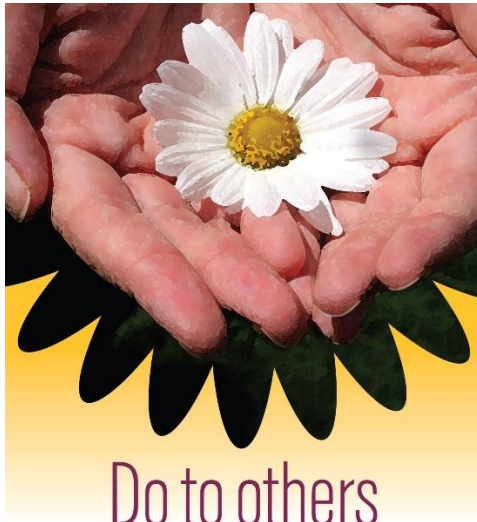


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Do to others

as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6:31

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025 9:00 AM
Seventh 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

Linda Staples, 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

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

KYRIE

ELW #157

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW #167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION: (ELW p. 144)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Linda S. meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

FIRST READING: **Genesis 45:3-11, 15** Pew Bible: p. 37

Reader: Brandon Roskamp

PSALM **Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40** Pew Bible: p.443

Reader: Brandon Roskamp (*Please read responsively*)

L: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

C: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

L: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

C: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

L: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

C: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

L: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

C: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil.

L: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

C: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

L: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

C: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

L: The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

GOSPEL READING **Luke 6:27-38** 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**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

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.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“We Give Thee” ELW #686 Vs. 1-2

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW #547

DISMISSAL

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

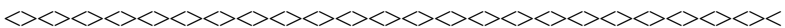
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. In the readings, Jesus says to love your enemies. May your heart be filled with acts of kindness.

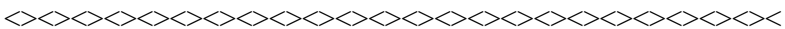
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Transfiguration of Our Lord, Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in loving memory of Joyce Zimmerman’s February 22nd Birthday, given by sons Craig & Chris Zimmerman.



Attendance: Wednesday: 59; Saturday: 21; Sunday: 96

Offering: \$7,059



Acolytes: Morgan Roskamp, Jonah Lohse

Reader: Brandon Roskamp

Holy Communion: Kim Armstrong, Christy & Harriet Lohse

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, John Shamp, Eugene Hanchett



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

OUR THANKS are extended this morning to Kim Armstrong who is the Assisting Minister in Pastor Sarah's absence.

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.

SHETEK CAMP DAY will be NEXT Sunday, March 2nd. Marv & Lexi from Shetek will be here for a visit during Worship and the Sunday 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!



SAVE THE DATE The youth will once again be doing a Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed Fundraiser-Mardi Gras Style on **Tuesday, March 4th from 4:30pm-6:30pm**. All you can eat pancakes, sausages, & orange slices for \$10 a person. Kids ages 5-12 are \$5, kids 5 and under are free! Coffee, milk, and orange juice are also provided. AND of course, King Cupcakes! A prize will be offered to the person who finds the baby

in their cupcake! All proceeds help fund this summer's trips to Duluth and the Boundary Waters.



THE BACKPACK PROGRAM through Windom School is up and running thanks to generous donations! If you would like to help pack the bags of food that go to the school to go home with kids, ALC has a group that gathers on the first Wednesday of the month. The first day will be March 5th. Just show up at 1:30 and you will be shown what to do!

LENTEN DEVOTION Follow the ALC Facebook page for a Lenten devotion read by someone from our congregation, posted every weekday around noon beginning March 5th (Ash Wednesday). **We are looking for volunteers to read the devotion! Contact Tera or Jane to sign up.** 😊 *God brings new life in unexpected ways and in the most unlikely situations. **Life Renewed** reflects on how God does this in the creation of all things, the Israelites' rescue from slavery in Egypt, the dry bones and Ezekiel, the fiery furnace, the big fish and Jonah, and more.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP DURING LENT - ALC and Bethany – *The Call to “I AM”*

Our 40-day journey through Lent will take us through five of the I AM statements of Jesus. “I Am” is the Hebrew name for God. When Jesus goes to the cross, *there goes God.*

- 3/12/25 6:30 PM *I AM the Bread of Life*
- 3/19/25 6:30 PM *I AM the Light of the World*
- 3/26/25 6:30 PM *I AM the Door*
- 4/02/25 6:30 PM *I AM the Good Shepherd*
- 4/09/25 6:30 PM *I AM the Resurrection and the Life*

For worship, we will use Shalom Evening Prayer, written for our neighbor, Shalom Hill Farm by Southwest MN composer Carol Meier, and led by our own musicians. *Shalom* is the Hebrew word for peace, but has the added meaning of wholeness, and wellbeing. May our journey with Jesus this Lent bring us into a deeper sense of peace with God and each other.

Wednesday Lenten Suppers-Serving at 5pm.

March 5th— Ash Wednesday—Chicken Noodle Soup, & Chili—Church in Society Bd-Proceeds to ministry of their choice

March 12th—Lasagna— BWCA Trip-proceeds to youth attending

March 19th— Hotdish Heaven-Duluth Mission Trip-proceeds to youth attending

March 26th— Beef over rice- Shetek Ondini Circuit Group-proceeds to Shetek Ondini Circuit

April 2nd— Soups—Spiritual Life & Fellowship Bd.-proceeds to ministry of their choice

April 9th—Bethany Lutheran- proceeds to ministry of their choice

NOON ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE-

ALL SERVICES TAKE PLACE AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 12 – Pastor Pam – Presbyterians serve lunch

March 19 – – Pastor Tommy – Methodist serves lunch

March 26 - Pastor Adam – ALC serves lunch

April 2 – Pastor Sarah – Presbyterians serve lunch

April 9 – Catholic church preaching and serving lunch

\$40 FOR 40 DAYS LENTEN CHALLENGE- One dollar a day for 40 days doesn't sound like much does it? But that \$40 can put food on the table for those in need. We challenge you to donate and support the Lenten challenge. All money donated will go toward the \$1000 we bring to the Banquet in Sioux Falls in July and any remaining money will go to the Windom School Backpack Program. Please make checks to American Lutheran Church with Lenten Challenge in the memo line. Thank you! Please note, 40 Days \$40 Lenten envelopes will be placed on the tables in the narthex beginning in March.

MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH! Church and Society will be collecting items through March for the local food shelf.

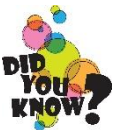
Cleaning and Paper items (Pledge, Detergent, paper towels,...)

Personal Items (Toiletries, diapers, soap...)

Breakfast Items (Juice, cereal, oatmeal...)

Canned Goods (Fruits, veggies, soup,...)

We will take any items anytime - this is suggestions only!! Monetary donations are also great!!!



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!

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!**

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

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

Monday, February 24th

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 25th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 AM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, February 26th

Shetek Day

5:00 PM Wednesday supper-Scalloped potatoes w/ham, green beans, bread

5:15 PM Praise Band

5:30 PM Choir

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion

7:30 PM Confirmation (7th)

7:30 PM Mentor Night (8th, & 9th Grade)

Thursday, February 27th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

3:00 PM Mikkelson Manor

4:00 PM Remick Ridge

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, February 28th

Saturday, March 1st

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 2nd

Transfiguration Sunday

Shetek Day

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM