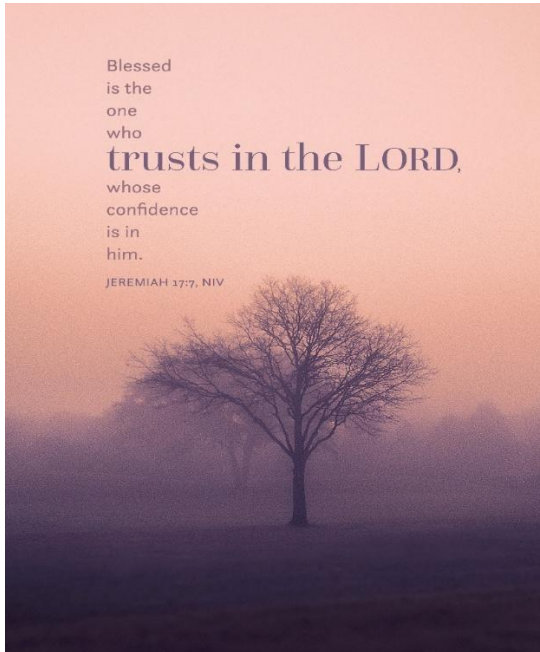


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, February 16th, 2025 9:00 AM
Sixth 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

Carol Vought, Organist

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 *“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”* ELW #754

KYRIE ELW #157

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Let Justice Flow like Streams”* ELW #717

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ALC CHOIR ANTHEM: *“My Savior”*

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 17:5-10** Pew Bible: p.628

Reader: Sonja Friesen

PSALM **Psalm 1** Pew Bible: p.424

Reader: Sonja Friesen (*Please read responsively*)

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on
God’s teaching day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall
prosper.

**C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind
blows away.**

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of
the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 15:12-20** Pew Bible: p.935

Reader: Sonja Friesen

GOSPEL READING **Luke 6:17-26** Pew Bible: p. 838

L: The holy gospel according to Luke the 6th 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 *“Build us Up, Lord”* ELW #670

APOSTLES CREED

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.

ADULT LEARNING will be **THIS MORNING** at 10:15am. This month's Adult Learning is on the ELCA Social Statement on Criminal Justice. Grab some coffee and let's explore this section together!

GLOW will be gathering for quilting on Tuesday, February 18th from 9am-2pm. Bring a sack lunch and stay all day or stay as long as you can.

MEN'S GROUP CRIBBAGE AND PIZZA will be on **Thursday, February 20th at 6pm** in the Fellowship Hall! Come and enjoy fellowship, cribbage, and pizza! Please let Pastor Adam know if you will be coming.

OUR PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN! They will be available for pick up at the office during office. The cost is \$15 each. We are able to order more if you have decided you would like to have one, please let the church office know. If you need help accessing the online version, 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.

BACK THE GRADS! If you would like to be a part of the graduating senior quilts but you're not sure how, we have the perfect solution for you! You can sponsor a quilt backing! Check out the board in the Skylight Court to sponsor a quilt backing!

QUILTING FOR GRADUATES will be meeting on Tuesday, February 18th from 6pm-8pm for tying quilts together. This is open to all! All you have to do is tie a knot! This would be great for parents, siblings, or other family members of Graduating Seniors to have a part in making their quilts! Also great for anyone who has wanted to help with this ministry but is not a quilter!

SHETEK CAMP DAYS will be on Wednesday, February 26th and Sunday, March 2nd. A staff member from Shetek will be here for a visit during Worship and the Wed/Sun School hour. From now until March 11th, you can enter your child in the drawing for a **FREE** mini or full week of camp. Please email or text Tera your child's name, grade, and if they are entering the drawing for a mini or full week. Drawing will be held at Noon on Wednesday, March 12th via Facebook Live. *Did you also know that ALC pays \$100 for each child for a mini camp and \$200 for each child for a full week of camp and also for Family camp!



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!

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!

9TH-11TH GRADERS are invited to the Step-Up Leadership Development event at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. This will take place on Tuesday, March 11th. The \$40 registration will be paid for any 9th-11th grader that would like to attend, thanks to generous donations to our Youth Fund! Please talk to Tera if you have any questions! **Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, March 5th!**

PLEASE SUPPORT GLOBAL REFUGE Global Refuge, formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, is a nonprofit serving newcomers seeking safety, support, and a share in the American dream. Their work is our work, following the biblical mandate to care for the poor, feed the hungry and welcome the stranger. Refugees legally enter the country, after a long process of vetting. They come having fled war or persecution in their own countries. As Lutherans, we have proudly been doing this work for 86 years, since the time of the displacement of peoples caused by World War II. Now, a stop work order has been issued by the State Department that suspended funding of this work and called for staff to immediately stop serving newly arrived refugees in their care, leaving



6,000 newly arrived refugees with the prospect of eviction and food insecurity.

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, President and CEO of Global Refuge says "It is particularly shameful to leave newly arrived Afghan allies to fend for themselves after the tremendous sacrifices they've made in support of American interests. This is the antithesis of what it means for the United States to keep its promise of protection to the allies of America's longest war."

We can help. As Lutherans and people of faith we will not be dissuaded. If you are able, please help meet the needs of these newcomers today. Thank you for your gifts to Global Refuge! <https://www.globalrefuge.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/> Checks can be made payable to Global Refuge and sent to P.O. Box 17467, Baltimore MD 21297-1467.

True love

Many of us celebrate Valentine's Day in both fun and serious ways. Children exchange treats and humorous cards with classmates and friends; some bring home handmade cards for the adults in their lives. Romantic partners may go out to eat and present each other flowers, chocolate, a fancy card — maybe even an engagement ring!

As playful as Valentine's Day can be, it's also a great time to remember the serious side of love, as indicated by these quotes:

- "When you love someone, you love the whole person as he or she is, and not as you would like them to be." —Leo Tolstoy
- "You don't love someone because they're perfect; you love them in spite of the fact that they're not." —Jodi Picoult
- "Love ... is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. ... It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses." —Ann Landers

We can do the difficult work of true love — actions, not just feelings — only because God loved us first. He did (and does) so despite our imperfection, and in Jesus, God shows us how to share true love with others. This Valentine's Day, if you don't remember any other profound quotes, hold this one in your heart:

- "We love because God first loved us." —1 John 4:19 (NCV)

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, February 16th

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Adult Learning- ELCA Social Statement on Criminal Justice
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
2:00 PM Shetek Conference Assembly- First Lutheran, Worthington

Monday, February 17th

President's Day

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 18th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM GLOW Quilting
1:15 AM Staff Team Huddle
6:00 PM Quilting for Graduates

Wednesday, February 19th

1:30 PM Hillside
2:30 PM Pineview
5:00 PM Wednesday supper-Tatortot hotdish, corn, bread
5:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM Wednesday School
6:30 PM Wednesday Worship
7:30 PM Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th Grade)

Thursday, February 20th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
9:00 AM Conference Pastors meeting
10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22
2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Men's Group Cribbage & Pizza-Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, February 21st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, February 22nd

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, February 23rd

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM