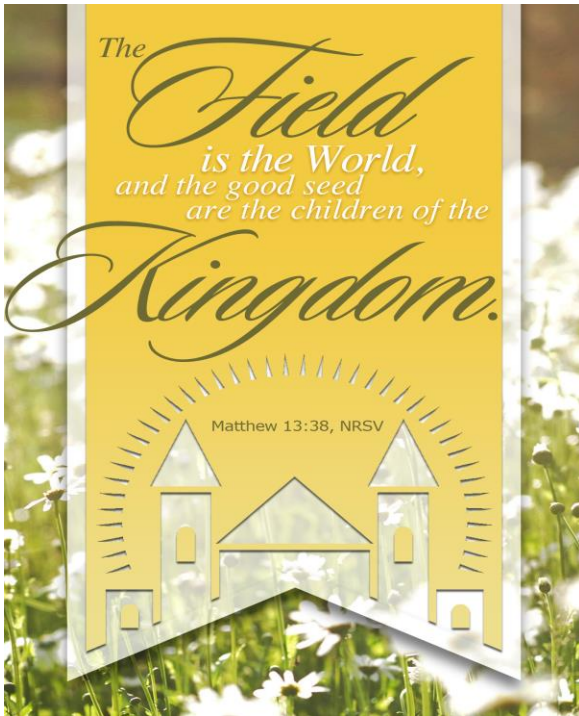


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



February 12th, 2023 9:00 AM
Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

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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

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

BELL CHOIR

“Devotion”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING ALC Prayer Shawl Ministry

TEMPLE TALK Gideons

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 plants faith in our hearts.

C: It is the smallest of seeds,

L: But it grows beyond measure,

C: And bears much fruit.

OPENING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

(vs 1,3,4,7)

ELW #422

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

ELW #157

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Holy, Holy”

(vs 1, 4)

ALC # 48

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God,

C: Your Son spoke to us in parables about the nature of your reign. Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand that we might be instruments of your peace and justice.
Amen.

BELL CHOIR

“Here I Am, Lord”

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:24-43 44-46 Pew Bible p 795
Readers: Celesti Buller and Jane Cartwright

Response before: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ELW #693

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, your reign is like a treasure in a field or a pearl of great value. May we joyfully offer all that we have and all that we are in gratitude for receiving your salvation. Accept these, our gifts, for your work in the world, that all might know your priceless love. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”** ELW #547

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, Jesus told parables, simple stories, to help people understand God.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Transfiguration Sunday,
Matthew 16:24-17:8

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s worship service is in celebration of good fellowship.

Attendance last Wednesday: 109; Saturday: 27; Sunday: 121;
Offering: \$9,943



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: Carson Wiens, Jackson Joyce

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Bob Johnson, Eugene Hanchett

TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING is designated to our Prayer Shawl Ministry which was created to help those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Prayer shawls help individuals know that someone has been and continues to pray for them. It also encourages them to know that God is with them every step of the way, every day. Each Prayer Shawl costs about \$15 to make. Please consider donating to this great Ministry.



LUNCH BUDDIES: Our elementary school has some lonely and shy kids who could really use someone to spend time with them. The elementary would like people to have lunch with them and play a board game with them after. They meet the first and third Wednesday of the month. For those who have the time to show up that often that would be awesome! But even if you could go once a month or every other month, that would be a real help too. You can bring your own lunch or pay \$4 for school lunch. Please consider this opportunity and let pastor Adam (text or call 715-326-1961) or the office know. Please note there is a Volunteer Application that you must turn in to the Elementary school and the school is also required to run a background check. A Volunteer Application is available in the church office. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Adam, the church office, or Daphne at 507-831-2676.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WINDOM AREA SHARING CENTER:

ITEMS NEEDED: personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, small 15 oz bottles of shampoo, but not conditioner, body wash etc.), food items (snack type items like granola bars, small boxes of

raisins and other healthy snack items if possible.) Thank you in advance for the donations given to the Sharing Center, organizations have been wonderfully generous to the needy of our community. Items may be brought to the church office or placed in the red cart located by the stairs by the Chapel.

DID YOU KNOW? The rebroadcast of our services have been moved to Windom Cable Channel 22 on Thursdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm for the time being, due technical difficulties with Channel 3.



GLOW SEWING DAYS! Join us the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of February (21st) 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! Questions call Kathy Hiley 831-4109 or Jackie Turner 822-1633.

MEN'S GROUP OPPORTUNITY: Calling gentlemen of all ages to participate in an exciting opportunity to cultivate discipleship as we work our way through the 33 Series Volume 2: A man and his story. We will be meeting weekly at BARC library at 6:30pm on Thursdays the whole month of February.

WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL

GRANDPARENTS' DAY: Wednesday, February 15th at 5:30pm and Sunday, February 19th at 10:15am! Grandparents or other special adults are invited to join their student in the Fellowship Hall during his/her regular class time! We will enjoy a lesson, a craft, and a fun a fun snack together!



GLOW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us Thursday, February 16th at 2pm in the ALC Meeting Room across from the church office. This month's Bible study is The 10 Commandments Session 2: "Commandments 3 & 4" from the January/February Gather Magazine. See Gina in the office for a copy of the Bible study! All women are welcome!

JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 7TH-12TH) TUBING AT MOUNT KATO Sunday, February 19th departure from ALC parking lot at 2:30PM. Estimated return time is 8:30 PM after a supper stop at Jake's Pizza in St. James. Total cost is \$25. Account money may be used. Please contact Tera ASAP to reserve a spot.

OUR 3RD-6TH GRADERS WILL BE SINGING ON ASH WEDNESDAY! Join us for Supper (soup, chili, hot dogs) starting at 5pm and plan to stay for 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. Childcare for young children will be provided in the Nursery/Family Room during worship during all Wednesday Night Lent Services.

MEN'S GROUP: ALC has just started a men's group. We have met to watch the Vikings and to play cribbage and eat pizza. At some point during each event we have someone talk about issues men may face and have a little discussion and then we get back to our activity. Join us Monday, February 27th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for cribbage and pizza! All adult men are invited! Bring a friend!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE KITS: Ivory Bars of soap (mild bath size), Baby blankets, Hand towels, and Flannel sheets. All items may be brought into the church office. Questions? Please contact Jackie Turner 822-1633.

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 are currently at \$22,433 in pledges!** Only \$2,567 left to pledge!

SEEKING INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, OR FAMILY GROUPS WILLING TO USHER. Would you be interested in helping seat individuals, pass out bulletins, assist in passing the plate for offering and in helping the process with Holy Communion? It's a great way to meet people in the congregation. The schedule normally rotates by months (3 months, not consecutively out of the year). You also don't have to be here EVERY Sunday of the month. You are put into a group and those members also help with your months and the rotation. Please contact the church office if you're interested.

Did you know...that your donation of **USED INKJET CARTRIDGES** benefits Christian Education in **GREAT BIG WAYS?** Thank you and keep 'em coming!



THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Gideon Sunday

10:00 AM Skylight Court Cafe- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

4:00 PM Faith Fest Augustana (6th-8th Graders) Return

Monday, February 13

7:00 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 14

Valentine's Day

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

2:00 PM Altar Guild



Wednesday, February 15

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

5:00 PM Wednesday Supper- Tator tot hotdish, corn, buttered bread

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School-Grandparents Day

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

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

Thursday, February 16

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

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

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

5:00 PM Technology Committee Meeting

6:30 PM Authentic Manhood, Barc Library

Friday, February 17

Saturday, February 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, February 19

Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School- Grandparents Day

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

2:30 PM Jr/Sr High Youth Group, Tubing at Mount Kato