

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



SUFFERING
produces endurance, and

ENDURANCE
produces character, and

CHARACTER
produces hope, and

HOPE
does not disappoint us ...

ROMANS 5:3-5, NRSV

Sunday, March 8th, 2026 9:00 AM

Third 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

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering-Windom Area Sharing Center

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 *“Bless Now, O God the Journey”* ELW #326

KYRIE *“Bring Your Mercy”* ALC #4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

FIRST READING Exodus 17:1-7 Pew Bible: p.56
Reader: Jonah Lohse

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-11 Pew Bible: p.917
Reader: Jonah Lohse

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p.151 Setting 4)

GOSPEL READING **John 4: 5-42** Pew Bible: p.864-865
The holy gospel according to John, Chapter 4.
C: Glory to you, O Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Tera Elness, DCYFM
MESSAGE Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Bringing in the Sheaves”* *insert*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”*
ELW #811

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”* ELW #618

DISMISSAL

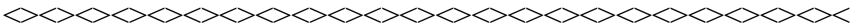
Go in peace. Believe the Good News!
We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ++++++

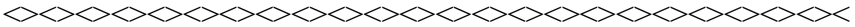
WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. In this week’s reading, the Samaritan woman was provided life-giving water by Jesus. We are able to access this through the water of baptism. It is a sign of God’s grace.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for The Man Born Blind, 1 Samuel 16:1-13

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s service is in honor of Carol Vought being our organist for 45+ years, given by Judy, Richard, and Lorraine. And Happy Birthday to Carol on March 13th!



Attendance: Wednesday: 116; Saturday: 20; Sunday: 97
Offering: \$9,762



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Acolytes: Wyatt Soderholm, Ali Luebben

Reader: Jonah Lohse

Technology: Jake Voth, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

NOISY OFFERING collected this morning is going to the Windom Area Sharing Center. Thank you for your support of those in need!

Do you know the meaning behind The Hymn of the Day, “Bringing in the Sheaves”? The lyrics are based on Psalm 126. The lyrics were written by Knowles Shaw back in 1874. The tune was composed by George Minor in 1880. The theme of wheat is found several places in the bible. The phrase, ‘seeds for sowing’, is a metaphor for sharing words of faith/ the Gospel, and ‘harvesting the sheaves’ are bringing people into the faith. The ‘field to be harvested’ is around the world. The lyric, ‘Master’, references God. In verse 3, it reflects on death and the joys that are found in God’s Kingdom.



GRANDPARENTS DAY AT WEDNESDAY SCHOOL is on **Wednesday, March 11th (5:30pm) and Sunday March, 15th (10:15am)**! Students can bring a grandparent

or other special adult to Wednesday school! Bring your kiddos to the Fellowship Hall! Come early on Wednesday and have supper at the Hotdish Heaven fundraiser for the youth going on the Milwaukee Mission Trip in May!

OUR MILWAUKEE MISSION TRIP YOUTH will be serving the Lenten Supper **NEXT WEDNESDAY, March 11th**. Their menu is ***HOTDISH HEAVEN*** (a grand assortment of scrumptious hotdishes!) and will include ***homemade buns***. Mmmm! They are looking for donations of bars or cookies to complete their meal, as well as gallons of milk. Can you help? Please let Tera know! Thanks so much!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES for 5th Grade students will start **Thursday, March 12th**. **The second class will be on Thursday, March 26th**. Classes will take place right after school. Transportation from the school to the church is provided. Classes will go until 4:30pm. If your 5th Grader **WILL NOT** be attending these classes, please let Tera or the church office know.

A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH TERA for 10th-12th 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 - this is suggestions only!! Monetary donations are also great!!!

SHETEK CAMPERSHIP DRAWINGS will be held on Thursday, March 12th via FB Live at **NOON!** If you haven't signed up your kiddos yet, please contact Tera! Sign up for a mini or a full week!

GLOW Women's Bible Study will be at 2pm on Thursday, March 12th. The study will be out of the March/April/May Gather magazine. Copies of the study will be available in the office if you need one!

MEN'S GROUP CRIBBAGE & PIZZA will be on Thursday, March 19th. 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.

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 26th. 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 24th? 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 3rd. If you are interested in being one of our readers, please contact Jane or the church office.



**At Wednesday/Sunday School!
March 11th/15th**

**GRANDPARENTS OR OTHER SPECIAL
ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THEIR
STUDENT IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DURING
HIS/HER REGULAR CLASSTIME!
WE WILL ENJOY A LESSON, A CRAFT,
AND A FUN SNACK TOGETHER!**

A poster for a Lenten Supper event. The background is a warm orange color with a red and white checkered border at the bottom. The title "Hotdish Heaven" is written in large, bold letters, with "Heaven" in a red cursive font. Below the title, the text reads: "**The Youth & Family Board will be hosting the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 11th**". Underneath, it says "All money raised will be put towards our Milwaukee Mission Trip!!". In the center is an illustration of a red pot with a blue lid. At the bottom, there is a small text box with a calendar icon and a location pin icon, containing the text: "Wed, March 11th serving starts at 5! American Lutheran Church of Windom". Below this box, it says "Please Plan to Join Us!".

**Hotdish
Heaven**

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CONFIRMATION
 TERA'S *camp!*
 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
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 DEVOTIONS FOR
 LENT 2026

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 8th

Third Sunday of Lent

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy Offering

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

Monday, March 9th

7:00 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, March 10th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

2:00 PM Altar Guild

6:00 PM Youth & Family Bd

7:00 PM Budget & Finance, Christian Ed, Properties, Spiritual Life & Fellowship Bd, Worship & Music Bd

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, March 11th

12:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service-Pastor Tommy

5:00 PM Lenten Supper-HOTDISH HEAVEN

5:30 Choir

5:30 PM Wednesday School-Grandparents Day

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

7:30 PM Confirmation 8th & 9th Grade

7:30 PM 10th-12th Grade Lenten Bible Study

Thursday, March 12th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Worship on SW Stream

12:00 PM FB Live Shetek Campership Drawings

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

3:30 PM 5th Grade 1st Communion Class

6:30 PM Worship on SW Stream

Friday, March 13th

Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 14th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy offering

Sunday, March 15th

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