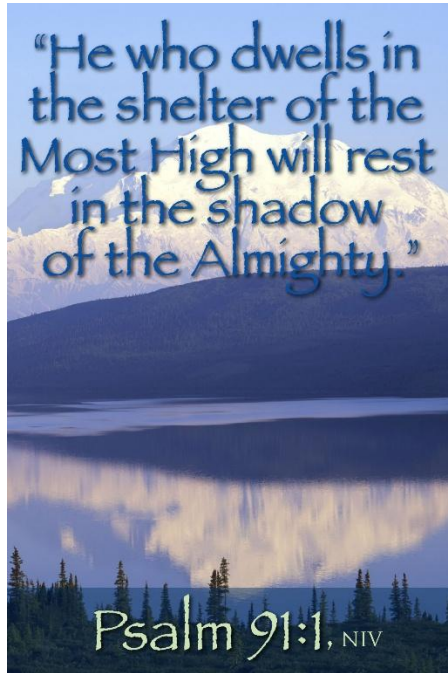


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*



**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:00 AM**

*Sixteenth 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

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk-Karen Skarphol, Lefse!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,

our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful and loving God,

**We, your people, are often stubborn and stiff-necked.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about the grace you give to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**

**and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

***“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”***

ELW #733

KYRIE

ELW p. 147

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p. 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

***“The Church of Christ in Every Age”***

FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

Pew Bible: p.643

Reader: Dana Wallace

PSALM

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Pew Bible: p.477

Reader: Dana Wallace

Please read responsively

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**C: will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

L: For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

**C: he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.**

L: You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

**C: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

L: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

**C: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.**

L: With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

Pew Bible: p. 851

The Gospel according to Luke, the 16<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

*“Gather Us In”*

ELW #532 (vs 1-3)

BAPTISM- Sutton Morphew

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregation response: **God of Grace, Receive our Prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*“Take my Life that I May Be”*

ELW #685

**Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all in this world, especially those who long for comfort, strength, and daily bread, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Acolytes:** Brynley Spielman, Graycee Baloun

**Reader:** Dana Wallace

**Holy Communion:** Wendy Ahnupkana, Natalie Burmeister, Jill Wolff

**Brass Choir:** Page Kern, Ramona Harper, Dana Wallace, Jamie Pohlmann, Irene Swanson

**Technology:** Jake Voth, Tim Hiley, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE**

**REMINDER:** please stay seated immediately following worship for the SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the Congregation to approve by vote the recommended individuals for the call committee. The individuals approved by the Church Council to be on the call committee are: Chair- Bob Johnson, Linda Staples, Donny Boltjes, Colin Wilson, Angie Erickson, Melissa Dardis, Keith Newman, Brianne Miller, Youth Representative-Max Brodin, and Bethany Representative-Garen Paulson, which is non-voting position.

**JOIN US IN WELCOMING** Sutton Grace Morphew who is joining our church family through Holy Baptism today! Sutton is the daughter of Jarad Morphew and Gina Hauge. Sutton's sponsors are Autumn Hauge, Leah Hauge, and Doug & Catherine Nichols. Let us celebrate with joy this new member of our family!

**THIRD GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS** are invited to join Tera for a special GET TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE time TODAY during the regular Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. PSSSST...There will be treats!



**DITCH CLEAN-UP** for our portion of Adopt-A-Highway will be **TODAY** immediately following the special congregational meeting. Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship is asking for some helping hands. Please meet in the parking lot. Please wear tennis shoes and long pants and bring work gloves. All other equipment will be provided!

**ENJOY SINGING HYMNS?** The 2025 Welsh Hymn Festival will be held THIS AFTERNOON at 1:30 PM in the First Presbyterian Church of Mankato. During the afternoon, four sets of hymns will be sung, with three hymns in each set. Between the sets of hymns, there will be special performances marking the 90<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of organized hymn singing in southern Minnesota. Refreshments will follow the singing. The event is free and open to the public.

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER** for next week is sloppy jo, baked beans, chips, and dessert!

**LEFSE, LEFSE, LEFSE!** It's time to start making lefse for the Holiday Fair! Lefse making will begin on **Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am** and will continue every Tuesday in October! **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** We will teach you! Come for a bit or stay a while!

**HEALING PRAYERS** will be offered next week during Holy Communion. A pastor will be available in the north transept to offer healing prayers for yourself or for a loved one.

**BOUNDARY WATERS OPPORTUNITY!** If anyone in grades 9-12 is interested in going to the Boundary Waters with Pastor Adam in the summer of 2026, please let him know by the end of September.

**HOLIDAY FAIR** is Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>! Be thinking about how you can contribute! There are many opportunities to help, including: making lefse with the crew on Tuesday mornings, sign-ups for working in various areas, including set up and take down; baking goodies or making jams; donating food items for the lunch; making crafts for the craft room or working in the craft room; donating items for the New and Nearly New (donations for this will be collected on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>). Sign-up sheets will be hung up on the bulletin board in October. If you are making baked goods, please stop by the church before packaging them and see all of the nice containers for baked goods that were donated!



**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.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** out of the Gather magazine, will be on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. If you need a copy of the study, one will be available in the office.

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY** w/Tera will be held on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The theme is Rock the Boat! Bring your Bible and an appetizer to share if you are able!

**MEN'S GROUP CRIBBAGE & PIZZA** will be on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Come for fellowship, good conversation, and pizza! Please let Pastor Adam know if you plan on attending!

## **SEASONS OF CHANGE, SIGNS OF GRACE**



“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God’s faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God’s ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God’s steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.

-Author Unknown

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

### **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Special Congregational Meeting  
Ditch Clean Up Following Meeting  
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour  
10:15 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders & Parents Get to Know Your Bible-Fellowship Hall  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

### **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM Bell Choir

### **Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 PM Wednesday Supper  
5:15 PM Praise Band Practice  
5:30 PM Choir  
5:30 PM Wednesday School  
6:30 PM Wednesday Worship  
7:30 PM Confirmation(7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline  
10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22  
6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

### **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Healing Prayers following worship

### **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & Healing Prayers  
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM