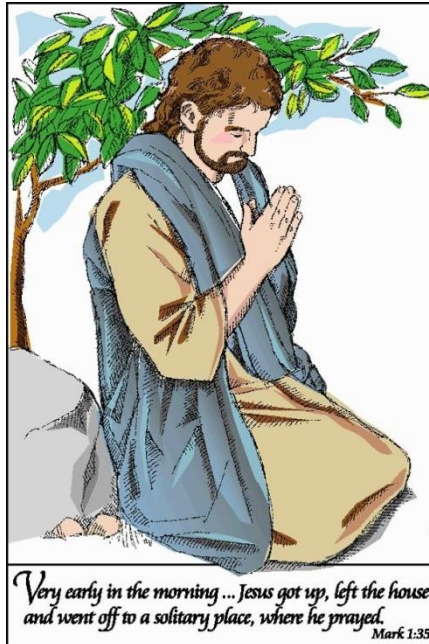


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, February 4, 2024 9:00 AM
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Temple Talk

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy and Merciful God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers, and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The Earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.

L: God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. May you be cleansed and healed, in the name of † Jesus Christ I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sin.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Earth and All Stars"

ELW #731 v.1-4

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Pew Bible p.931

Reader: Maria Thom

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING: **Mark 1:29-39** Pew Bible p. 812
L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, Chapter 1.
C: Glory to you, O Lord
L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY **"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**
ELW #712

INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

APOSTLE'S CREED p. 127

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 **"Give Thanks"** ALC 15

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 that we may be your kingdom people here, being bread for those in need, through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION *—Healing Prayers are available during Holy Communion in the north transept*

Words of Institution p. 144

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Angie meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **"On Eagles Wings"** ELW #787

DISMISSAL

You are a child of God. Go in peace.
We Will! Thanks be to God!

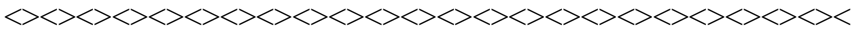
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the reading, people experience a Jesus who heals, and frees people from oppression. Sickness and evil forces become powerless.

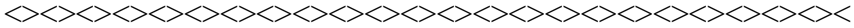
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Christ, God’s beloved Son, Revealed, Mark 9:2-9.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in memory of Rick Kirstein given by his family.



Attendance Last Wednesday: 92; Saturday: 32; Sunday: 127

Offering: \$7,009



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: Jack Elness, Kieran Anderson

Reader: Maria Thom

Holy Communion: Kristy Mickelson, Cheryl Ahern, Eliana Tadé

Technology: Todd Armstrong, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett



WELCOME SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES!

We have guests here from Shetek today and they will be at Sunday school. Don’t forget to enter your kids into the drawing for a free full week or mini-week of camp! Email Tera from now until March 12th to enter your kiddos. Please indicate full week or mini. The drawing will be held via FB Live at NOON on March 13th!

BOARD MEMBER INSTALLATION today during worship! We are so very grateful to all those who have agreed to continue serving on their boards and those who have newly agreed to join a board! Your dedication and willingness is greatly appreciated!



THE PUZZLE RACE AND CHILI

COOK-OFF is **TONIGHT!** This event is open to **ALL!** Even if you didn’t enter the puzzle race or make a chili for the cook-off, come and enjoy



chili and watch the puzzle races! Cost is \$10 for a bottomless cup of chili with toppings and dessert.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP will be an exciting Jazz version. It is Transfiguration Sunday. This is the time where Jesus is revealed on the mountaintop, with three of his disciples. This marks the close of the Epiphany season. In baptism, we light a candle to signify God's light in us. Now His light continues to shine in us for others to see.

NEXT WEEK NOISY OFFERING is designated for the Helping Hands Fund. Helping Hands is a fund here at the American Lutheran Church that allows us to provide help for individuals in need. Remember to bring your spare change! Thank you for your support!

REMINDER to all **new and returning board members**. All Board Relaunch will be **this Tues., Feb. 6th at 6:30pm!** Relaunch is for all **new and returning board members!** Individual boards will meet after the Relaunch. If your board decided to meet a different day, please still attend the Relaunch part of the evening.

RADIO BROADCASTS: There are Sundays available for Radio Sponsorships; in February the 11th, 18th & 25th; in March the 17th & 24th; in April every Sunday is currently open. The cost is \$57. Please contact the church office if you are interested!

ALC DAY AT SENIOR DINING is this **Thursday, February 8th** at 11:30am! On the menu is herbed pork loin, potato wedges, peas, dinner roll and dessert. Please call Kelly at 831-6161 to reserve your spot!



LOOKING TO KEEP OUR CHURCH SAFE? Yes, we are too! The Southwestern MN Synod can help. To get started, come watch a Zoom recording of retired Kenyon Police Chief Lee Sjolander who will provide training to help you make plans to develop your own safety and security practices. **Sunday, February 11th, following worship in the Meeting Room.**



FAT TUESDAY! We are throwing a bash! We have kids going to New Orleans this summer so we are going to bring a little New Orleans to us! Come and join us for an **ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake supper** on **Tuesday, February 13th** (AKA Fat Tuesday!) **from 4:30-6:30pm.** There will be pancakes, sausages, orange slices, and King Cupcakes! In the spirit of Lent, there will be no supper on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th. Come and fill up at our Fat Tuesday Celebration! Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under, kids 5 and under eat FREE! Proceeds will help fund this summer's National Youth Gathering Trip to New Orleans!



