

The American Lutheran Church of Windom Bethany Lutheran Church



Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 26th, 2023 9:00 AM

Pastors Sarah Tadé & Adam Roberts

Why Do We Use Ashes In The Form Of A Cross?

- Remind us of all those around the world who are mourning and suffering
- Remind us that we all have sinned, we all need repentance, & we all must cling to the promises & love of Christ
- Remind us that in the passage of time, we will all someday die
- Remind us of Christ's suffering, death, & resurrection
- Remind us that in the midst of all this, we are still called, named, claimed, and loved Children of God

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP

GATHER IN SILENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO LENT

CONFESSION OF SINS

ELW Pg. 252

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PRAYER

L: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

L: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

L: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: AMEN

PERIOD OF SILENCE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-14

Pew Bible p. 600

Reader: Nicole Tietz

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

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

Pew Bible p.940

Reader: Addison Spielman

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION..... ELW Pg. 142

*“Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful;
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Pew Bible p. 787

SERMON

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY **“Our Father, We Have Wandered”** ELW #606

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

ALC #14

PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and

prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

ORGAN MEDITATION *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* ELW #324

PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”* ELW #335

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

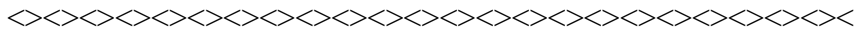
PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE



WELCOME to this special time of worship at the beginning of Lent. May our Lenten journey renew our faith and refresh our lives.

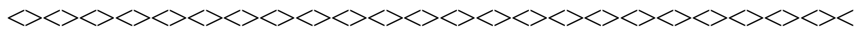
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Laborers in the Vineyard, Matthew 20:1-16

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s worship service is in memory of Henry Anderson and Bill Erpestad given by Sharon Erpestad.



Attendance last Wednesday: 93; Saturday: 34; Sunday: 131;

Offering: \$5,738



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS THIS WEEK:

Organist: Carol Vought

Scripture Readers: Nicole Tietz & Addison Spielman

Acolytes: Shaun Schunk, Hayden Tietz

Technology: Todd Armstrong, Lindsey Cartwright / Nolan Tjentland, Eugene Hanchett

LENTEN WORSHIP FOR ALC & BETHANY 2023

Theme: We'll worship with Holden Evening Prayer, and *Wholehearted Faith*, Rachel Held Evans' final book which encourages us to be real, to ask questions, to be honest and vulnerable, so that we can be changed by the God who loves us so much he gave us Jesus.

Wednesday Lenten Schedule

March 1,8,15,22,29

5:00 PM Lenten Supper

(each meal is a fundraiser for different ministries of our congregation)

5:30 PM Wednesday School & Choir Practice

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

7:15 PM 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation

(No 7th Grade Confirmation during Lent)

Weekly Lenten Worship

Holden Prayer / Wholehearted Faith

March 1st– Lent 1: New Hearts *"The Steady Work of Living Water"*

March 8th– Lent 2: Hearts Healed *"Loving Our Enemies"*

March 15th–Lent 3: Hearts that are Loved *"From Death to Life"*

March 22nd– Lent 4: Hearts Laid Bare *"God has made a Home with us"*

March 29th– Lent 5: Hearts at Rest *" Dwelling in Sabbath "*

What is Lent? Lent is a church season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. (Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" as we look forward to the Resurrection.) Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. Lent is a time to focus on our relationship with God, as we think of Jesus suffering and death and the coming glory of his resurrection.



MEN'S GROUP: Men, do you like cribbage and pizza? If so, join us in the fellowship hall on February 27th at 6:30 pm for cribbage, pizza, fellowship, and a devotion. Feel free to bring a friend whether they're members or not!

WOMEN'S EVENING LENT BIBLE STUDY "Wholehearted Faith" Mondays in March at 6:30pm-7:30pm led by Tera Elness
March 6, 13, 20, 27, ALC Skylight Court. \$15 to cover book cost
OR join Pastor Sarah on Sunday March 5 and March 19 at 10:15am in the Meeting Room. The book is not needed on Sundays, but may be purchased on your own.





If you missed the **EASTER FLOWER** deadline please stop in or call Gina in the church office. Thanks!

Mid-week Ecumenical Lenten Services at the Presbyterian Church

Where? First United Presbyterian Church, 336 11th St.

What? 30 minute Lenten Worship (in-person and through Facebook live).

When? 12:00 noon: *March 1st, March 8th (Pastor Sarah: ALC Hosts), March 15th, March 22nd and March 29th* (Pastor Adam).

