

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



March 12th, 2023 9:00 AM
Third Sunday of Lent

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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

Linda Staples, Organist

BELL CHOIR PRELUDE

"Abide with Me"

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

Windom Area Sharing Center

GATHERING

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

C: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are invited to the banquet.

C: Let us clothe ourselves in love.

L: Come and feast at God's table.

C: We will honor God's gracious invitation.

OPENING HYMN

"Lamb of God"

ELW #336

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of grace and mercy,

C: We admit to you, to ourselves, and to this community, that we have caused harm to others through our actions and through our failure to act. Give us the humility to acknowledge our failings and make things right where we can. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves.

P: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love God forgives all of your sin, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE

ELW #157

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord of hosts,

C: You fling the door wide and welcome into your reign all people, no matter what. Send us out to extend the invitation to all we meet, that all might share in your eternal feast. Amen.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“Ave Verum Corpus”

GOSPEL SONG

“Change my Heart O God”

ELW #801

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

Pew Bible p 803

Reader: Sarah Tailowright

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

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

ELW #523

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

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sovereign God, you have prepared a rich banquet for all your people, and fed us with your generous love. Accept now these gifts we return to you, that they might be used to welcome all the world into your abundant care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart!”

ELW #800

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Remember the poor./ **We will. Thanks be to God!**

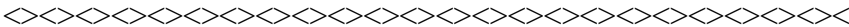
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, everyone is invited to the “wedding”, God’s kingdom. Those who accept the invitation, need to recall God’s words to treat others with peace, justice, and equity.

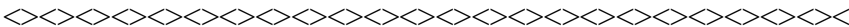
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Bridesmaids Matthew 25:1-13

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Cheryl Brugman whose birthday was on March 7th given by Brugman and Dardis families.



Attendance last Wednesday: 127; Saturday: 28; Sunday: 158;

Offering: \$11,304



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: Sadie Tjentland, Brita Tjentland

Technology: Daron Friesen, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett

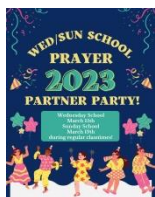
Today is **GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY!** We welcome members of the Windom Girl Scout Troop. They will be providing treats in the Skylight Court following worship. I believe they also will have a few cookies for sale.

Windom Area Health Foundation is hosting an all you can eat **DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BRUNCH TODAY**, Sunday March 12th. Hours are from 9:30 AM to 1 PM at the Windom Community Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults. Children ages 6 to 10 years old are \$5. Children 5 years old and under are free. Proceeds designated for area youth entering the rural health care field.

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



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(ren) would fall into. The drawing will be March 15th via FB Live!



PRAYER PARTNER PARTY for our Wednesday School & Sunday School Students and their Prayer Partners in the Fellowship Hall during the students' regular class times on Wednesday, March 15th & Sunday, March 19th! We can't wait to celebrate our incredible & faithful Prayer Partners! This year's Prayer Partners are: Kay Evers, Karen Skarphol, Betty Fredin, Deb Minion, Marlene Johnson, Page Kern, Mary Krumweide, Kim Bramstedt, Kim Armstrong, Gayle Derickson, & Sandy Grove

SAVE THE DATE! Nursery- 2nd Grade students will be singing at the 6:30pm **March 15th** Lenten Worship Service. Please note there will be Wednesday School as scheduled prior to the service at 5:30 pm. If you have any questions please contact Tera.

Reminder for our current 5th graders, **FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES** will be offered 3 Thursdays afterschool until 4:30pm (March 16th, 23rd, & 30th). Pastor Adam will pick up kids with the Church mini-bus after school, please let Tera or the church office know if your child is riding the bus.

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 Mohlencamp 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!**



JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP WINTER FUN DAY TAKE TWO! Sunday, March 19th at the Windom Arena from 1pm-3pm. Join us for open skating, learn how to play racquetball, and play some racquetball games! Cost is free, snacks are provided, and friends are welcome!

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 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"*

Lenten Suppers

Wednesday, March 15th– Hosted by Shetek Ondini Circuit Partnership- Beef stew over rice with hot dogs and chips for a kids option.

Wednesday, March 22nd– Hosted by Kansas City Youth Fundraiser- Spaghetti and garlic bread

Wednesday, March 29th– Hosted by Bethany Lutheran-Pulled pork sandwiches, chips, and bars



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.

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 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 15 – Mike McInnis, United Methodist Church will lead worship and UMC will serve lunch; March 22 – Mary Theesfeld, Catholic Church will lead worship and the Catholic Church will serve lunch; March 29 – Adam Roberts, American Lutheran Church will lead worship and the First Presbyterian Church will serve lunch. Come and join us!

EASTER MUSICIANS: Looking for individuals to provide musical selections (instrumental or vocal) for the Easter services. Please contact Jane Cartwright at church for more information.

MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH! Church and Society is also collecting items through March for our local food shelf.* 1st week - Cleaning and Paper items, 2nd week - Personal Items, 3rd week - Breakfast Items, 4th week - Canned Goods. We will take any items anytime - this is suggestions only!! Monetary donations are also great!!! All items may be placed in the red grocery cart in the Skylight Court. Also, a monetary jar is located in the Skylight Court for all monetary donations. Thank you all for donating!

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.

SHETEK CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING

GATHERING Saturday, April 22, 2023 here at American Lutheran Church of Windom. Registration/Coffee begins at 9:30am. It's \$12 to register.

Business includes election of officers, featured speaker is Katie Chapman, Environmentalist at Shetek Lutheran Ministries with a catered luncheon in the fellowship hall (basement) to follow. Offering donations are designated for 50% going to Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women of the ELCA and the other 50% going to Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign. Please RSVP for the luncheon by APRIL 15th; contact Karen Skarphol at 507-822-0785 or jkskarp@windomnet.com. Also, thank you to GLOW for paying for half of all registration fees making the cost only \$12 to attend! ALL Women are welcome and we hope you join us!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 12, Girl Scout Sunday/Daylight Savings

Third Sunday in Lent/Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Cafe- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM



Monday, March 13

6:30 PM women's Evening Lent Bible Study w/Tera, Skylight Court

7:00 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

2:00 PM Altar Guild

7:00 PM B&F, CE, DMS, Properties, SL&F, and W&M Board Meetings

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, March 15

12:00 PM Ecumenical Luncheon, Presbyterian Church

12:00 PM Shetek Campership Drawings via Facebook live

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

5:00 PM Lenten Supper

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School w/Prayer Partner Party

6:30 PM Lenten Worship w/Nursery-2nd Grade Singing

7:15 PM Confirmation (8th & 9th Grade)

7:15 PM Sr. High Bible Study



Thursday, March 16

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

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

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

3:30 PM 5th Grade First Communion Preparation Class

5:00 PM Technology Committee Meeting

Friday, March 17

Saturday, March 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Adult Learning "Wholehearted Faith" w/Pastor Sarah

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School w/Prayer Partner Party

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

1:00 PM-3:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth Group, Winter Fun Day Take Two