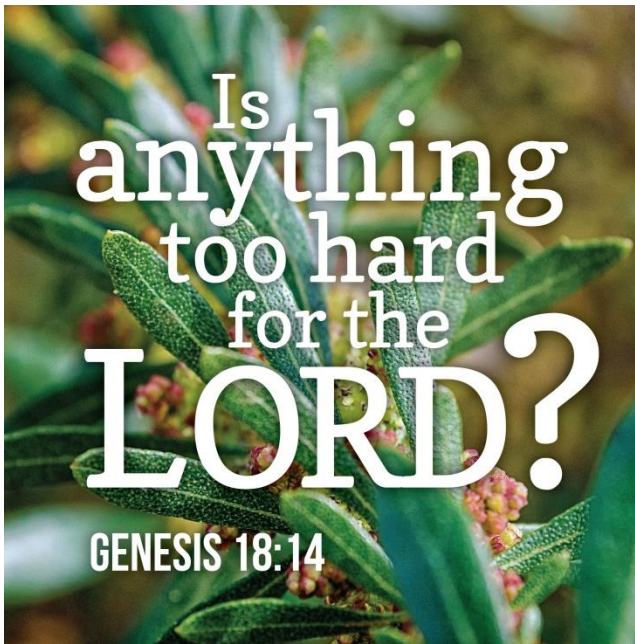


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost*



**Sunday, September 17, 2023 9:00 AM**

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship & Wednesdays 6:30 pm 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

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW #759

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your

Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C. Amen**

KYRIE

ELW #157

HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Glory to God”*

WOV p. 29 On Screens

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of promise, when the waiting is long, trusting is hard. Yet just as you remained faithful to Abraham and Sarah, giving them a son; we ask you to be faithful to us. Help us to trust in your promises for our lives, and live according to your will. Amen.**

READING:

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Pew Bible p 12, 14

Reader: Karen Skarpohl

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF DAY     *“Come thou Fount of Every Blessing”*     ELW #807

**COMMISSIONING TRIENNIAL  
CONVENTION OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

Karen Skarphol

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were  
gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be  
gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for  
yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.  
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN     *“As Rain from the Clouds”*     ELW #508

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, we are to watch, look, trust—for the Lord will do wonderful things.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Jacob Wrestles God, Gen. 32:[9-13] 22-30

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in loving memory of Dale Bacon given by Doris and Family.

Attendance Last Saturday: 41; Sunday: 170;  
Offering: \$ 3,731; Borrowed: \$20,000

### **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Acolytes: Addison Spielman, Ruby Baloun

Reader: Karen Skarpohl

Technology: Tim Hiley, Daron Friesen, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



**SAVE THE DATES!** Our 3 year olds will be receiving their Bibles on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> during worship and on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> during worship. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be receiving their Bibles on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, also during the worship services.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY at Shalom Hill Farm!** I bet you always wanted to help build the labyrinth! 3 sessions – **FRIDAY, Sept. 15** - 1pm to 4pm, **SATURDAY, Sept 16** – 9am to Noon- Lunch -1-3pm. Come for one, two or all three sessions. For information or to RSVP call Paul Erickson at 763-458-6627 or email [perickson@mnsports.org](mailto:perickson@mnsports.org).



**2024 ELCA Youth Gathering**  
including MYLE the Table  
Young Adult Gathering

**2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering:** Once every three years the ELCA has a major youth gathering somewhere in the US. On average over 20,000 youth attend this event where there is a high energy worship service every night (usually in a stadium) and some type of awesome service project. This event will be held July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. There will be an **informational meeting for parents and youth on Sunday, September 17th at 5pm**. Due to the immensity of this trip, everyone interested must attend the meeting. Please let Pastor Adam or Tera know if you're interested in the trip. The National Youth Gathering will be offered to those currently in 9th-12th grade.



### ***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.



**MEN'S GROUP** will be meeting next Thursday night, **September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30pm for cribbage and **PIZZA**. All men are welcome! Please contact Pastor Adam if you plan on attending so he knows how much pizza to get.

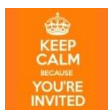
**GLOW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Thursday, **September 21<sup>st</sup>** at **2pm** in the meeting room across from the church office. The study is based off the September Gather Magazine. If you need a copy, please see Melanie in the church office.



Prayer

**McPrayer** is starting up again! This is simply a time together with your friends each Friday morning at McDonald's. The Methodist church pays for your breakfast and there are 3 different leaders who rotate giving a devotion each week (one of whom is Melanie Shamp). You can start arriving any time after 6:30AM. There are devotions and prayer at 7am. First session is **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

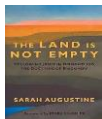
**REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY** will be **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Cottonwood Lake at 7:30am. This organization uses volunteers to help repair homes in the area for veterans, low-income people, and people with disabilities. They find a way for everyone who shows up to be helpful. Water and lunch are provided and we should be done by four. This is an excellent way to serve Jesus and your community along with boosting your self-esteem. We hope to see you there!



**You're Invited!** Shalom Hill Farms is pleased to invite you to come to their Prairie Spirituality Celebration Event on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. This event will start at 2pm with a Walking Dedication. There will be a newly composed worship liturgy, music, and praying. At 3:45, refreshments will be served to close out the event! Please RSVP by emailing [shfprograms@gmail.com](mailto:shfprograms@gmail.com) or visit their event page on Facebook titled Peace on the Prairie – Dedication, Walking Tour and Worship. See the flier on the bulletin board by the office for more detailed information!



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** school kits will be getting packed by GLOW women on **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** at **9am**. If you are available to help, please feel free to come!



**ADULT LEARNING** will be happening at 10:15AM in the Meeting Room on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. Join in the ELCA movement of Truth and Healing as we hear from a Native American author, Sarah Augustine, and her book The Land is Not Empty. *Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. The Doctrine of Discovery was a set of laws rooted in the fifteenth century that established religious, political and legal justification for colonization and seizure of land not inhabited by Christians. These laws have ongoing ramifications, even today. *Come to learn and grow with others in your congregation!*

**fyi, FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The Windom Cemetery Association will be hosting a public Grave Marker and Memorial Restoration Clinic Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Lakeview Cemetery in Windom. The event is being presented by Northern Bedrock Historical Preservation, an AmeriCorps team from Duluth. The team will be in Windom working on straightening and leveling memorial stones in the 13 acre, 4,800+ headstone historic cemetery September 19-27. Any person or party interested in a gentle, non-mechanized process of restoration is invited to attend the clinic.

**SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNERS** from the South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa will be visiting our synod between 9/21 and 10/12. There will be a synod wide Meet and Greet reception at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield, MN on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm-4pm with a short program at 2:30. We are hoping to get a visit from one of them at one of our Saturday chapel services.



**Brothers and Sisters  
in Christ**

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

### **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Skylight Court-Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday School Parent Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
- 5:00pm Informational meeting for 2024 ELCA Nat'l Youth Gathering

### **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30pm Bell Choir

### **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am Men's Bible Study
- 1:15pm Staff Team Huddle

### **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Messenger Deadline**

- 1:30pm Hillside Manor
- 2:30pm Pine View
- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper – Mac and Cheese/Hot dogs
- 5:30pm Choir
- 5:30pm Wednesday School
- 6:30pm Wednesday Worship w/ 3 yr olds receiving their Bibles
- 7:30pm Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 9:00am Bulletin Deadline
- 10:00am Cable TV Ch 22
- 2:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 5:00pm Technology Committee Meeting
- 6:30pm Cable TV, Ch 22
- 6:30pm Men's Group- Cribbage and Pizza, Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 5:30pm Chapel Service

### **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion & 3yr olds receiving their Bibles
- 10:00am Skylight Court-Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Adult Learning
- 10:15am Sunday School
- 10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM