

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*



**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 9:00 AM**

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship  
Pastor Adam Roberts & Pastor Steven Rye  
Ministers: Everyone

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

L: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

***"God is Here!"***

ELW #526

KYRIE

ELW #154

HYMN OF PRAISE

***"Glory Be to God"***

ELW p.204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16** Pew Bible: p. 979

Reader: Keith Newman

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Please read responsively.

L: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**C: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

L: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**C: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

L: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**C: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

L: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

**C: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Pew Bible: p. 849

The Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord .**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Steven

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”*

ELW #676

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

## ***“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”***

ELW #681 (vs 1)

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.**

**By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**BLESSING OF HANDS** Congregation response: **Bless them, Lord.**

## BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN    *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

ELW #769

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News!

**We Will! Thanks be to God!**

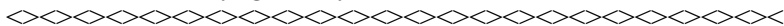
## POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom on this Labor Day weekend. An invitation! We gather with the community at the table and share in the meal.

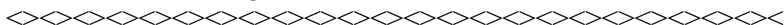
**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Disciples, Possessions, and the Cross,  
Luke 14:25-33.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in memory LaVern Christianson's September 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday, given by Carol Christianson.



Attendance: Saturday: 31; Sunday: 106

Offering: \$4325.65; Borrowed: \$18,000



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Reader:** Keith Newman

**Technology:** Jake Voth, Lindsey Cartwright, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



**SCAN THIS OR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIPS** are available for October 12<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost for radio sponsorship is \$57. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office.

**NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!!!** We had to create a new Facebook page due to some difficulties with administration with the old page. The new page is **American Lutheran of Windom**. Please note that this is different than the page you are used to using (American Lutheran Church-Windom)! We will be “shutting down” the old page on September 5<sup>th</sup>. This means all worship services, videos, pictures, ect. will only be posted on the new page starting September 5<sup>th</sup>. You can go to the new page by scanning the QR code or by searching Facebook. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



**Save the Date for these upcoming events:**

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Confirmation Student and Parent Meeting @7pm

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Rally Day at the lake! 9am service with Wed/Sun School Teacher/Helper Installation & Blessing of the Backpacks and Pancake breakfast by the Lions Club following worship!

**Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday Supper starts, Choir starts, Wednesday School starts, Confirmation starts. There will be a parent meeting for WS parents in the Fellowship Hall during WS class time. 3yr olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will receive their Bibles during worship.

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** – will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday School. There will be a meeting for Sunday School Students in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School class time. 3yr olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will receive their Bibles during worship.

**DON'T FORGET** that Saturday evening worship on **September 6<sup>th</sup> will be at 6:00pm instead of 5:30pm and will be held in the Sanctuary.**

**SHALOM HILL FARM 30-YEAR CELEBRATION!**

All are welcome to Shalom Hill Farm's 30-year Celebration on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm.**

This free celebration includes tours, walking trails, Kids Zone, scavenger hunt, labyrinth, exhibits and more. Also, there will be a free-will donation lunch at noon. The Celebration will also feature the original

liturgy "Peace of the Prairie from 1:30-2:15. This will be a great family event for all ages!

**THE CHORDHUSTLERS CONCERT** Hollywood Harmonies, will be on Saturday, **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** in the Sanctuary. They will have special guests "Spice"- a women's quartet. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Kids 12 and under are free. You can get your tickets from Karl Fredrickson or any Chordhustler member. There will be a social gathering in the Fellowship Hall following the concert.

**WS & SS ITEMS NEEDED:** Would you like to help with some items for Wednesday and Sunday School? They are looking for glue sticks, loose leaf filler paper, watercolor paint sets, Clorox wipes, Play-doh, and Bic Brite Lite Highlighters. Items can be dropped off in the church office or given to Tera. Thank you Church!

**WEDNESDAY SUPPERS** will be starting up on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for donations of hamburger, chicken breasts, bread, milk, and cookies! Any help is greatly appreciated! We will also take monetary donations! Thank you for considering!



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

**HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ALC**-Did you know you can become a member of ALC at any time?!

If you want to know more information about becoming a member, you can talk to Pastor Steven, Pastor Adam, Melanie or Wendy in the office, or Tera and Jane! We would love to tell you all about it! We will recognize those who become members once every 3 months during the church services.

**QUILTING FOR GRADUATES** will be starting up again! The first meeting will be on **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. As a reminder, ANYONE can come and help! If you have any nice fabric you would like to donate, please drop it off at the church office prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> or bring it with you to the meeting! Thank you for considering!

**SEPTEMBER SUPPER & SELFIES! SR. HIGH YOUTH(9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)** are invited to September Supper & Selfies on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Meet Kent and Tera at Mimi & Papa's Selfie Park in South Windom. Hang out at the selfie park for a bit and then walk over to Kwik Trip for supper. The selfie park is free, bring money for supper.

**DISCIPLESHIP, MARKETING, & STEWARDSHIP** will be hosting coffee hour on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to raise money for their outreach to college students. They would love your support!

## **TIDBITS TO PONDER**

### Honoring the Gift of Work

The Bible affirms both the value and dignity of work. From the beginning, God placed Adam in the garden “to work it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15, ESV). In the fourth commandment, we are reminded not only to observe the Sabbath, but also to labor diligently throughout the week: “Six days you shall labor, and do all your work” (Exodus 20:9, ESV).

Work is more than a routine obligation; it is an opportunity to engage our God-given abilities in meaningful ways. Whether using our hands, minds, or hearts, we reflect the image of our Creator—bringing order, care, and creativity into the world.

Our labor allows us to contribute to the common good, find personal fulfillment, and practice faithful stewardship of the talents and strengths God has entrusted to us. As Paul writes, “We are God’s fellow workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV).

On this Labor Day, may we take time to recognize the blessing of work and celebrate those who serve, build, teach, lead, and labor with purpose and care.

—Author unknown



## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

### **Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

CHURCH OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED



### **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

5:15 PM Church in Society Board

6:00 PM Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship Bd

### **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 PM Confirmation Student & Parent Meeting-Sanctuary

### **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

### **Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship @ The Lake-Rally Day w/Holy Communion, WS/SS

Teacher Installation, & Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 AM Rally Day Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM