Jesus. They show that everyone now has access to God! Epiphany is a season of light emphasizing Jesus' manifestation or revealing as both God and human. During Epiphany we worship Jesus, who has given all humankind access to God through Himself.

Today's **NOISY OFFERING** is designated to the GLOW Quilting Ministry. GLOW makes quilts during the months of January through April for the Sharing Center, Christmas Cheer Box, Lutheran World Relief and anyone in need. This is one mission in action activity that the women of ALC do year after year. Thank you for donating!

**PAJAMA DAY** at Wednesday and Sunday School on Wednesday, January 11th and Sunday, January 15th! ALL students and teachers are invited to wear their pajamas!!



**SAVE THE DATE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th** following Worship in the Skylight Court. All are welcome!

**4th-6th GRADE BOYS AFTERNOON Sunday, January 15th** from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Windom Elementary Gym. Join Tera and Windom PE Teacher Travis Janssen for a fun afternoon of games, snacks, and an incredible lesson on God's awesome Word! Bring your Bible! Friends are welcome! This event is free, **please sign up your son by January 10th!**



**YOUTHWORKS YOUTH TRIP TO KANSAS CITY**, July 5th-8th for *next year's* 9th-12th graders. ***Initial Deposit of \$100 is due by SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH.*** Please contact Tera with any questions.

**SOUP & BREAD: January 15th 3:00pm-5:00pm:** Soup and bread is for ANY adults that wish to come and share fellowship over snacks and games! Come have a fun RELAXING time with other adults! We all bring a snack to share. (It started out as Soup and Bread and that's how this group got its name) We would LOVE to have you join us! 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, then they can go play in the Youth Room. It's up to you! We hope you join us!

**GLOW SEWING DAYS!** Join us the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month (January 17th) from 9:00am-2ish! Come and sew or pack kits for Lutheran World Relief. Come for an hour or two or pack a sack lunch and stay for the day! ALL women are welcome! Bring a friend! Questions call Kathy Hiley 831-4109 or Jackie Turner 822-1633

Third time's the charm? Due to the weather the GLOW Burnsville Trip **THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES "PLOWIN THRU"** will be postponed again to Wednesday, January 18th. All other trip details remain the same (cost \$55 plus lunch at the Burnsville Center Mall, depart from ALC at 8:30AM, Matinee "Plowin Thru" at 1pm, estimated return 6pm). If you wish to reserve a ticket, please call Windom Community Education 507-831-6910 Ext. 513.

**SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND** following the Worship Service. 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. Hope to see you there!

**BINGO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Join us one and all for a BINGO NIGHT on Sunday, January 22nd from 4-7pm in Fellowship Hall! \$1/game or unlimited play for just \$20! A Sloppy Joe Supper will also be available at a cost of \$5 and Concessions will be sold at a cost of just \$1 each! This is a *YOUTH FUNDRAISER* and we hope to FILL Fellowship Hall! ALL Are Welcome! And YES, here will be prizes! Invite your Friends & Neighbors!



### Princess Poppy

4th-6th Grade

### GRZLS NIGH!



Sunday, January 29th  
4:00-7:00pm  
note extended time:  
ALC Youth Room  
Supper and Snacks  
will be served  
and FRIENDS ARE  
WELCOME!

Sign up your girl with Tera no later  
than January 12th please!

**4th-6th GRADE PRINCESS POPPY GIRLS NIGHT** Sunday, January 29th from 4:00pm-7:00pm (please note extended time), ALC Youth Room. Supper and snacks will be served and friends are welcome! **Please sign-up your girl with Tera no later than January 12th!**

Attention 6th-8th Graders! Lost & Found **AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY FAITH FEST 2023 OVERNIGHT TRIP** February 11th-12th, 2023. We'll leave Saturday at 8am and return around 5pm on Sunday. The **cost is \$75** and it includes the event, 3 meals, hotel and transportation. ALC student account money may be used! Students **MUST be signed up with Tera no later than Wednesday, January 25th!**



ALC is participating in **SHETEK'S CONGREGATIONAL BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN**. Our goal is \$25,000 over the next 3 years, which will provide naming rights to a wing of sleeping rooms in the new lodge. Shetek has been there for ALC with staff for VBS and programming for our children. Let us be there for them with funds to upgrade their water system and lodging. Please consider making a pledge to Shetek. Questions contact Steve or Jean Johnson. **We are currently at \$21,720 in pledges! Only \$3,280 left to pledge!**

## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Sunday, January 8, Baptism of Our Lord**

#### ***Second Sunday Noisy Offering***

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

### **Monday, January 9**

7:00 PM Bell Choir

### **Tuesday, January 10**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

6:00 PM Youth & Family Board

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

8:00 PM Church Council

### **Wednesday, January 11**

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School- Pajama Day!

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

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

### **Thursday, January 12**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

11:30 AM ALC Day at Senior Dining

### **Friday, January 13**

### **Saturday, January 14**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

### **Sunday, January 15**

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Budget Presentation, Skylight Court

10:15 AM Sunday School-Pajama Day!

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM 4th-6th Grade Boys Afternoon, Elementary Gym

3:00 PM-5:00 PM Soup & Bread