

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost



**He has made
everything
beautiful
in its time.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Sunday, August 6, 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.

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS students "I Was Made For This"

Recognition of VBS Staff

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

“**“Lord, Be Glorified”**”

ELW #744

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.

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 *“Now the Feast and Celebration”*

ELW #167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (ELW p. 44.C)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Please be aware of sickness. Greet one another
with a wave of your hand or an elbow bump*

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Linda meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

READING Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17

Pew Bible p 536, 537

Reader(s): Wendy Newman

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tera Elness,

Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah Tade

HYMN OF DAY ***“Have No Fear, Little Flock”***

ELW #764

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING

We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's love.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Everybody's Got Something to Offer”

ALC #12

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“This Little Light of Mine”***

ELW #677

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. We welcome our VBS students who had 5 fun filled evenings of learning about God's New Creation. In the scripture reading, though we strive to accomplish many milestones, the Lord has designed our journey. As we strengthen our faith, we are able to journey through the seasons of life; through the joyful days and days filled with struggles. Which season do you identify with most?

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry, Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in memory of the August 10th birthday of Ellsworth Arndt, given by Carol Arndt.

Attendance Last Saturday: 29; Sunday: 120;
Offering: \$5,358; Borrowed: \$20,000

SHARE THE STORY:

Philippians 1:9-11 ...And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

When we cultivate love in our lives as steward/disciples, it does overflow and guide our lives on the paths of strength and joy.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Assisting Minister: Melanie Shamp

Reader: Wendy Newman

Holy Communion Assistants: Melanie Shamp, Dan Mesner, Justin Dardis

Technology: John Shamp, Lindsey Cartwright, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

Thank you to Melanie Shamp for being the Assisting Minister today while Pastor Adam is on vacation.

VBS FUN FACT! The VBS students were able to ***decorate and fill 44 LSS Food Bags!*** Thank you for the food and cash donations to make this service project a success. These bags will be distributed through the Senior Dining Meal Site.

TODAY - LAST DAY OF CHURCH SOFTBALL

TOURNAMENT All are welcome to the Bergen Ball Field to cheer on the softball teams and enjoy some great food and AMAZING PIES!



GLOW MEETING TODAY, August 6th 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, and The Grotto. Please plan on attending to share your ideas! All women of ALC are welcome!

CONCERT IN THE PARK TONIGHT, Preservation Plaza, Arnolds Park. 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.

ALC DAY at Senior Dining, this Thursday, 8/10 at 11:30. Come and enjoy lunch together at the Community Center, and bring some ALC pride! Menu: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Cucumber and Tomato Salad, Tropical Fruit and Milk. Call ahead to reserve your spot at 831-6161. The suggested donation for those over 60 is \$5 or what you can pay, and those under 60 is \$8.75. *These meals are a ministry of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.*

YOUTH NEWS

OUR FINAL K-2ND SUMMER STORYTIME will be held on Monday, August 14th from 1:00-2:30pm. Please contact Tera to sign up your kiddo!

FINAL TEEN SUMMER BREAKFAST CLUB will be held on Wednesday, August 16th from 8-9am in the Skylight Court. Friends welcome!

OUR FINAL 3rd-5th SUMMER STORYTIME will be held on Thursday, August 17th from 1:00-2:30pm. Please contact Tera to sign up your kiddo!

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: If you have a child that is turning 3 years old by September 1st and will be enrolling in Sunday school please contact Tera or call the office at (507)831-1794.

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! ♥

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WOMEN'S ONE NIGHT BIBLE STUDY "I Will Survive" meets on Monday, August 14th at 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Skylight Court. Bring an appetizer to share!

MEN'S CRIBBAGE AND PIZZA NIGHT Join the men in the Fellowship Hall August 17th at 6:30pm. Fell free to bring a friend whether they're members or not! All are welcome!



COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE! This year will partner with UCAP Back to School Drive on August 22nd, 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 16th. For more contact Luke Ewald at Public Health 507-847-6930.

CHECK OUT THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC BULLETIN BOARD! Sign-ups for August Scripture Readers are available. Contact Jane Cartwright for more information.

This Month's Noisy Offering is designated to the Comfort Cupboard, WAMHS School Program. Many of our Middle School and High School students are in need of personal hygiene items during the school hours and at home. The women of American Lutheran, GLOW, are continuing to provide items for students through the Comfort Cupboard. Noisy offering will help GLOW purchase women's & men's deodorant, tampons, sanitary napkins, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash/bar soap, hand lotion, body lotion, and lip balm. If you would prefer to donate products, please leave donations in the office where they will be picked up periodically and delivered to the school. THANK YOU for whatever you can give!!!

ALC BLOCK PARTY: Free food, fun games, and great people will be at ALC on **August 20th from 5-7pm**. Show up and invite everyone you know to this great event! This is an event for the whole community, not just church members, and a great way to meet the people we live with in this great town!



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.



SEEKING INDIVIDUAL TO FILL LEADERSHIP POSITION:

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 September 13th.

LOVE TO SING? Come join the "Pick-Up Choir" on Sunday, August 20th. There will be a quick warm-up / rehearsal at 8:15am in the Choir Room. No need to be a regular member of a choir. All voices are welcome. We will be singing a hymn during the worship service.



HOLIDAY FAIR 2023! The 18th Holiday Fair will be held Saturday, November 11. Mark your calendars, find your favorite recipes, clean out your closets and get to crafting!! More information about how you can help is coming soon!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 6

Church Softball Tournament

9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion

10:00am Skylight Court Café

10:15am Youth & Family Bd

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

6:30pm Christian Ed Bd

Monday, August 7

Tuesday, August 8

8:00am Men's Bible Study

7:00pm Budget & Finance

7:00pm Disc/Marketing and Stewardship Bd

7:00pm Properties Bd

7:00pm Worship & Music Bd

8:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, August 9

10:00am Staff Team Huddle

Thursday, August 10

9:00am Bulletin Deadline

10:00am Cable TV Ch 22

11:30pm ALC Day at Senior Dining

6:30pm Cable TV, Ch 22

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

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

Sunday, August 13

9:00am Worship w/Noisy Offering

10:00am Skylight Court Café

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM