

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*

He asked them,

**“But  
who  
do you  
say  
that I  
am?”**



*Mark 8:29, NRSV*

**Sunday, September 15, 2024 9:00 AM**  
*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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Wednesdays 6:30 pm Worship  
Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship  
Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts  
Ministers: Everyone

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation: ELCA Youth Gathering youth from ALC and Bethany Eric Heggeseth, Marissa Newman, Divia Henderson, Kevin Heggeseth (adult leader), Braxton Pohlman, and Xavier Roberts

INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Gracious God, have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored You with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*“Oh God, My Faithful God”*

ELW #806

HYMN OF PRAISE

*“I Love You, Lord”*

ALC 126

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING      **Isaiah 50:4-9a**      Pew Bible p. 594  
Reader: Sonja Friesen

PSALM 116:1-9-*Please read responsively*

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L: I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

**C: for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

L: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

**C: Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

L: Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

**C: The LORD watches over the innocent;  
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

L: Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**C: For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

L: I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      Setting 4 p. 151

GOSPEL READING      **Mark 8:27-38**      Pew Bible: p. 819

L: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

L: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

MESSAGE      Pastor Sarah

HYMN OF THE DAY      **“Lift High the Cross”**      ELW #660

HOLY BAPTISM      Lorelei Johnson

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

***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*** ELW #884

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all  
in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***"What A Fellowship What A Joy Divine"***

ELW #774

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Walk with Jesus.  
**We Will! Thanks be to God!**

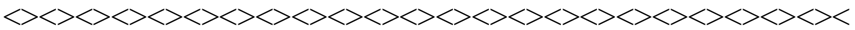
POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. This past July, 5 youth and 2 adults headed to New Orleans to attend the National Youth Gathering. Today, they will share their experiences. Thank you for supporting this faith building trip!

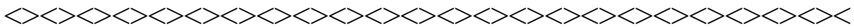
**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Prediction of the Passion, Mark 9:30-37.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in memory of Dale Bacon, given by Doris and family.



Attendance: Saturday: 35; Rally Day Sunday: 213

Offering: \$3,723; Borrowed: \$60,000



**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Acolytes:** Lindy Schunk, Ruby Baloun

**Reader:** Sonja Friesen

**Technology:** John Shamp, Daron Friesen, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

**JOIN US IN WELCOMING** Lorelei Johnson into our church family through Holy Baptism. Lorelei is the daughter of Elisabeth and Jacob Johnson. Lorelei's sponsors are Ike and Megan Pohlman and Rebecca Brady. May God bless Lorelei's faith journey!



**SCAN FOR ONLINE GIVING**



**BACK TO SCHOOL GRILL OUT** for grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at Tera and Kent's was **postponed** until **THIS EVENING**, 5pm-7pm! See you then!

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY (Sweet Child of Mine)** with Tera will be held on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Tera will be talking about our identities in Christ! All women ages 18-118 are invited! Please bring an appetizer to share if you are able!

**CULTURAL HUMILITY WATCH PARTY - Tuesday, 9/17 at 7:00 PM** *Are things a little tense in relationships? Are things feeling a little too divided in this election season?* What if we were able to step back and get a better feel where the other person was coming from? Aaron Suomala Folkerds, a pastor who served in the SW MN Synod, teacher, and part-time wellness coordinator for the Moorhead Police Department will come to us by ZOOM and give us some tips. Join Pastor Sarah for this event!

**3 YR OLDS AND 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS** will be receiving their new Bibles on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**LOVE TO SING?** Consider these options. ALC Praise Band will lead Wednesday Worship twice a month. They practice on designated Wednesdays from 5:15 - 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Kari Scheitel is the leader of this group. If you sing or play guitar, this is the group for you!

ALC Choir will begin practice in the choir room on **Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm**. Come join this fun group of singers!



**CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS** will start **THIS WEDNESDAY September, 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:15pm**. They will also be taken on Saturday evening from 5-5:30pm and Sunday morning from 8:15-9am. They will be available to be taken for the next 3 Wednesdays, the next 2 Saturdays and the next 3 Sundays. We would love to have all of our members part

of the new directory! If you can't make it to have your photo taken, please email a photo you already have to [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com).

**GLOW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Thursday, September 19<sup>th</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.

**MEN'S GROUP CRIBBAGE AND PIZZA** will be on **Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy pizza and great fellowship with the guys! Please let Pastor Adam know if you plan on attending.



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. You can start arriving any time after 6:30AM. There are devotions and prayer at 7am. **First session is Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.**



**ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP** Last spring for Earth Day, volunteers from ALC adopted the first section of US Highway 71 south and removed 25 bags of litter from our road sides. It was so rewarding to clean up our

environment! 12 volunteers over age 14 are needed to continue this important mission of being stewards of our planet. We invite you to wear work clothes to church **on September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Ditch cleanup will commence immediately after service and should be done by kickoff. Please sign up with the church office today!

**THE YOUTH AND FAMILY BOARD** is hoping to make quilts for our graduating seniors. We will be having an initial meeting on **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15am** in the meeting room. At the meeting we will make a schedule of quilting times. We will have quilting times in the evening and on the weekends to accommodate anyone who would like to help. If



you are interested in helping in any way with the quilts, please attend this meeting. There will be a job for everyone, even if you don't quilt or sew.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** at supper, there will be a **Special dessert option**. Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship Board will have a build your own ice cream Sunday bar for a free will donation. Proceeds will go to Carolyn Schneider, the



missionary we are supporting. She is currently in Guyana teaching others how to become pastors and deacons! Your support for Carolyn is greatly appreciated!

**SHETEK CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL GATHERING** ALC's Tera Elness will be speaking about "The Power of Teamwork". The event will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries on **Saturday, September 28** with registration beginning at 8:30. Cost: \$15. Brunch included with Gathering closing at 11:00. Contact Karen Skarphol (822-9785) or Jackie Turner (822-7671) if you'd like to attend.

**ADULT LEARNING MAKE A STATEMENT! September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:15** Join Pastor Sarah for a *brief introduction to the Social Statements of the ELCA*. There are a total of thirteen Social Statements ranging in topics from abortion, the death penalty, health and health care, human sexuality, sexism, genetics, and more. We will touch on the topics that the Social Statements cover, and the how and why of Social Statements in the ELCA. Summaries of Social Statements will be available.



**BOUNDARY WATERS 2025** If you would be interested in going to the Boundary Waters in June 2025, please let Pastor Adam know. If there is enough interest, he will have an informational meeting towards the end of September or in early October. The dates would be June 13th– 20th. **This will be open to those going into 9th grade in 2025 through those graduating in 2025.**

**YOU'RE INVITED!** The 2024 Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival will be held Sunday, September 22 at 1:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 220 East Hickory Street, Mankato. Hymns by Welsh composers will be sung by the congregation. There is no charge to attend the Hymn Festival, but a freewill offering will be received. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome! Our member Karen Wojahn will be part of this event!



**DID YOU KNOW** that you can become a member at American Lutheran Church at **any time**? In fact, we have a few families that have decided to become new members this month and will be recognized on September 29th! 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 you can stop Tera or Jane anytime, and you can also stop in the office anytime! We would love to visit with you!

## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN**

### **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM Worship w/National Youth Gathering Presentation  
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Sunday School Parent meeting in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM  
5:00 PM Back to School Grill Out for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade at Tera's

### **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM Bell Choir

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

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
9:00 AM GLOW Cheer Box Quilts  
1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle  
5:30 PM Women's Bible Study w/Tera

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

1:30 PM Hillside Manor  
2:30 PM Pine View  
5:00 PM-6:15 PM Directory Photos in Skylight Court  
5:00 PM Wednesday Supper  
5:30 PM Choir  
5:30 PM Wednesday School  
5:45 PM Praise Band Practice  
6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/3yr olds & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders receiving Bibles  
7:30 PM Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline  
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22  
2:00 PM Women's Bible Study  
5:00 PM Technology Committee  
6:30 PM Men's Group Cribbage and Pizza

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

**Messenger Deadline**

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

5:00 PM-5:30 PM Directory Photos in Skylight Court  
5:30 PM Chapel Worship w/Holy Communion

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

#### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Shetek Ondini Partnership Sunday**

8:15 AM-9:00 AM Directory Photos in Skylight Court  
9:00 AM Worship w/3yr olds & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders receiving Bibles  
10:00 AM Skylight Court-Coffee Hour  
10:15 AM Ditch Clean-Up, Discipleship, Marketing & Stewardship Bd.  
10:15 AM Quilting for Graduates meeting  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM