

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*Ninth Sunday of Pentecost*



**Sunday, July 30, 2023 9:00 AM**

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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.*

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*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

Linda Staples, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible Begins tonight

GATHERING

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

**"Thy Strong Word"**

ELW #511 (vs. 1, 3, 4, 6)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Righteous God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

KYRIE

ELW #157

HYMN OF PRAISE    *“Glory to God”*

On Screens

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL SELECTION: “Frederick’s Transformation”   Michael Scott  
Penelope Roberts

READING:            Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36

Pew Bible p 515

Reader: Xavier Roberts

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tera Elness,

Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

MESSAGE Pastor Adam Roberts

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HYMN OF DAY *“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”* ELW #722

## APOSTLES' CREED

## PRAVERS 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 of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN      *“O Lord Now Let Your Servant”*      ELW #313

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**We will. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. During this segment, the question to ponder is “What does it mean to live ‘the good life’?” In the scripture reading, Lady Wisdom points the way to a good life. “Wisdom is better than jewels.”

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry,  
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in honor of Judy Woizeschke's birthday July 22<sup>nd</sup> given by Bernie Woizeschke.

Attendance Last Saturday: 30; Sunday: 133;

## **SHARE THE STORY:**

2 Corinthians 3:17 –Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

God's path is all about freedom. Stewards/disciples find that freedom when we love God with all our being and our neighbor as ourselves! Our faith aligns us with God's abundance and power. Freedom!

## **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Reader: Xavier Roberts

Technology: Daron Friesen, Lindsey Cartwright, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



**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.

**AUGUST USHERS REMINDER:** John Berge, Keith Bloomgren, Travis Freiwald, John Holt, Jay Mickelson, Steve Nasby, Kermit Twait,

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS TONIGHT (VBS)** will run Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The evening sessions will run from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM. Our Theme this year is God's New Creation.

**VBS PROGRAM AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL** will be held on Thursday, August 3, at 7:30pm. Friends, Families, and the Entire Congregation are invited to join us in the sanctuary as our kids share what they have learned! Ice cream cones to follow!

**REMINDER GLOW TRIP to the Grotto!** The women of the congregation have a trip planned to The Grotto on August 1<sup>st</sup>. For those who have signed up, departure from the parking lot is 9:30am.

## ***SEEKING INDIVIDUALS TO FILL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:***



ALC is looking for an individual to direct the ALC Choir. This group practices weekly and sings on Sundays once per month. Practice will begin in September 13th.

ALC is looking for an individual to be a leader for the Praise Band. Responsibilities would include selecting worship songs, leading practice, and help lead worship on Wednesday nights, beginning in September. For more information contact Jane Cartwright, Worship/ Music Coordinator.

## **CHECK OUT THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC BULLETIN BOARD!**

Sign-ups for Scripture Readers and Holy Communion assistants are available. Also, there are a few slots remaining for those willing to share musical talents during worship. Contact Jane Cartwright for more information.

**GLOW MEETING** Next Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the ALC Meeting Room across from the church office. Join in the fun and help us plan for future events and outings! Some GLOW events in past years are Sunday coffee hour donuts, LWR Quilts and Kits, Holiday Fair, Love Boxes, Women's Bible Study, and many outings like Painted Prairie Vineyard, Shetek Quilt Auction, The Grotto. Please plan on attending to share your ideas! All women of ALC are welcome!

**CHURCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to the Bergen Ball Field to cheer on our ALC softball teams and enjoy some great food and AMAZING PIES!

**LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL!** Would you be willing to serve as a Sunday School Teacher or Wednesday School Teacher? Or maybe a Classroom Prayer Partner? (think "Adopt-a-Grandparent") Please contact Tera and she will help you find just the right fit! Our theme for the school year ahead is "For God So Loved The World!♥" Our new year kicks off with RALLY DAY AT THE LAKE on Sunday, September 10th! ♥

**SAVE THE DATES! SUMMER SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT** August 25, 9AM-Midnight and August 26, 9AM to 7PM. Cost for both days is \$50.00. Mary Mohlencamp & ALC Youth will be hosting a 2 Day Scrapbook & Crafting Retreat. An extra session is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 3:00-10PM for an additional \$10. All proceeds go to the ALC Youth Program. For more information contact Mary Mohlencamp at [marymohl@rconnect.com](mailto:marymohl@rconnect.com) or call 507-822-1179.

**COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE!** This year will partner with UCAP Back to School Drive on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3pm-5pm at the BARC Building. Coats will be provided on a first come / first serve basis. A coat collection box is placed in the Skylight Court area. Donations will be picked up by August 16<sup>th</sup>. For more contact Luke Ewald at Public Health 507-847-6930.

**CONCERT IN THE PARK,** Preservation Plaza, Arnolds Park, next Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Music begins with Natalie Layne at 7:15pm and Steven Curtis Chapman beginning at 8:45pm. No ticket required. There will be giving opportunities throughout the evening.

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

### **Sunday, July 30**

9:00am Worship  
10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM  
5:30pm Vacation Bible School  
ALC 1- Bergen Field 6:45pm & 8:00pm  
ALC 2- Bergen Field 5:30pm & 6:45pm  
ALC 3- Qwest Field 5:30pm & Eagle Field 6:45pm

### **Monday, July 31**

5:30pm Vacation Bible School

### **Tuesday, August 1**

8:00am Men's Bible Study  
9:30am GLOW Grotto Trip  
1:15pm Staff Team Huddle  
5:15pm CIS Bd  
5:30pm Vacation Bible School

### **Wednesday, August 2**

11:00am Sogge  
5:30pm Vacation Bible School

### **Thursday, August 3**

9:00am Bulletin Deadline  
10:00am Cable TV Ch 22  
5:30pm Vacation Bible School w/ Program & Ice Cream  
Social@7:30pm  
6:30pm Cable TV, Ch 22

### **Friday, August 4**

*Church Softball Tournament*

### **Saturday, August 5**

*Church Softball Tournament*  
3:00pm Sr. High Youth to the *Throwing Post*  
5:30pm Chapel Service

### **Sunday, August 6**

*Church Softball Tournament*  
9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion, VBS students sing, Recognition of VBS Volunteers  
10:00am GLOW meeting  
10:00am Skylight Court Café  
10:15am Youth & Family Bd  
10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM