

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



March 19th, 2023 9:00 AM

Fourth 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

Angie Erickson Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Keep your lamps trimmed and burning.

C: **Jesus Christ will soon be among us.**

P: We do not know the day or the hour.

C: **We will watch and be ready.**

OPENING HYMN *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* ELW #324

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: God of promise,

C: We wait for the time when all the world shall know your perfect peace and justice, and you shall reign over all creation in love. Keep us alert and active in your work while we wait, in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOSPEL SONG *“Change my Heart O God”* ELW #801

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13 Pew Bible p 806

Reader: Betty Olson

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

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*

ELW #436

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

God you have showered us with abundance. Keep us ever mindful of the needs of others, that we might be inspired to share what we have. We offer now these gifts to your good work in the world. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Keep your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

(screens)

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, there are many opportunities that are worth waiting for in life. However, keep your eyes open for smaller opportunities that will provide great blessings to others.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Last Judgment, Matthew 25:31-46.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in celebration of Fred Frederickson's 95th birthday on March 24th, given by his daughter, Judy Johnson.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in memory of Carol Brand's birthday on March 15th and in honor of Lloyd Brand's birthday on March 17th.

Attendance last Wednesday: 118; Saturday: 30; Sunday: 104;
Offering: \$3,378



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. Thank you for donating to our ministry!

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: Addison Spielman, Fiona Robillard

Technology: Bob Johnson, Todd Armstrong, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett

PRAYER PARTNER PARTY for our Sunday School Students and their Prayer Partners in the Fellowship Hall during the students' regular class times TODAY 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.



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

JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP WINTER FUN DAY TAKE TWO!

TODAY 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!



CONGRATULATIONS to our **SHETEK CAMPERSHIP DRAWING WINNERS** Cason Boeck who won the free mini-week campership and Lilly Derickson who won the free full-week campership! Thank you to all who participated in the ALC Camp Shetek drawing! Reminder, ALC helps pay \$100 towards mini-week camperships and \$200 towards full week camperships, family camp, and grandparent camp! If you have any questions please talk to Tera or contact the church office.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES for our current 5th graders will be offered 3 after school classes until 4:30pm (March 20th (rescheduled due to weather), 23rd, & 30th). Pastor Adam will pick up kids with the Church mini-bus after school! Bread making for ALL students and their parents will be held on Wednesday evening, April 5th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. The students will take their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday service on April 6th beginning at 6:30pm. Students are asked to arrive by 6:00 pm that evening to allow for flower pinning and a group picture. There

will be a reception in their honor following the service sponsored by the Christian Education Board.

MEN'S GROUP cribbage and pizza Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30pm in the Skylight Court.

4TH- 6TH GRADE GIRLS NIGHT featuring ashes to art Sunday, March 26th from 4:45pm-7:00pm supper will be served in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$10. Please sign-up with Tera by March 19th!

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 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 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 was provided in the March Messenger and are 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 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 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 \$6 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 ALC registration fees making the cost only \$6 for ALC members to attend! ALL Women are welcome and we hope you join us!

PALM SUNDAY NURSERY-6TH GRADE EASTER EGG HUNT! Sunday, April 2nd at 10:00 AM Immediately following worship and in place of our Sunday School classroom time. We're also looking for donations of Candy the right size to fill our Eggs! Please bring those into the church no later than March 28th! Thank you!



THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Monday, March 20, First Day of Spring

Messenger Deadline

3:30 PM 5th Grade First Communion Preparation Class

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

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM GLOW Sewing Day

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, March 22

12:00 PM Ecumenical Luncheon, Presbyterian Church

5:00 PM Lenten Supper

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

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

7:15 PM Sr. High Bible Study

Thursday, March 23

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

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

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

3:00 PM Mikkelsen Manor

4:00 PM Remick Ridge

6:30 PM Men's Group- Cribbage & Pizza, Skylight Court

Friday, March 24

9:00 AM- Midnight ALC Scrapbook Retreat

Saturday, March 25

9:00 AM- 7:00 PM ALC Scrapbook Retreat

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court Cafe- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

4:45 PM- 7:00 PM 4th-6th Grade Girls Night



**MEN'S
GROUP**