

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*



**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 9:00 AM**

*Baptism of Our Lord*

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Wednesdays 6:30 pm Worship  
Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship  
Pastor Adam Roberts  
Ministers: Everyone

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own  
interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where  
honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far  
from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the  
mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly  
with you, our God. Amen.**

May God's grace upon grace flow over you.

† Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN      *"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"*

ELW #442

KYRIE (ELW #157)

HYMN OF PRAISE      *"Glory to God"*

ELW p.148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your  
incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in  
all that we do, 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 42:1-9**

Pew Bible: p. 584

Reader: Michael Wojahn

PSALM

**Psalm 29**

Pew Bible: 438

Reader: Michael Wojahn

Please read responsively

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory  
and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**C: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

SECOND READING

**Acts 10:34-43**

Pew Bible: p. 895

Reader: Michael Wojahn

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Matthew 3:13-17**

Pew Bible: p. 784

The holy gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 3.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

HYMN OF DAY

*"Thy Holy Wings"*

ELW #613

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*"Lord of Light"*

ELW #688 vs 1



**NOISY OFFERING** *We Need Your Help to Make Personal Care Kits*

Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self care, critical germ fighting supplies and the chance for our neighbors in need to regain dignity amidst fear and uncertainty.

A Personal Care Kit includes: ONE new, light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended; TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging; ONE sturdy medium or wide tooth comb; ONE metal nail clippers. Noisy offering will help us purchase needed items for the kit. Donations of items are also welcome! Thank you.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** sewing and kit making as resumed and will continue each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month until May! We begin @ 9:00 am, Work for while, Break for coffee, put in some more work, Noon: Lunchtime! (bring a sack lunch or go home), Yup, work some more, Finish up by 2ish. No experience necessary!

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served! A link will be available to join the meeting remotely. Please email or call the church office for the link to join the ZOOM meeting. Annual reports are available in the Narthex. Kevin Heggeseth will be doing a budget presentation today following the special meeting.

**QUILTING FOR GRADUATES** will be meeting on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! Please join us in making quilts for our graduating seniors!

**PRAYER PARTNER PARTIES** will be on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> during the regular Wednesday/Sunday School Class times!

**DID YOU KNOW** that A.C.E offers many programs for aging adults or those caring for aging adults? That's right! There are many great resources and programs available. Here are a few examples:

**Caregiver Respite-** Someone will come and be with the person you are caring for so you can run errands, spend time with friends, or for self-care.

**Caregiver Support Groups-** Held the last Tuesday of each month in Windom. Call for more information.

**Telephone Reassurance-** those with high risk of falling, sudden illness or social isolation will receive a daily phone call from trained volunteers.

**Commodity Supplemental Food Program-** A Free 35lb box of food for low income seniors(Age and income guidelines apply) call 1-800-365-0270 to enroll

**Dementia Education, Services, and Consulting**

**Bone Builders-**Meets weekly to help improve bone density, balance, energy, and well-being.

**SAIL(Stay Active & Independent for Life)-**similar to Bone Builders but may be a little more intense.

**A Matter of Balance-** An eight week series that helps participants learn to recognize that falling and fears of falls are controllable. Some exercise to help with strength and balance.

**Many other tools for caregivers and for those living with chronic illness or diabetes. Please call Emily Bentson at 507-831-1803 if you have any questions about any of these programs!**



The poster features a dark blue background with white and orange text. At the top, it says "2026 ANNUAL MEETING" in large, bold letters. Below this, a red speech bubble contains the text "ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!". To the left, there is a circular inset image of a church building. To the right, a calendar icon is positioned above the date "JANUARY 18TH 2026" and the time "10:00AM". Below the date, it says "Fellowship Hall". Further down, the text reads "Come and hear about what ALC accomplished this year, and where God is leading us next! Refreshments will be served!". At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "Zoom Link available to join the meeting remotely, upon request. Please contact the church office for the link." The American Lutheran Church logo is located at the bottom left of the poster.

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# Prayer Partner Parties!

Wednesday School & Sunday School  
Prayer Partner Parties will be held  
January 21st/25th respectively!

We LOVE our Prayer Partners and  
can't WAIT to celebrate them!  
Parties will take place during the  
regular WS/SS classtimes.

**ATTENTION  
6TH-8TH GRADERS!**



**OVERNIGHT TRIP!**

**FEBRUARY 7TH-8TH, 2026**

**LEAVE SAT@8AM, RETURN SUN@5PM**

**COST IS \$75**

-INCLUDES THE EVENT, THREE MEALS,  
HOTEL, & TRANSPORTATION-  
ACCOUNT MONEY MAY BE USED!

**STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED UP WITH TERA  
NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST.**

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

### **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Baptism of Our Lord**

- 9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy Offering
- 10:00 AM Special Congregational Meeting
- 10:00 AM Skylight Court Coffee Hour
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

### **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 12:00 PM Trust Fund
- 1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle
- 2:00 PM Altar Guild
- 5:00 PM Christian Ed Board
- 6:00 PM Youth & Family
- 7:00 PM Budget & Finance Bd, Properties Bd, Spiritual Life & Fellowship Bd
- 8:00 PM Church Council

### **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM Windom Ministerial Association
- 5:00 PM Supper
- 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, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline**

- 9:00 AM Conference Pastors Mtg.
- 10:00 AM Worship on SW Stream
- 6:30 PM Worship on SW Stream

### **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Annual Meeting
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM