

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Blessing of the Quilts Sunday, May 7th, 2023 9:00 AM *Fifth 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, 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

HANDBELL CHOIR PRELUDE *“Variations on the Doxology”*

VIDEO *“Thank You ALC Praise Band!”*

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

L: We gather in the name of Jesus,

C: And encourage one another in our faith.

L: We acknowledge our need for community,

C: And thank God for this church family.

OPENING HYMN *“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”*
(vs. 1, 3, 4) ELW #834

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of wisdom,

C: You have made your salvation known to us in Jesus Christ. Give us courage to proclaim your saving love in our words and actions, through your redeeming Son. Amen.

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM *“Everything to God in Prayer”*

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:1-17 Pew Bible p 913

Reader: Marissa Newman

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY *“In Christ Alone”* screens

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

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 call us to live by faith, and provide all that is needed. Accept now these gifts, which you first gave us, as a sign of our trust in you. Use them for the needs of the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Priscilla J. meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

Individual Prayers for Healing are available with the pastor at the side after you have received Holy Communion.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

ELW #545

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in Peace. Share the good news!

We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, think about how you can help feed someone's faith. Spread the good news of God's power and love for all people.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for God's Love Poured Out, Romans [3:28-30]; 5:1-11

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of the May 8th birthday of Harm Johnson, father of Carol Arndt and Leann Johnson.

Attendance Last Wednesday: 93; Saturday: 34; Sunday: 138;
Offering: \$8,828

SHARE THE STORY:

John 21:12a – Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”

There's nothing like gathering for a meal to build community. Jesus hosted meals to reassure his disciples of his love and presence. Notice that Jesus' meals are always relational, not transactional. Fostering community through table fellowship and conversation helps us see the Christ in one another's faces. Who are you inviting to the table?

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: Lilly Derickson, Jack Elness

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Nolan Tjentland, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

Communion Assistants: Kevin and Cheryl Ahern, Sarah Tailowright, Jane Cartwright

HEALING PRAYERS: “I am the Lord who heals you.” Exodus 15.26b Prayer is central to our life together, as we lift before God the needs of the members of our community and world. Today, a station for Prayers for Healing is set up in the north transept area by the baptismal font. During Holy Communion, a pastor will be available to receive your prayer request and offer prayer with you.

NEXT WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING is designated to ALC's Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Please bring your spare change!

THANK YOU to the ALC Handbell Choir for providing musical selections in today's service. Thank you to all the members for their dedication and Jane Cartwright for directing this group. Watch for information regarding the startup of practice again next fall.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND BABY CARE KITS TODAY! 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 this includes cost of toothpaste to be added. Donations to the quilt and kit shipping fund can be made directly to GLOW via Jean Johnson.

UPDATE ON ALC OFFICE HOURS: Due to staffing changes, the ALC Office will not be open on Fridays for the time being. The church will be open, and other staff will be working on site, or available by phone or email.

GLOW MEETING TODAY 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 **TODAY 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 10th & May 14th 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 AFTERNOON Ashes to Art Monday, May 15th after school until 5:00 PM. Transportation will be provided from Windom Schools. The cost is \$10. Please contact Tera Elness to sign-up!

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

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 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!

4TH-6TH GRADE GIRLS NIGHT Sunday May 21st from 5pm-7pm in the ALC Fellowship Hall. Container gardening/potted creation and supper! Cost is \$10. Please contact Tera to sign-up by Sunday, May 14th!



RALLY AROUND THE YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE Thursday, May 18th from 4pm-7pm and Friday, May 19th from 9am-4pm. Donations will be accepted May 15th-17th during office hours or by appointment. ** NO clothing/electronics accepted**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ALC: Full-time

Administrative Assistant (up to 40 hours/week). This person will manage the office of the American Lutheran Church and coordinate communication between church members, ALC staff, and the community. If you have strong organizational skills, are fluent with standard office software programs, and enjoy working in a positive office environment, please consider joining our staff! ALC offers a competitive hourly wage and excellent benefits package (paid vacation time, medical, and retirement). An application and job description are available on our church website: www.alcofwindom.com. Send your application and resume to: The American Lutheran Church PO Box 188, Windom, MN 56101 or email winalc@windomnet.com.

HEALTHY EATING TIPS & TRICKS FOR THE FAMILY! Join us Wednesday, May 17th from 5:30PM-6:15PM in the Fellowship Hall as we welcome Caitlyn Gilbertson for learning and some hands on fun!



THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 7

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

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

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

10:15 AM GLOW Meeting

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

Monday, May 8

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

2:00 PM Altar Guild

5:15 PM Church in Society Board

6:00 PM Youth & Family Board

7:00 PM Budget & Finance, Christian Ed, Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship, Spiritual Life & Fellowship, Worship & Music Bd Mtgs

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, May 10

5:00 PM LAST Wednesday Night Supper- Smorgasbord

5:30 PM LAST Choir Practice

5:30 PM LAST Wednesday School

6:30 PM LAST Wednesday Worship w/S&W School Teachers & Small Group Guides Appreciation, & Noisy Offering (ALC's Vacation Bible School (VBS))

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

Thursday, May 11

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

11:30 AM ALC Day at Senior Dining

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

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/S&W School Teachers & Small Group Guides Appreciation

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM LAST Sunday School

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