You are invited to join your sisters and brothers in Christ at the First Presbyterian Church at noon during Lent for worship and lunch. This year the theme revolves around the 250th anniversary of the hymn “Amazing Grace.” The worship service will start at noon followed by lunch. The schedule is as follows: March 1 – Pam Prouty from the First Presbyterian Church will lead worship and FPC will serve lunch; March 8 – Sarah Tade from American Lutheran Church will lead worship and ALC will serve lunch; March 15 – Mike McInnis from the United Methodist Church will lead worship and UMC will serve lunch; March 22 – Mary Theesvold from the Catholic Church will lead worship and the Catholic Church will serve lunch; March 29 – Adam Roberts from the American Lutheran Church will lead worship and the First Presbyterian Church will serve lunch. Come and join us.

GLOW MEETING: NEXT Sunday, March 5th at 10AM (after worship) in the Meeting Room. 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!

40 DAYS \$40 LENTEN CHALLENGE! This year Church in Society’s Lenten Challenge donations will be raising money to help those in Turkey and Syria struggling from the earthquake and also to help Ukrainian refugees as they seek to rebuild their lives throughout Europe. The donations that come in will be split between the two.



We’re asking you to keep these catastrophes in mind while also asking you to participate in the Lenten Challenge by giving a dollar a day for forty days to help those who are struggling from these disasters. Please make checks to American Lutheran Church with Lutheran Disaster Response in the memo line. . Thank you! An envelope marked \$40 for 40 Days Lenten Challenge will be provided in the March Messenger and on the back tables in the Narthex during Lent.



LENTEN DEVOTION: Tune in to Facebook every weekday during Lent for a live devotion taken from the book “Water & Spirit”, based on the Gospel of John, and published by Augsburg Fortress. Take time to make connections between the water and the Spirit. Posted about noon Monday - Friday, by staff.

FILLING BOARDS: The following boards are in need and each have 1 open position Budget and Finance, and Youth and Family. There are also 3 openings for the Nominating Committee (calling and finding people to serve on boards/council in the months of October/November to help fill the ballot for the next years boards/committees). If you have questions about these boards or positions. Please call the church office for more information and please consider serving on a board/committee!

MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH! Church and Society will be collecting items through March for the local food shelf.* First week - Cleaning and Paper items (Pledge, Detergent, paper towels,...) * Second week - Personal Items (Toiletries, diapers, soap...) * Third week - Breakfast Items (Juice, cereal, oatmeal...) * Fourth week - Canned Goods (Fruits, veggies, soup,...) We will take any items anytime - this is suggestions only!! Cash is also great!!! All items may be placed in the red grocery cart located by the stairs going up to the Chapel. Also, a monetary jar is located in the Skylight Court for all monetary donations. Thank you all for donating!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CAMP

WEDNESDAY/CAMP SUNDAY! Shetek Lutheran Ministries will be joining us for Worship on March 1st and 5th! ALC we will again be giving away two FREE camperships this year – one mini-week and one full-week! If you would like your child(ren) entered into this year’s drawing for a free campership, please contact Tera at teraalc@gmail.com or contact the church office. Please include what campership drawing (mini-week or full-week) your child/children would fall into. Our drawing will be held at 12noon on March 15th via FB Live!



SCRAPBOOK/CRAFTING RETREAT! Bring your favorite crafting past time, rent a table and hangout with others that love to craft and enjoy some good snacks/food. **Friday, March 24th 9am - Midnight & Saturday, March 25th 9am - 7pm.** Contact Mary Mohlenkamp for more information marymohl@rconnect.com or 507-822-1179. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board across from the church office. **Please register by Friday, March 17th!**

ALC will be **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** at our 6:30 PM Wednesday, April 12th worship service and at our 9:00 AM Sunday, April 16th worship service. A letter will be sent out to those who have indicated interest in becoming members of ALC. If you are interested in becoming a member please fill out the “How can we serve you” questionnaire in the Saturday/Sunday bulletins and drop it in the offering plate, call/email the office at (507)831- 1794/winalc@windomnet.com or talk to one of our staff.

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/ lodging. Please consider making a pledge to Shetek. Questions contact Steve or Jean Johnson. **We're currently at \$22,647 in pledges!** Only \$2,352 left to pledge!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday in Lent

9:00 AM Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

10:00 AM Skylight Court Cafe- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

2:00 PM Shetek Conference Assembly, Hills MN

Monday, February 27

6:30 PM Men's Group- Cribbage and Pizza, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, March 1, Shetek Sunday

11:00 AM Sogge

12 Noon Ecumenical Luncheon, Presbyterian Church

5:00 PM Lenten Supper- Hosted by the Boundary Waters Youth- Pizza

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

7:15 PM 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, March 2

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV CH 22

Friday, March 3

Saturday, March 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 5 Second Sunday in Lent/Shetek 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

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM