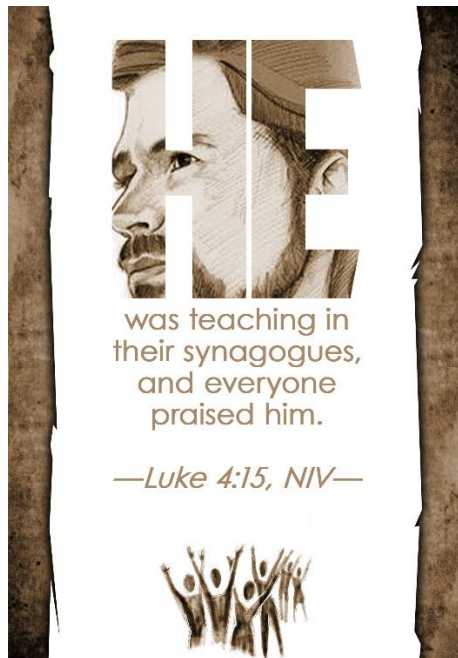


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, January 26th, 2025 9:00 AM
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Wednesdays: 6:30pm 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

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CONFESSION / FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C: use us to speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

L: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

ELW #886

KYRIE

ELW #157

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

ELW #551

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News!
We Will! Thanks be to God!

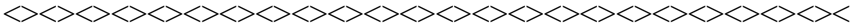
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Jesus is filled with the power of the Spirit. We, as members of the body, support and care for others as Jesus would have commanded.

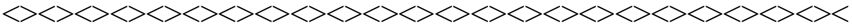
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for A Child Brought to the Temple, Luke 2:22-40.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP was given in loving memory of Stanley Larsen, given by Noel & Sarah Tadó & Ruth Larson.



Attendance: Wednesday: 68; Saturday: 25; Sunday: 70

Offering: \$8,692



Acolytes: Penelope Roberts, Ruby Heggeseth

Reader: Kevin Heggeseth

Communion Assistants: Wendy Ahnupkana & Nick Trotter

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Bob Johnson, Eugene Hanchett, Tom Wickie



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TODAY IS the Annual Meeting immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. There will be coffee and donuts!

HEALING PRAYERS will be offered next week during worship. A pastor will be available to pray with you in the north transept during Holy Communion. Healing prayers can be for yourself or for anyone or anything.

WELCOME to David and Faye Bruns who became new members at the Saturday Chapel Service! If you happen to see David and Faye at worship, please join us in giving them a warm welcome!



DONUTS WITH GROWN-UPS for WS/SS will be on Wednesday, January 29th and Sunday, February 2nd. Grown-ups are invited to join their students in the Fellowship Hall during the regular class times! Please join us for this fun event!

SAVE THE DATE! 7th-12th Grade Winter Fun Day at the Arena will be on Sunday, February 2nd from 1pm-3pm. There will be a contest to see who can score the most points against Pastor Adam on the Racquetball Court! Prize to the winner! Cost is FREE! Friends Welcome!

ATTENTION 6TH-8TH GRADERS!! You are invited to attend Faithfest at Augustana University in Sioux Falls! This will be an overnight trip on Saturday, February 8th. The group will leave at 8am on Saturday, and return by 5pm on Sunday, February 9th. The cost is \$75 for the event, 3 meals, hotel, and transportation! Account money can be used. **Students must sign up with Tera by Wednesday, January 22nd!**

OUR PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN! They will be available for pick up at the office during office. The cost is \$15 each. If you can't remember if you ordered a printed one or not, please call the church office, we have a list of all who ordered. To access the directory online you can go to the website www.instantchurchdirectory.com or you can download the app (Instant Church Directory) from your device's app store. It will ask you for the email address you have listed in the directory. Then you create a password and that's it! If you need help with this, or if you are wondering if your email address is listed in the directory you can stop in the office or call anytime.

STAYING IN TOUCH If you are anticipating surgery, have a loved one in the hospital, or are going through a difficult time, please let your pastors or the church office know, so that we can visit you, or walk alongside you in the best way possible.

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS are available for most of February, March, and April. To sponsor a Sunday broadcast, the cost is \$57. Please contact the church office if you would like to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast.



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 you can stop Tera or Jane anytime, and you can also stop in the office anytime! We would love to visit with you!

CAN YOU HELP? GLOW is looking for a few items for their baby care kits. They are in need of receiving blankets and undershirts size

6mo-24mo. Items can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you for considering!

QUILTING FOR GRADUATES will be meeting **THIS EVENING** from 3pm-6pm. No Experience necessary! Come when you can, leave when you need to.

THANK YOU AND WELCOME Thank you to those who have decided to run another term on their current boards. And **WELCOME** to those who have graciously agreed to give of their time to become a new member on a board. **Board members will be installed on Wednesday, January 29th or on Sunday, February 2nd.** Please choose which day works best for you!

THE SHETEK CONFERENCE (a smaller section of our synod) needs people in leadership roles. They specifically need a conference chairperson and a LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) advisor. Most of these positions meet just a handful of times a year. If you would like to help our synod out in one of these roles, or have questions, please ask one of your pastors.

BRING YOUR PLASTIC BAGS! Marissa Newman & Makenzie Hetterich are working together to keep plastic out of the landfills for their Eagle Achievement Project. Their goal is to collect 1,000lbs of plastic (like plastic bags) and in turn they will earn a composite bench from NexTrex for Windom Area Schools. There is a box located in the hallway by the office to put your plastic in. Listed on the box is what type of plastic is accepted! Who doesn't want to get rid of their plastic bags! Help them achieve their goal!

ALL BOARDS AND COUNCIL

RELAUNCH

What? Kick off and sharing of important information for our ministry together for 2025.

Who? Anyone who will serve on a Board or the Council at ALC this year, *returning or newly elected*.

When and Where? 02/11/2025 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall at ALC. Board meetings to follow at 7:00 PM.

Why? Because together, we are the Body of Christ here in this place and there is so much we can do together!

Thank you for serving!

Reminder: Installation of Officers and Board Members for 2025 will be on Wed. 01/29 at 6:30 PM or on Sun. 02/02 at 9:00 AM



Be who you are! Matt.5:13-14

PARABLE OF THE PUFFLINGS

As summer ends on a remote island off Iceland, parent puffins — black and white seabirds with rainbow beaks — stop bringing fish to their chicks. These “pufflings,” whose first few weeks were lived in burrows in cliffs, now must launch into a wind current to glide out over the sea and find their own food. Some babies, however, mistake a lit-up house or gas station for moonlight on the water and, as locals say, “fall out of the sky.” Because pufflings can’t yet take off from land and fly, if left alone they starve.

So for generations, during “puffling season” people on this island have stayed up late to rescue baby birds. On his *Animal* podcast, reporter Sam Anderson tells how, with an islander’s help, he picks up a puffling one night, placing it in a box for morning release over the ocean. As the frightened, confused bird squeals and scratches to get free, Anderson supposes it thinks this is the worst night of its life. In fact, it is the best: It’s being saved.

We humans often get confused, pulled in wrong directions. We’re misled and land in trouble from which we cannot save ourselves. Scared and confused, we believe we’re irredeemably trapped in the worst of circumstances. We can’t perceive that, even now, we are being protected and rescued, that God is working to give back to us the fullness of life we cannot attain for ourselves.

Hang on, beloved one. Though you can’t sense it at this moment, you are held in God’s care, soon to be lifted on the wind of the Holy Spirit, who will carry you into better days. —Heidi Hyland Mann

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, January 26th

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Annual Meeting-Fellowship Hall
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM
3:00 PM-6:00 PM Quilting for Graduates

Monday, January 27th

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, January 28th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
1:15 AM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, January 29th

5:00 PM Wednesday Supper-Walking Tacos
5:30 PM Choir Practice
5:30 PM Wednesday School-Donuts w/Grownups
6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Board member Installation
7:30 PM Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th Grade)

Thursday, January 30th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM Cable TV, Ch 22
6:30 PM Cable TV, Ch 22

Friday, January 31st

Saturday, February 1st

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Healing Prayers following Worship

Sunday, February 2nd

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion, Healing Prayers, & Board Member Installation
10:15 AM Sunday School-Donuts w/Grown-ups
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
1:00 PM-3:00 PM Winter Fun Day at the Arena-7th – 12th Grade