


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Because your
steadfast love
is better than
life, my lips
will praise
you. PSALM 63:3

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025 9:00 AM
Third Sunday in Lent

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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

Priscilla Jacobson, 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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN *“Wash, O God Our Sons and Daughters”*

ELW #445

KYRIE

Setting 4 p. 147

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Pew Bible: p.598

Reader: Bryan Joyce

PSALM

Psalm 63:1-8

Pew Bible: p.458

Reader: Bryan Joyce

(Please read responsively)

L: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

C: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

L: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

C: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

L: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

C: when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

L: for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

C: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 3 ELW p. 142

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9

Pew Bible: p. 848

L: The holy gospel according to Luke the 13th 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 Sarah

HYMN OF THE DAY *“As Rain from the Clouds”*

ELW #508

BAPTISM-Natalie Wenisch

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

“Create in Me”

ALC #14

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

CLOSING HYMN *“Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer”* ELW #618

We Will! Thanks be to God!

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WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. In the reading, how does one restore life to barren trees?

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Prodigal Father / Repentant Son, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

Attendance: Wednesday: 130; Saturday: 23; Sunday: 101

Offering: \$5,466

Acolytes: Elie Kleven, Olivia Joyce

Reader: Bryan Joyce

Holy Communion: Angie, Juhl, & Charlie Erickson, Morgan Roskamp, Lillian Doescher

Technology: Jake Voth, John Shamp, Lindsey Cartwright



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

WE WELCOME Natalie Wenisch into our church family today through Holy Baptism. Natalie's parents are Astaria Blanshan and Tristan Wenisch. Natalie's sponsors are Jackie & Cayson Hill. Let us share in joy of welcoming Natalie!

WE ALSO WELCOME Janet Nerhus into our church family through Holy Baptism. Janet was baptized at the Saturday Chapel service last night. Janet's mother is Ashley Nerhus and her sponsors are Shawnee Doeden and Francisco Perez. Let us share in the joy of welcoming Janet!



GRANDPARENTS DAY AT SUNDAY SCHOOL is TODAY! Students can bring a grandparent or other special adult to Sunday school! Bring your kiddos to the

Fellowship Hall!



JOIN US FOR A MOVIE NIGHT! We will be having a movie night in the Chapel TODAY at 4pm, complete with a chili and bread supper following the movie. The featured movie is **Bonhoeffer**, based on the story of Dietrich

Bonhoeffer, a German clergyman of great distinction, who actively opposed Hitler and the Nazis. His convictions cost him his life. ***Childcare will be provided and we will feed your kids too!***

QUILTING FOR GRADUATES will be meeting this afternoon from 1pm-4pm. Come when you can, leave when you need to. You do not need to have experience in quilting! There is cutting, tying knots, and ironing to do! We would love to have you join us!



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES for 5th Grade students will start **Thursday, March 27th**. Classes will take place right after school. Transportation from the school to the church is provided. Classes will go until 4:30pm. Letters

with more detailed information were mailed out to 5th Graders and their parents!

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*.

3/26/25 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 26th— Chicken noodle soup & Chili – Church in Society Bd

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-

Christ had no epitaph. Buried in a borrowed tomb, no words were emblazoned across his grave. Instead, during the final hours of his life, Christ mapped out his way of suffering with seven famous last words—seven final phrases, remembered and recited throughout the ages—tiny touchstones along his way of sorrows. We may find that these last words have a lasting impact, even now, for us. Join us on Wednesdays at noon for a worship service followed by a light lunch. An offering will be taken to support the work of the Windom Area Ministerial. Everyone is welcome!

March 26 - Behold-Pastor Adam – ALC serves lunch

April 2 – Forsaken- Pastor Sarah – Presbyterians serve lunch

April 9 – Thirst- Catholic church preaching and serving lunch

ALL SERVICES TAKE PLACE AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



\$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.

A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH TERA on the **Life of Daniel** for 10th-12th Graders will be held Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Invite your friends! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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!!!

CHILDCARE DURING WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES will be available in the Family Room courtesy of the 7th Grade Confirmation class and Tera.

EASTER FLOWER order forms are due by Friday, March 28th. Forms were in the March Messenger, or they are available on table in the Narthex, or in the church office. Please remember to indicate if you will be picking up your flowers after the Easter service.



JOIN US for a Farewell Open House for Pastor Sarah, Noel, and their family! This special event will take place on Sunday, April 13th from 2pm-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a small program at 2:30 and refreshments will be served. We are thankful for Pastor Sarah's 12 years of service to us and Bethany Lutheran!

GLOW will be meeting for quilting and kit making **on Tuesday, April 1st at 9am**. No experience necessary! Come when you can, leave when you need to!



SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES INVITES YOU to their Sugarbush Saturday on Saturday, March 29th! Enjoy a pancake breakfast for a free-will donation from 9am-1pm. Breakfast includes sausage, breakfast potatoes, fruit, and more! The syrup they will be using for the pancakes was made right out there at Shetek! Join them in celebrating spring!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, March 23rd

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Sunday School-Grandparents Day
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
1:00 PM Quilting for Graduates
4:00 PM Bonhoeffer Movie Night-Chapel

Monday, March 24th

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, March 25th

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

Wednesday, March 26th

12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship- Presbyterian Church-Pastor Adam Preaching-
ALC Serving
5:00 PM Wednesday supper-Chicken noodle soup & Chili-CIS Bd
5:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM Wednesday School
6:30 PM Lenten Worship - childcare available
7:30 PM Confirmation-8th & 9th Grade
7:30 PM Life of Daniel Bible Study-10th-12th Grade

Thursday, March 27th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22
3:00 PM Mikkelsen Manor
3:20 PM First Communion Preparation Class
4:00 PM Remick Ridge
6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, March 28th

Saturday, March 29th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 30th

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