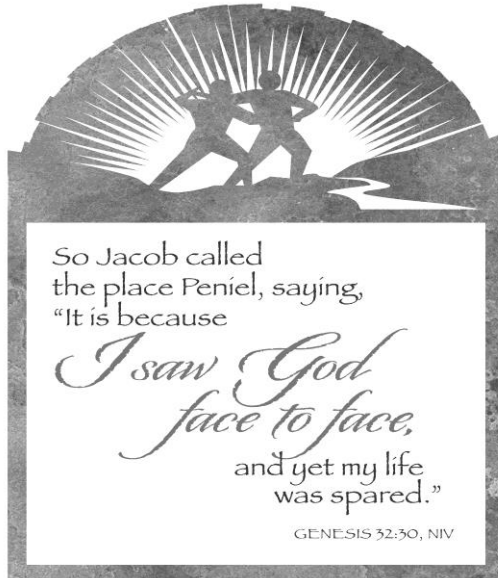


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost*



**Sunday, September 24, 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**

## 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

Carol Vought, Organist

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Avery Fast's Great News! Happy Birthday to Pastor Adam and Jane! Presentation of Bibles to 3-4 Year Olds

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN    *“O Holy Sprirt, Root of Life”*    ELW #399

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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KYRIE

ELW #157

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Now the Feast and Celebration*” ELW #167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

READING: Genesis 32:9-30

Pew Bible p. 26

Reader: Sandi Bartosh

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES to 3 & 4 year olds

Christian Education Board

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF DAY “*All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*” **ELW #461**

APOSTLES’ CREED

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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 Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

## Words of Institution

## Lord's Prayer

## Distribution

Carol V. meditative music

## Post Communion Prayer

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

## *“Onward Christian Soldiers”*

## On Screens

## 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 read about twin brothers, Jacob and Esau. Jacob's journey takes a twist as he engages in wrestling with a man, later to realize it was God. He was given a new name, Israel.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Moses and God's Name, Exodus 1:8-2:10

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in loving memory of Steve Pfeiffer & Carl and MaryAnne Simon given by Kris Pfeiffer & Ron Klassen.



Attendance Last Wednesday: 125; Saturday: 30; Sunday: 125;

Offering: \$ 5,512; Borrowed: \$25,000

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

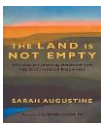
Acolytes: Sadie Tjentland, Hailee Hilbrands

Reader: Sandi Bartosh

Communion Assistant: Nick and Judy Trotter, Colin Wilson

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

**GOD'S BLESSINGS** to our first –year Wednesday/Sunday school students who received their brand new Spark Storybook Bibles during worship this week! Amery Gilbertson and Myles Sykora(Wednesday worship); and Bexlee Powers(Sunday Worship). May you find many good treasures in your Bibles to last you a lifetime!



**ADULT LEARNING TODAY** after worship at 10:15 in the Meeting Room. Grab your coffee from Skylight Court and join us! 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!*



**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!

**RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS** are available for Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost for a Sunday sponsorship is \$57. Please contact the church office if you would like to sponsor one of these days!



**DON'T FORGET!** 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!



**HEALING PRAYERS** will be offered **Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** following worship, and **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** during Holy Communion and **Wednesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** during Holy Communion.



**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.



**GLOW** will be meeting at 10:15 in the meeting room on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. ALL women are invited to attend.

We will be getting an update on the Holiday Fair plans, reports about the fall conference and WELCA Triennial, and discuss a possible Christmas dinner. Please join us!



**LEFSE TIME!** It's time to make lefse again! Every Tuesday in October and the first Tuesday in November we will be making lefse for the Holiday Fair which will be on November 11th. We need all kind of help. We even have sit down jobs! Bring your grills, covered boards, and rolling pins if you have them. If you have time, come at 8:00am or whenever you can get here. We will hopefully be done by noon. This is a great fundraiser. Karen Skarphol has been accepted to receive a \$250 credit card from Thrivent to purchase the ingredients so it should be 100% profit! Any questions, contact Karen Skarphol at 507-822-0785.



**HELP WANTED FOR HOLIDAY FAIR!** What can you do? Start thinking about baking, making and working! Check out your recipes, canned goods, and handmade craft items!

Also, check your calendar to participate in lefse making and if you possibly help that day to work in one of the departments. Do you have items you no longer need or use? We will take them! This is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for our building maintenance fund, Shetek Lutheran Ministries, Lutheran Disaster Response, Windom Sharing Center, ALC bus/passenger van, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service, the Shetek Ondini Partnership and our youth as well as enjoying fellowship with friends and family. Sign-up sheets will be posted in October.

**SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT AT ALC** Akhona, the Executive Assistant to Bishop Myaka will be with us in the Shetek Conference October 6 - 8, and at Saturday Chapel Worship **October 7th** at American Lutheran at 5:30. Come and meet this sister in Christ, and hear about the work of the Church in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa.



**PRAYER AT THE POLE:** Every year towards the beginning of the school year, a youth led prayer session around the flag pole at Windom MS/HS takes place. Join them on **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> around 7:45 am** (they wait until most of the buses have arrived before they start). The “rumor” is they have free breakfast too! Adult leaders will be there but the prayer is led by the youth.

**REMINDER:** For those signed up for the 2024 ELCA Nat'l Youth Gathering, deposits are due on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you need more information, please talk to Pastor Adam or Tera.

**SAVE THE DATES!** There are so many fun things coming up in October! Here are just a few! More detailed information on each event will come at a later date and will be in the October newsletter.

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**@7:30pm -Luther Movie

**Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**@6:30pm - Christmas Cantata Practice starts

**Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** –NO Wednesday Evening activities(MEA)

**Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** -3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade Octoberfest at Camp Shetek!

**Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**@5pm- Youth Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off! Scary Supper and Boo Bingo.

**Monday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>**@5:30pm -Women's Bible Study with Tera

**Wednesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**@7:30pm-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Rehearsal

**Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**@10:45am-Confirmation Service

5pm- Girls Night with Tera



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

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

9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion & 3-4yr olds receiving Bibles  
10:00am Skylight Court-Coffee Hour  
10:15am Adult Learning  
10:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

### **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Bell Choir

### **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am Glow packing LWR School skits  
1:15pm Staff Team Huddle

### **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper – Spaghetti hotdish  
5:30pm Choir  
5:30pm Wednesday School  
5:45pm Praise Band Practice  
6:30pm Wednesday Worship w/ 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receiving Bibles  
7:30pm Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Bulletin Deadline  
10:00am Cable TV Ch 22  
3:00pm Mikkelsen Manor  
4:00pm Remick Ridge  
6:30pm Cable TV, Ch 22

### **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Shetek Conference Fall Gathering, Shetek Lutheran Ministries  
5:30pm Chapel Service, Spiritual Life and Fellowship supper following worship in the Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders receiving Bibles  
10:00am Skylight Court-Coffee Hour  
10:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM