

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, October 19th, 2025 9:00 AM

Nineteenth 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

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Day by Day”

ELW #790

KYRIE

ELW p. 147

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready
to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care.**

**Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Pew Bible: p. 26

Reader: Karen Skarphol

PSALM

Psalm 121

Pew Bible: p. 498

Reader: Karen Skarphol

Please read responsively

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

C: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

C: The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

L: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Pew Bible: p.967

Reader: Karen Skarphol

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

Pew Bible: p. 853

The Gospel according to Luke, the 18th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW #631

APOSTLES CREED

ELW p.127

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.

BENEDICTION

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

DISMISSAL

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

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WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. In this week's parable we hear about a widow and an unjust judge. Pray often and do not lose heart.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Reformation Sunday! Knowing the Truth, John 8:31-36.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in memory of Duane Pingeon, given by Barb Pingeon and family.

Attendance: Wednesday: 88; Saturday: 37; Sunday: 130

Offering: \$5,876; Borrowed: \$8,000

Acolytes: Carter Knutson, Jake Luebben

Reader: Karen Skarphol

Technology: Daron Friesen, Lindsey Cartwright, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



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THANK YOU to Karen Skarphol for being the Assisting Minister today. An Assisting Minister helps out when one pastor is not available. He / She usually leads the portion after the Message. If you would like to find out more about the duties of this worship leader, contact Jane Cartwright, Worship and Music Coordinator.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT for Jr AND Sr High Youth from 6pm-8pm! Enjoy pumpkin painting, food, friends, faith, and fun! As always, friends are welcome!

CONFIRMATION CLASS on Wednesday, October 22nd will be in the Fellowship Hall for ALL confirmation students(parents are invited too!); There will be 2 guest speakers, Head Coaches Wyatt Minion and Crystal Fast. They will be focusing on the mindset-teamwork-faith connection!

REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMANDS(10th Graders) will be on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

NEXT SUNDAY at 9:00 am we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. There will also be a special service at 10:45 am where 17 youth will confirm their faith. Please keep these students in your prayers.

SCARY SUPPER AND BOO BINGO will be held on **Sunday, October 26th starting at 5pm**. The supper will be scary sloppy jos, mummy dogs, chips, baked beans, orange drink, water, and a spooky dessert; and will be served starting at 5pm! Supper is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids! Bingo is free and starts at 5:30pm! There will be a costume contest if you feel like dressing up! Winners of the costume contest will be announced before the final game of bingo!

AFTER SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY for 1st-3rd Graders will be on Tuesday, October 28th. Kids will be picked up from school! Please contact Tera to sign up your kiddos!

The 19TH HOLIDAY FAIR will be held on **Saturday, November 8**. Funds raised will be donated to our building maintenance fund, Shetek Lutheran Ministries, Lutheran Disaster Response, Windom Sharing Center, Van Maintenance Fund, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service, Lutheran Youth Organization, the Shetek Ondini Partnership and our youth. **MANY HANDS are needed** to make this event a success. Lefse making will be every Tuesday in October at 8 am. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the office to donate turkeys and soup ingredients along with time slots to volunteer time to work in various departments the day of the fair. We also need help to set

up and take down before and after the fair. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!**

THANK YOU! Melanie Shamp and her sisters would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone's generosity of donating socks! We are still collecting but the response has been amazing! You are all awesome!

DO YOU HAVE A FAITH STORY? We all do, but if you have a story that means a lot to you or if you would like to share what this church means to you, we encourage you to share that story with others! You could share during worship or on a video to share in worship and/or on our Facebook page. Please contact the pastors, Jane, Tera, or the office if this is something you would like to do or if you have questions.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

Let's show our love and gratitude for our pastors this month! Drop off a note of thanks, share a favorite sermon memory or simply tell them how they've made a difference.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS OR DRIVER COMPANIONS

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) could use some people to drive community members to doctor's appointments. You can always decline and put stipulations on whom you will transport. They could also use a driver companion, someone to ride with a person and be there as a support. They could use drivers to go to Rochester and Sioux Falls. They pay mileage, meals, and parking. If you're interested in this powerful ministry call 888-658-2448 ext. 1119.

GOOD WITH TAXES? United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) could use volunteers to help the less fortunate with their taxes. They will train you, provide free meals, and your taxes will be free to file. If interested call 507-476-9283.

KIDS CLOSET The Kids Closet, located in the Presbyterian Church which gives out clothes and winterwear for families in need, could really use new pairs of socks and underwear. Simply drop them off in the office or with Pastor Adam and we'll make sure to get them there!

HALLOWEEN AT SOGGE If you plan on taking your kids out trick or treating this year, make it a point to bring them to the Good Samaritan between four and seven. Not only will your kids get candy and be out of the cold weather, but they will get to see a whole lot of people who are excited and joyful that they came by!

THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY BOARD will be handing out treats on Halloween from 4:30pm-6pm. If you are taking your kids trick or treating, be sure to stop by and see them on 10th Street and “Quench Your Thirst for Jesus!”

QUILT DRAWING FOR HOLIDAY FAIR! Starting October 25th at church services and up until November 8th, you can enter to win a beautiful quilt made by Shelley Lange & Anna Johannsen of the Cottonwood Quilters! **For each dollar donation**, your name will be entered in the drawing to win the full size quilt. The winner will be drawn at Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 8th at 1pm. A flyer with a picture of the quilt is on the bulletin board across from the office and up in Skylight Court.



**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.

START SAVING your items you no longer need for the New and Nearly New Sale for the Holiday Fair! The proceeds from this area of the Holiday Fair will go to the youth. **WE CANNOT USE: CLOTHES, SHOES, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, REFERENCE BOOKS OR FURNITURE.** Items can be dropped off in the meeting room next to the office on these dates only: **Monday, November 3rd, Tuesday, November 4th, and Wednesday, November 5th.**

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 19th

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM
6:00 PM Jr & Sr High Youth Group

Monday, October 20th

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, October 21st

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

Wednesday, October 22nd

1:30 PM Hillside Manor
2:30 PM Pine View
5:00 PM Wednesday Supper
5:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM Praise Band Practice
5:30 PM Wednesday School
6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion & Healing Prayers
7:30 PM All Confirmation Students & Parents in Fellowship Hall for Special Guest Speakers Wyatt Minion and Crystal Fast!
7:30 PM Confirmation Rehearsal in the Sanctuary for 10th Graders and Parents

Thursday, October 23rd

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22
3:00 PM Mikkelsen Manor
4:00 PM Remick Ridge
6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, October 24th

Saturday, October 25th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, October 26th

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 on KDOM
10:45 AM Confirmation Service
5:00 PM Scary Supper & Boo Bingo