1ST-3RD GRADE after school Valentine's party on Monday, February 12th! Transportation from school will be provided! Party will go until 5! Please let Tera know by February 5th if your child will be attending!



Q&A WITH PASTOR A: Have questions about Christianity or Lutheranism that just seem really random or awkward? Well, join Pastor Adam at Jack Slade's on February 15th at 6, grab some food, something to drink, and ask whatever you can think of! Don't have any particular questions? Come anyway to hear other people ask their questions. Too shy? Give him your question in advance anonymously. Bring your atheist friend or neighbor of a different religion and see you there!



SOGGE SING! Sunday AND Wednesday school students will be singing at the Sogge home on Sunday, February 18th. Parents, please bring your kiddos to the Sogge home on the 18th and we ask that you wait there until the kiddos are done singing.

ASH WEDNESDAY there will be no supper, Wednesday school or confirmation. There will still be worship at 6:30 with Imposition of Ashes. We are also offering Ashes to Go the morning of Ash Wednesday from 7:30am-8:30am. Swing by the church and receive an imposition of ashes and a nice hot cup of joe to go!



LUNCH BUDDIES: If you have an hour over lunch two Wednesdays a month during the winter, consider volunteering at the school for Lunch Buddies. It's an amazing experience. Lunch Buddies have lunch with a kid at the elementary school who might be having a hard time acclimating or maybe doesn't have solid friends yet, and then they play some board games with them. Just showing up, smiling, paying attention to them, and having fun with them is powerful for creating positive change in the student, the Lunch Buddy, and the school. If interested, please talk to Pastor Adam.

THE SHARING CENTER is looking for gently used blankets and quilts. If you have any extra blankets or quilts you don't need anymore, bring them to the Sharing Center. Their hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-1pm.

COTTONWOOD COUNTY DAC is looking for shoe boxes! They would like to make Valentine's boxes. If you have any shoeboxes you are willing to part with, please bring to the church office or put in the meeting room right next to the office.



GLOW SEWING DAYS have started. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 9am until approximately 2pm. If you can thread a needle, cut fabric or tie a knot then you are needed! Sewing days will continue each 1st and 3rd

Tuesday at the same time up to April!



DID YOU KNOW that you can become a member at American Lutheran Church at **any time**? If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about membership here at ALC, we invite you to reach out to Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, or anyone on our staff. We would love to visit with you!



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE US FRIENDS! Wednesday and Sunday school will be celebrating **FRIENDS** on Wednesday, February 21st and on Sunday February 25th! Please bring your kiddos to the Fellowship Hall instead of their classrooms on these dates!

NOON LENTEN ECUMENICAL WORSHIP Once again we will participate in the Noon Lenten Ecumenical services with our sisters and brothers from the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist church and the Catholic church beginning on February 21 and the following four Wednesdays. A short worship service will be from 12:00-12:30 followed by a meal. An offering will be received which will support the work of the Windom Ministerial. In the worship series for Lent, entitled “Places of the Passion.” We will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, contemplating what happened at each place our Savior stood along the path of his Passion. Written by theology professor Reed Lessing, each service explores the meaning, history, and spiritual inspiration associated with the location highlighted. Here's the schedule:

February 21 – Pastor Pam preaches – PCUSA serve, February 28
Pastor Mike preaches – Methodist serve, March 6 – Pastor Sarah
preaches – ALC serves, March 13 Pastor Adam preaches –
PCUSA serve and March 20 – Mary Theesvold preaches –
Catholics serve. Please Join Us!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, February 4th

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Shetek Sunday

9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion, Healing prayers, & Board Member installation

10:15am Sunday School

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

4:30-7pm Puzzle Race and Chili Cook-off

Monday, February 5th

6:30pm Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 6th

8:00am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Glow Sewing

1:15pm Staff Team Huddle

5:30pm Youth and Family Board

6:30pm All Board Relaunch-Fellowship Hall

7:00pm All individual board meetings

Wednesday, February 7th

5:00pm Wednesday night supper- Walking tacos, fruit, dessert

5:30pm Wednesday School

5:45pm Praise band practice

6:30pm Wednesday worship w/Holy Communion, Noisy offering, & Healing Prayers

7:30pm Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th Grade)

Thursday, February 8th

9:00am Bulletin Deadline

10:00am Cable TV Ch 22

11:30am ALC Day at Senior Dining

6:30pm Cable TV, Ch 22

Friday, February 9th

Saturday, February 10th

5:30pm Chapel Service w/Holy communion and Noisy offering

Sunday, February 11th

Transfiguration Sunday

Second Sunday Noisy offering

9:00am Worship w/Noisy offering

10:00am Skylight Court Café

10:15am Sunday School

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM