

# **The American Lutheran Church of Windom**

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



**God's Creation Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 30th, 2023 9:00 AM**  
***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

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Wednesdays 6:30 pm Worship  
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](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**

**TEMPLE TALK**

**WAHS Senior Achievement Project**

**Naomi Purrington, Kenia Solis, Angelina Trudillo**

**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 welcomes us in love.**

**C: We welcome as God welcomes.**

**L: When we welcome others,**

**C: We welcome Jesus.**

**L: When we welcome Jesus,**

**C: We welcome God: Mother/Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

OPENING HYMN      *“This is My Father’s World”*      ELW #824

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**L:** We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: God of resurrection,

**C: You have redeemed us through the gift of your son, yet we often act as though we don't know what that means. We fail to see where we need to change, and where we need to work to bring positive change to the world. We remain turned in on ourselves rather than living out of love and service for others. Forgive us our sins of thought, word, and action or lack of action, that we might better do your will.**

P: Christ is risen indeed, and proclaims to you and all of creation the entire forgiveness of your sin. May you receive this gift of forgiveness with joy! Amen.

KYRIE

ELW #157

## HYMN OF PRAISE

***“Goodness is Stronger than Evil”***

ELW #721

## PRAAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God,

**C: You set aside Paul and Barnabas for the work of sharing the good news. In the same way, call us into service to you and our neighbors near and far, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 13: 1-3, 14:8-20 Pew Bible p 896

**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

## ***“Lead Me, Guide Me”***

ELW #768

## BLESSING OF SOIL, SEEDS AND WATER

## APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Please be aware of sickness. 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 provide all that we need. Give us generous hearts  
that we might offer ourselves, our efforts, and our resources to  
your good work in the world. Accept now these gifts for the  
sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN      ***“Let All Things Now Living”***      ELW #881

DISMISSAL

**Alleluia! Go in Peace. Care for the Earth!  
We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today we  
celebrate Creation Sunday. It is a day in which the church gives  
honor to God for the gift of creation and to pray for the land, water,  
and all living creatures which supply the needs of all people.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Gospel as Salvation, Romans 1:1-17

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today’s worship service is in honor  
of Leann Johnson and in memory of family given by Carol Arndt.

Attendance Last Wednesday: 93; Saturday: 29; Sunday: 137;  
Offering: \$5,972

### SHARE THE STORY:

“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” -- 1 John 3:18

Care of God’s good creation is love in truth and action. Ponder how you might better exhibit this love through your care of our planet and all that God has created. What one small step might you take this week?

### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**Acolytes:** Max Brodin, Michael Marcy

**Technology:** Bob Johnson, Daron Friesen, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



### SENIOR EAGLE ACHIEVEMENT PROJECT

**PRESENTATION** today, we welcome a group of seniors including ALC member Naomi Purrington presenting a Temple Talk and inviting donations for **care packages for newborns in low income families**. You may visit with them more following the service in the narthex following worship. Let’s support their cause!

**WE THANK YOU, GINA!** ALC shares the news that our Administrative Assistant Gina Hauge has a new employment opportunity at Windom Area Health and will be leaving her position with us. Her last day will be Thursday, May 4th. Gina has been with us since November of 2018, 4 ½ years, and has helped us achieve our mission in so many ways! She will be missed! Please thank Gina for her time on staff at ALC.



### A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR NEIGHBORS...

**CARE** (Catholic Accompaniment and Reflection Experience) is an opportunity to walk with our brothers and sisters who are working through the US Immigration system. CARE volunteers provide accompaniment to court, transportation to ICE appointments, as well as being present to those who might feel they are standing alone. People of all faiths are welcome to be CARE volunteers. Training is provided, which is set for Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would be interested in attending this training, please contact Lisa Kremer at 507-360-3423.

**SENIOR RECOGNITION** is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st at our 9:00 AM Worship Service. Seniors please remember to send in your senior photo to the church office at [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) **by Friday, May 12th** or sooner to be shown on our screens and in our June Messenger. Youth and Family will sponsor Skylight Court Cafe on May 21st with cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice. All are welcome! Come celebrate and greet the Seniors!



**HEALING PRAYERS** will be offered Wednesday, May 3rd during communion, Saturday, May 6th following worship, and Sunday, May 7th during communion.

All women are invited to come to the **SW MN SYNODICAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION ON FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, AT SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES** near Slayton, Minnesota. Walk-ins are welcome. Please consider joining many other Lutheran women for a day of renewal, reflection, and celebration as we "Renew, Redo, and Rejoice!" Please contact Jean Johnson 822-2715 for all the details.



**BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND BABY CARE KITS** will be on May 7th, 2023 at our 9:00 AM Worship Service. **GLOW SEWING DAYS TOTAL:** The American Lutheran quilters/GLOW members have completed 75 quilts, 117 School Kits, 166 Baby Care Kits, and 23 Personal Care Kits. Donations: 2 quilts will be donated to Shetek Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction,

23 quilts will be donated to the Women of Today Christmas Cheer Box, and the last 50 quilts and all the other items will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items and their time to help make this happen! Each year, women of ALC meet twice a month from January through April to make quilts and care kits. Records kept over the last 32 years show that the ALC women (and a few men along the way) made 3,320 quilts, 2,450 baby care kits, 1,429 school kits, and 568 personal care kits. Over the years, some kits and quilts were donated locally to the hospital, Sharing Center, Christmas Cheer Box and Shetek quilt auction, but most were donated to Lutheran World Relief. **THANK YOU** to the congregation for your support through noisy offerings and donations of materials. Another way to support our Quilt and Kit ministry is to donate to the shipping fund.

LWR approximate cost to deliver quilts and kits overseas:

One quilt - \$2.25

One school kit - \$1.40

One personal care kit - \$2.65\*

One baby care kit - \$1.30

\*includes cost of toothpaste to be added. Donations to the quilt and kit shipping fund can be made directly to GLOW via Jean Johnson.

**GLOW MEETING SUNDAY, May 7th, 10:15 A.M.** ALL ALC 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!



**ALL 6TH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS** are asked to join Tera on Sunday, May 7th (Fellowship Hall) at 10:15 AM for a **SPECIAL CELEBRATION AND "LOOK AHEAD"** to next year's faith formation journey at ALC!

**WEDNESDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP GUIDE APPRECIATION DAY** May 10<sup>th</sup> & May 14<sup>th</sup> during our worship services!

### **MAY 10TH/14TH: END OF THE YEAR WEDNESDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS!**

Teacher/Leader/Guide Appreciation Sunday, Students will be singing at the Wednesday/Sunday services (Wednesday night kids at the Wed night service and Sunday morning kids at the Sun morn service), these dates also serve as the **LAST DAY OF CLASS** for ALL students! With a celebration outside on the church lawn with some fun activities as we give thanks to God and bid a grateful farewell to this Sunday and Wednesday School year! These final class times will be **FILLED** with outdoor fun (or indoor if our weather doesn't cooperate!) including lawn games, a treat table, a potter's bench, and a VBS registration station with craft! Don't miss this last fun class time together!



**4TH-6TH GRADE BOYS ASHES-TO-ART AFTERNOON** on May 15th. Register with Tera by May 8th!

The **LAST DAY OF CONFIRMATION** for 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade will be Wednesday, May 17th.

**4TH-6TH GRADE GIRLS NIGHT** on May 21st. Register with Tera by May 15th!



**ALL SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SURVEYS** were compiled at the April Worship and Music meeting, it was decided that **Wednesday Worship would not continue during the summer season.** Thank you to all who completed the survey. Therefore, the last Wednesday Worship for this academic year will be held on May 10th at 6:30 pm. May 10th will also be the last night of Wednesday suppers and choir practice until the Fall.

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

### **Sunday, April 30, God's Creation Wednesday**

9:00 AM Worship w/Blessing of Seeds, Soil, & Water

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

### **Monday, May 1**

6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice

### **Tuesday, May 2**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

6:00 PM Youth & Family Board

6:30 PM Properties Board

### **Wednesday, May 3**

~~11:00 AM Segge~~ Moved to Wednesday, May 17

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper- Creamy Chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, & bread.

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & Healing Prayers

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

### **Thursday, May 4**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

### **Friday, May 5**

9:00 AM 2023 SWMN Synodical Women's Convention at Shetek Lutheran Ministries

### **Saturday, May 6**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Healing Prayers

### **Sunday, May 7**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion, Blessing of the Quilts, & Healing Prayers

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM GLOW Meeting

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM ALL 6th Graders & Parents Special Celebration, Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Vacation Bible School  
(VBS) Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>-  
Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
from 5:30PM-8:00PM. Be  
on the lookout for early  
registration May 10<sup>th</sup> &  
May 14th!

