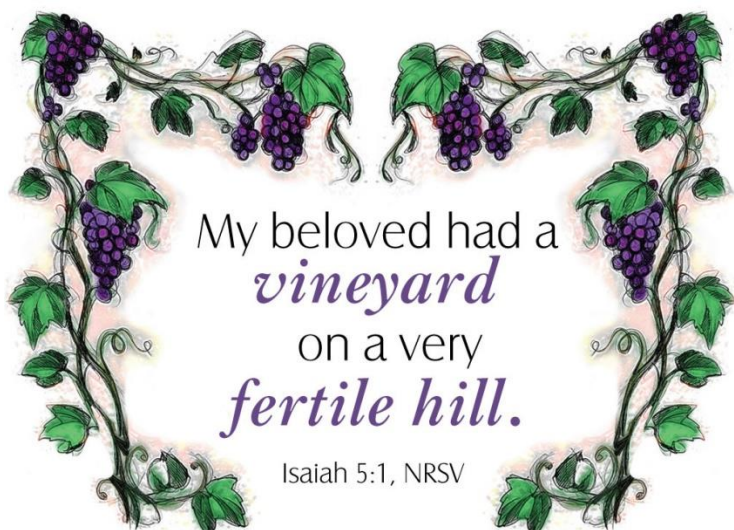


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



My beloved had a
vineyard
on a very
fertile hill.

Isaiah 5:1, NRSV

Sunday, November 19, 2023 9:00 AM
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Pentecost

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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.

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

Celebrating Our Shared Ministries Pancake Brunch following worship. Serving until after 11:00am SS dismissal.

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 God of Mercy, God of Light” ELW #714
Vs 1,4,5,6**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

p. 117

KYRIE

ELW #157

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

On Screens

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, Thank you for all the things you have entrusted to our care: family and friends, food and shelter, money and talents. Be with us as we reflect on the ways you are present with us through this congregation. Guide us as we make our financial commitments to this congregation as we seek to do your work in the world.

FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5 Pew Bible p. 552, 558
Reader: Kim Armstrong

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:19-24 Pew Bible p. 787
C: Glory to you, O Lord C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF DAY *“As Rain from the Clouds”* ELW #508

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

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

“We Are an Offering

ALC #17

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“Son of God, Eternal Savior”* ELW #655

DISMISSAL

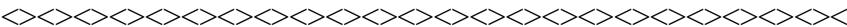
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE ++++++

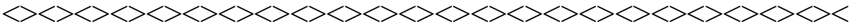
WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church as we celebrate our shared ministries on this Stewardship Sunday! In the scripture reading, Israel is pictured as a vineyard. God looks for the fruit of righteousness but finds only injustice. God promises a faithful king who will judge with righteousness.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Josiah’s Reform, 2 Kings 22:1-20; 23:1-3

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in loving memory of Loring Paschke given by Marge Paschke.



Attendance Last Wednesday: 100; Saturday: 30; Sunday: 131;
Offering: \$4,888; Borrowed: \$34,000



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: Jemisyn Flute, Nevaeh Ott

Reader: Kim Armstrong

Technology: Todd Armstrong, Tim Hiley, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION: We welcome Mary Jo Schmidt as a new member this morning! Please join us in welcoming Mary Jo into our church family.

CELEBRATING OUR SHARED MINISTRIES Our Fall Stewardship Campaign concludes today as we return our Commitment Cards. There is no need to fill out the Gift Amount. Rather, simply indicate your commitment to financially support the ministries of this congregation. As we have heard stories from congregation members, and learned more about our shared ministries, we celebrate together, and give thanks for what God is doing among us. Thank you, each one for your part!

WELCOME BACK! This morning we welcome home 24 Youth and 4 Adults who attended the ELCA SWMN Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar on Friday/Sat! This year's theme was "Where God Guides, God Provides", Is 58:11. Thank you to our Congregation for your continued support of our Youth!



PANCAKES! THIS MORNING! Come and enjoy the *Celebrating our Shared Ministries* Pancake Breakfast following worship, served by the Lions Club and brought to you by the Discipleship, Marketing and Stewardship Board.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP Wednesday, November 22 will be held at 6:30 pm. Wednesday and Sunday School Students will be singing and we will have musical selections by the ALC Bell Choir and the ALC Choir. Come join in celebrating all God's blessings and a fruitful harvest. There will be a collection of non-perishable food or cash donations for the Sharing Center in addition to ALC offering. Following worship, a time of fellowship and pie will be in the Fellowship Hall.



PIES, PIES, PIES! Spiritual Life and Fellowship will be serving the pie fellowship after Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday, November 22nd. If you have a pie or two to spare, they would greatly appreciate it!

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER November 22nd. Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve worship and pie fellowship to follow!



Next week we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. This marks the last Sunday in the church calendar.



GLOW CHRISTMAS PARTY! Tickets are on sale now for the GLOW Christmas party on Thursday, November 30th! Come and enjoy a festive, fun and relaxing evening. The tables will be festively decorated, there will be hors d'oeuvres, and a catered pasta bar complete with dessert! There will also be carol singing and carol trivia! Tickets are \$17/person and can be purchased at the church office. **They must be purchased by noon on Monday, November 27th.**

EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS DAY 2023 is on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023. This will take place at Vinje Lutheran in Willmar from 8:30am-3:00pm. Come gather together as we enter the season of Advent with learning opportunities to equip congregations as we live the Word today!! Meet new people across the synod, attend workshops on lots of topics, worship, share food and friendship. Equipping Congregations is open to all! See the flyer hanging up on the bulletin board across from the office or talk to the pastors for more information or to sign up. You can also call the church office to sign up. We'd like to take the church bus! There will be childcare available.

SAVE THE DATE! Living Nativity will be held on **Wednesday, December 13th**. Once again, the youth will be having a turkey noodle soup and chili supper! Sign-up sheets for food donations are posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Your donations help keep our costs down, which allows our youth to earn money for their youth accounts. Any help is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! What a wonderful 2023 Holiday Fair. After expenses, we raised a total of \$9,256.67 to be distributed to Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign, Shetek Ondini Partnership, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Windom Sharing Center, ALC Building Maintenance Fund, and ALC bus/passenger van fund. An additional \$1770.52 was raised by the youth in the New/Nearly New department for a **grand total of \$11,036.19!** Thank you to Thrivent Financial Services for two Action Team Grants, individuals who donated money, baked products, canned goods, soup ingredients, turkeys, crafts, and time. Many people attended the event; many people put in countless hours of preparation, and many people worked that day. Without all of the volunteers, this would not have been possible or so successful. Thank you to the department chairs, all the workers and all the shoppers. It was a great day and fundraiser for many worthy causes. God bless!



SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY WITH SOGGE

RESIDENTS: Sogge Home is asking Windom to remember the residents at Sogge. Staff at Sogge have asked residents for a Christmas list and asked local congregations to buy each resident something from their list (items might be slippers, word finds, hand mirrors, etc.). Church in Society will be setting up a Christmas tree around Thanksgiving time that will have these anonymous lists hung on it. If you'd like you could grab a list, buy an item, wrap it, and drop it off at the church and we'll make sure it gets to that resident. Let's spread some Christmas joy!



THE DISCIPLESHIP, STEWARDHIP AND MARKETING BOARD

will be hosting an adult forum on **December 3rd at 10:15 AM** in the conference room.

Our guest this year is Justin Espenson, Thrivent agent from Windom. He will discuss how Thrivent benefits communities and churches with their multi-faceted programs. After an overview of Thrivent, he will open the forum for questions from those in attendance. Please join us in the conference room with your coffee and treat!

SHETEK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: We have entered our 2nd year of the 3-year pledge to the Shetek Capital Campaign. Thank you to those who gave a one-time gift. Thank you to those of you who made a 3-year pledge. You should soon be receiving in the mail a reminder from Shetek. You can mail your payment directly to Shetek with ALC Windom in the memo line. Director Marv Nysetvold, has provided an update of how the campaign is going:

“Our new total for the campaign is \$1,613,000 so we have met our phase 1 goal of \$1,500,000 but with the increased costs to build the new lodge, we are not able to do everything we had hoped for in phase 1. We have updated the water treatment system and have put in new water lines to almost all of the camp, along with planning for future development. The new lodge is done and we have had several groups use it, from scrapbookers to Scouts and the feedback has been wonderful. The Property Committee and the Board are working on plans for the first new cabin which we hope to start construction in the spring. Along with ALC - Windom, we have had 6 other congregations so far that have held a campaign in their congregation for the "Building on the Foundation" campaign. All together to date, well over \$100,000 has been raised just from our partner congregations. We are striving for our challenge goal of \$2,000,000 in order to do as much of our phase 1 plan as possible.”

ALC should feel very good about our cheerful giving. I know many individuals and groups from ALC who participated before the ALC challenge directly and will continue to support the Shetek Capital Campaign with additional gifts in the future. It warms Jean and my heart for your generosity. Thank you. Steve Johnson

LUTEFISK SUPPER will be on Saturday, January 6th, 2024. Tickets will be sold on select Saturday evenings and on Sunday mornings before and after worship starting November 26th. Adults are \$15 and children 12 and under at \$5. You can also purchase your ticket at the church office.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 19th

Stewardship Sunday

- 9:00am Worship w/ New member recognition
- 10:00am “Celebrating Our Shared Ministries” Pancake Breakfast served by Lions
- 10:15am Sunday School
- 10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
- 6:30pm Community Cantata Practice

Monday, November 20th

Messenger Deadline

- 3:00pm Mikkelsen Manor
- 4:00pm Remick Ridge
- 6:30pm Bell Choir

Tuesday, November 21st

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

Wednesday, November 22nd

- No Wednesday Supper, Wednesday School, or Confirmation
- 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/ ALC Choirs and Nursery-6th Grade singing
- Pie Fellowship to follow worship

Thursday, November 23rd

THANKSGIVING DAY

Church office closed

Friday, November 24th

Saturday, November 25th

- 5:30pm Chapel Service

Sunday, November 26th

Christ the King Sunday

- 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
- 6:30pm Community Cantata Practice

