

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, February 22nd, 2026 9:00 AM

First Sunday of Lent

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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

Welcome to Pastor Heather Culuris and Bethany Lutheran!

TEMPLE TALK- Tanaya Renquist-\$40 for 40 days

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your Word:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for trying to hinder the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and offers you life and peace. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Here I Am Lord”

ELW #574

KYRIE

“Bring Your Mercy”

ALC #4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION

“Day by Day”

Gary Natterstad and Rozanne Gronseth

PSALM

Psalm 23 (King James Version)

Reader: Amanda Wilson

Please read along with the reader

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible: p. 585

Reader: Amanda Wilson

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p.142 Setting 3)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible: p. 812

The holy gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 28.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Heather Culuris

MESSAGE

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HYMN OF THE DAY *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

ELW #579

PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF CALL-Congregation stands

L: Having been authorized by the church to install *Adam Charles Roberts*, our co-worker in the gospel, as *Lead Pastor of American Lutheran Church of Windom*, I now ask for certification of this call.

Representative of the calling body: After prayerful deliberation, we, of *American Lutheran Church of Windom*, have called *Adam Charles Roberts*, to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of *Lead Pastor*. I present *Adam Charles Roberts* and this letter certifying the call. (Congregation may be seated)

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

L: A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

L: *Adam Charles Roberts*, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?
Pastor Adam: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Pastor Adam: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

Pastor Adam: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Trusting in God's care, will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Pastor Adam: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Pastor Adam: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. Amen.

Congregation stands

L: People of God, will you receive *Adam Charles Roberts*, as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard *Adam Charles Roberts*, as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

L: Will you pray for *Adam Charles Roberts*? Will you help and honor *Adam Charles Roberts* in carrying out this ministry? In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

L: *Adam Charles Roberts*, the office of *Lead Pastor* is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BLESSING

L: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

PLACES OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Font: Bob Johnson:

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

They proceed to the place of the word.

Pulpit: Garen Paulson:

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

They proceed to the place of the meal.

Altar w/ Holy Communion items: Jackie Turner:

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

PRESENTATION OF LEAD PASTOR

L: People of God, I present to you Pastor Adam Charles Roberts, your Lead Pastor.

Let us welcome Pastor *Adam Charles Roberts*, in the name of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”*

ELW #811

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

MicheLe meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

ELW #841

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the Good News!
We will! Thanks be to God.

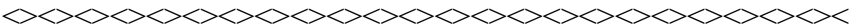
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. Welcome to Synod Pastor Heather Culuris, as we celebrate the Installation of Pastor Adam Roberts as ALC’s Lead Pastor. From the Gospel reading, remember, Jesus is always with us.

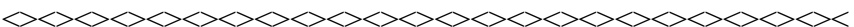
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for The Mission of Christ: to save the world, John 3: 1-17.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s service is in honor of the Installation of Pastor Adam as Lead Pastor.



Attendance: Wednesday: 71; Saturday: 42; Sunday: 137

Offering: \$5,004



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Acolytes: Graham Miller, Hannah Wilson

Reader: Amanda Wilson

Holy Communion: Melanie Shamp, Braxton Pohlman

Installation Participants: John Shamp, Bob Johnson, Garen Paulson, Jackie Turner

Technology: Todd Armstrong, John Shamp, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett



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CONGRATUALTIONS TO PASTOR ADAM on being installed this morning as Lead Pastor! There will be a reception for him in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

QUILTING FOR GRADUATES will be meeting THIS afternoon at 1pm! There is a job for everyone, even if you are not a quilter! We would love for you to take part in this meaningful ministry!

HIDDEN FIGURES MOVIE NIGHT – THIS EVENING!, we will be having a movie night in the Chapel and chili afterwards in the Skylight Court. All are invited to come and watch the movie Hidden Figures at 4pm. A chili supper will follow afterwards in the Skylight Court. Childcare will be available, and we will feed your kiddos too! This event is brought to you by the Christian Ed Board! If you are planning to attend and will need childcare, please contact Tera so we make sure to have enough food and caregivers for the kiddos!

9TH-11TH GRADERS are invited to a Step-Up Leadership event at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. This will take place on Tuesday, March 17th. This is a one-day event that focuses on teaching students how to recognize, interpret, and act upon situations that require intervention, fostering leadership and proactive community safety. Please contact Tera with any questions and sign up with her by February 27th! The fee to attend is paid for by the Youth Fund, thanks to generous donations!

SR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING for 9th-12th graders is April 10th-11th! Please sign up with Tera by March 1st!

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A RADIO BROADCAST? You can sponsor a broadcast in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or an event! There are dates open in March, April, and May! Please call the church office or stop in!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 22nd

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & Installation of Pastor Adam
10:00 AM Reception for Adam in Fellowship Hall
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM
1:00 PM Quilting for Graduates
4:00 PM Movie and Chili Night Chapel/Skylight Court

Monday, February 23rd

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 24th

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

Wednesday, February 25th

12:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service
5:00 PM Lenten Supper-Chicken noodle soup & Chili-Church in Society Bld
5:30 Choir
5:30 PM Wednesday School
6:30 PM Lenten Worship
7:30 PM Confirmation 8th & 9th Grade
7:30 PM 10th-12th Grade Lenten Bible Study

Thursday, February 26th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM Worship on SW Stream
3:00 Mikkelsen Manor
4:00 PM Remick Ridge
6:30 PM Worship on SW Stream

Friday, February 27th

Saturday, February 28th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 1st

Second Sunday of Lent

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