

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*



... **for the LORD**  
**does not see**  
as mortals see;  
they look on the  
outward appearance,  
**but the LORD**  
**looks on the heart.**

1 Samuel 16:7, NRSV

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 9:00 AM**

*Fourth 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

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

CHOIR PRELUDE

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

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

L: 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      *“O God of Mercy, God of Light”*  
ELW #714 (vs. 1, 2, 6)

KYRIE                              *“Bring Your Mercy”*                      ALC #4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord, Jesus Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM”              *“He Dies for Me at Calvary”*

FIRST READING              **1 Samuel 16:1-7**              Pew Bible: p.226  
Reader: Irene Swanson

SECOND READING              **Ephesians 5:8-14**              Pew Bible: p.951  
Reader: Irene Swanson

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ( p.151 Setting 4)

GOSPEL READING              **John 9:1-41**              Pew Bible: p.871  
The holy gospel according to John, Chapter 9.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE                              Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE    Tera Elness

HYMN OF THE DAY              *“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”*  
ELW #520 (vs:1, 3, 4)

APOSTLES’ CREED p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE      *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*  
ELW #803 (vs. 4)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* ELW #324

DISMISSAL

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

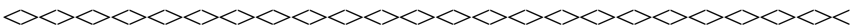
POSTLUDE ++++++

**WELCOME** to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. When listening to this week’s reading, the power of Jesus was able to heal the man born blind. From darkness into HIS light. May the light of Christ shine every day.

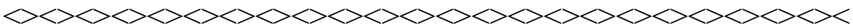
**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** The Raising of Lazarus, Ezekiel 37:1-14.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today’s service is in memory of Signe Holmen’s March 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday, given by Lori & Steve Seifert, and Corrine Holmen.

**A RADIO GIFT** was given by Pat Soleta’s family in memory of her March 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



Attendance: Wednesday: 106; Saturday: 29; Sunday: 121  
Offering: \$4,361



**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Acolytes: Elli Steinbrink, Maci Jurgens

Reader: Irene Swanson

Technology: Todd Armstrong, John Shamp, Eugene Hanchett



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**REMINDER!!** Easter flower orders are due tomorrow, Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>!

**A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH TERA** for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders will

be held Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Invite your friends! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH!** Church and Society will be collecting items through March for the local food shelf. Cleaning and Paper items, Personal Items, Breakfast Items, & Canned Goods. We will take any items anytime - these are suggestions only!! Monetary donations are also great!!!

**GLOW SEWING AND KIT MAKING** will be on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am! All are welcome! No experience is necessary! Come for the day or just for a while!

**QUILTING FOR GRADUATES** will be gathering on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We have many quilts to tie, and many hands make light and quick work! Please join us!

**THE CHRISTIAN ED BD** Is looking for donations of bags of individually wrapped candy for their Easter Egg Hunt. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please have candy to the church by Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Church!

**WE ARE ONCE AGAIN** hosting a Spring Scrapbook retreat! One of the meals we will have is going to be fondue! Do you have a fondue pot we could borrow for Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>? Please drop off at the church office!

**DO YOU ENJOY RE-TELLING STORIES?** We are looking for 10 individuals to re-tell the Passion Story from the Gospel of John on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in being one of our readers, please contact Jane or the church office.

**DISCIPLESHIP, MARKETING, & STEWARDSHIP BD** is trying to get a feel for the need of Sunday morning rides to church. If this is a service you would utilize, please call or email the church office.

**MEN'S GROUP CRIBBAGE & PIZZA** will be on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy fellowship, pizza, and cribbage. All men are welcome! Invite your friends! Please let Pastor Adam know if you plan on attending so he knows how much pizza to get.

**SHETEK** is having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm for a free-will donation! Gather your friends and go have a wonderful breakfast!

**REMICK RIDGE** is looking for an individual or couple who would like to lead a weekly Bible Study for their residents. They are open to dates and times. Please call Brenda at 507-831-0745 if you are interested.

**COMMUNITY BINGO!** Mikkelsen Manor invites all seniors to join them on Fridays at 2pm for Bingo fun with the residents. Call Brenda with any questions, 507-831-0745.

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**THE BANQUET** in Sioux Falls has been looking for volunteers. As a church, we go in July and provide the money for the meal, BUT you can sign up anytime to help. Go to their website <https://thebanquetsf.org/> to sign up. This would be a great idea for a group you are part of, or for your family to participate in!

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!** Have you or a friend been attending church activities but are not yet a member? We would LOVE to have you join our church family “officially”. There will be a New Member information meeting on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Adam, Tera, Jane, or the office staff know and we will get you set up! If this date does not work for you, please let us know and we can work something else out!

**CONFIRMATION camp!**  
TERA'S 7TH GR. CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ONLY  
INSTEAD OF WKLY CLASSES DURING LENT THIS YEAR, OUR 7TH GRADERS WILL HEAD TO SHETEK FOR 24 HRS!  
**SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**  
MARCH 20-21, 2026 / LEAVING ALC AT 5PM ON FRIDAY THE 20TH AND RETURNING AT 7PM ON SAT THE 21ST  
THIS RETREAT IS 24 HOURS, BEGINNING AT 6PM ON FRIDAY AND CONCLUDING AT 6PM ON SATURDAY WITH SUPPER SERVED BOTH DAYS.  
DURING CONFIRMATION RETREATS, YOUTH HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMP ACTIVITIES WHILE CONNECTING WITH OTHER YOUTH.  
YOUTH STAY IN A CABIN WITH A SHETEK STAFF MEMBER.  
ADULT LEADERS WILL STAY IN OUR RETREAT CENTER.

*Facebook Devotions*  
THROUGHOUT THE SEASON OF LENT, ALC STAFF WILL ONCE AGAIN BE PROVIDING DAILY FB LIVE DEVOTIONS SHARED WITH PERMISSION FROM AUGSBURG FORTRESS. WE HOPE YOU WILL MEET US THERE. ♥  
love outpoured  
THE GIFT DONE FOR YOU. 2026



# Looking for Easter Candy!

THE CHRISTIAN ED. BOARD  
IS SEEKING DONATIONS OF  
INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY  
FOR OUR PALM SUNDAY  
EASTER EGG HUNT!

*Please bring your donations directly  
to Tera or to the Church Office  
by Wednesday, March 26th.*

**THANK YOU!**



**PALM SUNDAY  
NURSERY – 6TH GRADE  
EASTER EGG HUNT!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH – 10:15AM**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP AND  
IN PLACE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CLASSROOM TIME!**

**ALL WED/SUN SCHOOL STUDENTS  
WILL BE SINGING AT OUR  
PALM SUNDAY SERVICE!**



 **SHETEK**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Free will donation

**Saturday March  
28, 2026  
9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.**

Serving in the Dining Hall  
14 Keeley Island Drive-Slayton, MN 56172

## THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School- Grandparents Day

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

### Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM Bell Choir

### Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM GLOW Sewing & kit making

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

6:00 PM Quilting for Graduates



### Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service-Pastor Adam ALC Serves

5:00 PM Lenten Supper-Bethany Lutheran, Pulled Pork

5:30 Choir

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

7:30 PM Confirmation 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

7:30 PM 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Lenten Bible Study

### Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

#### 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

9:00 AM Conference Pastors Meeting

10:00 AM Worship on SW Stream

3:00 PM Mikkelsen Manor

4:00 PM Remick Ridge

6:30 PM Men's Group Cribbage & Pizza

6:30 PM Worship on SW Stream

### Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Church Office Closed

5:00 PM 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat departure

### Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

7:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Return

### Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Fifth 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