

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, March 30th, 2025 9:00 AM
Fourth 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

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 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 *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*

ELW #763

KYRIE

Setting 4 p. 147

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 32

Pew Bible: p.440

Reader: Addison Spielman
(Please read responsively)

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried: up as by the heat of summer.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

L: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

C: at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

L: You are a hiding place for me;

C: you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

L: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

C: I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

L: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,

C: else it will not stay near you.

L: Many are the torments of the wicked,

C: but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

L: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,

C: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

SECOND READING **2 Corinthians 5:16-21** Pew Bible: p.940

Reader: Addison Spielman

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 3 ELW p. 142

GOSPEL READING **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** Pew Bible: p.850

L: The holy gospel according to Luke the 15th 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Power in the Blood"

Insert

BAPTISM-Grahm Zieske

PRAVERS 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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Build a Longer Table”

Insert

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

We Will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. In the reading, we hear the story of the Prodigal Father. Which son are you? God lovingly provides his mercy.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK Mary Anoints Jesus, John 12:1-8,

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in memory of Fred and Carol Fredrickson, given by their daughter, Judy Johnson.

Attendance: Wednesday: 119; Saturday: 62; Sunday: 155

Offering: \$4,729

Acolytes: Morgan Roskamp, Gretta Smith

Reader: Addison Spielman

Technology: Todd Armstrong, Bob Johnson, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

WE WELCOME Graham Zieske into our church family through Holy Baptism this morning. Graham's parents are Sydney and Tyler Zieske. His sponsors are Tatum Paulson, Brooklyn Paulson, and Abbi Zieske. Let us share in the joy of welcoming Graham!

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!

QUILTING FOR GRADUATES will be meeting **Tuesday, April 1st from 6pm-8pm and on Sunday, April 6th from 1pm-4pm**. We are in the finishing stages of our quilts and we are in need of people who can tie a knot or cut some thread! This would be a great opportunity for **family members of Graduating Seniors** to have a part in making their quilts! Come when you can, leave when you need to. We would love to have you join us!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be held on Thursday, April 17th at 2pm. *Please note this a change from what was in the Messenger and on the flyer.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE & FELLOWSHIP BOARD invites you to join them for Lenten supper next Wednesday. They will be serving hamburger vegetable soup, cheeseburger soup, & corn chowder for a free will donation. Proceeds will be going to Windom Schools Backpack Program.

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.

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-

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!

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- 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.

Q&A WITH PASTOR A will be on Thursday, April 10th at 6pm at Jack Slade's. It's a great time of discussion on many different topics! Laid back and respectful conversation! Come when you can, leave when you need to!

ADULT LEARNING will be on Sunday, April 6th at 10:15am. This month's Adult Learning is on the ELCA Social Statement on Economic Life. Let's explore this section together!

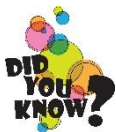
LET'S CELEBRATE WITH DONNIE! Donnie Pabst would like to invite you to his 80th birthday celebration on **Saturday, April 12th from 2pm-4pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served!



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 short 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! A pick-up choir will be meeting in the choir room at 1:30pm to rehearse a song for the program at 2:30. Contact Jane for more information.

THANK YOU from the CIS Bd. They are very grateful for all of the donations for the Windom Area Food Shelf. They collected 153lbs of food in March! Thank you for your continued support!

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.



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!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

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

Monday, March 31st

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, April 1st

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM GLOW Sewing
1:15 AM Staff Team Huddle
5:15 PM CIS Bd
6:00 PM Quilting for Graduates

Wednesday, April 2nd

11:00 AM Sogge
12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship- Presbyterian Church-Pastor Sarah Preaching
5:00 PM Wednesday supper-Hamburger vegetable soup, cheeseburger soup, corn chowder
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, April 3rd

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

Friday, April 4th

4:00 PM Sr. High Youth Gathering

Saturday, April 5th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, April 6th

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Adult Learning-ELCA Social Statement-Economic Life
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
1:00 PM Quilting for Graduates