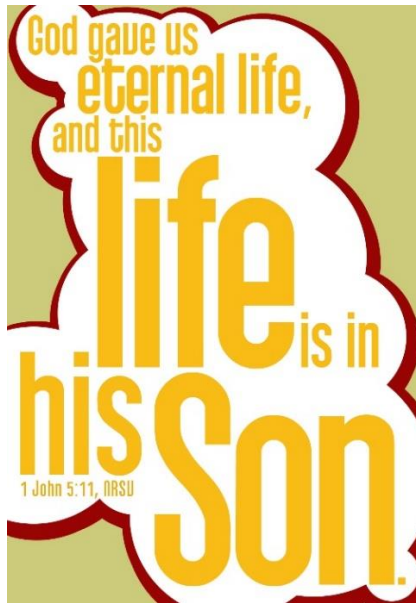


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**Sunday, May 12, 2024 9:00 AM**

*Seventh Sunday after Easter*

*Creation Sunday*

*Mother's Day*

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship

Sundays 9:00 am Worship & Wednesdays 6:30 pm Worship

**Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts**

**Ministers: Everyone**

GATHERING MUSIC

Angie Erickson, Pianist

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother’s Day, Creation Sunday, Last Sunday of Sunday School  
Wednesday Event, Noisy Offering-VBS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us beloved children,  
who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse  
us from all unrighteousness.

L: Faithful and just God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the  
ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers  
as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy  
Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may  
know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

L: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent  
the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of † Jesus Christ, I announce to  
you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear,  
fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* ELW #879

KYRIE (setting 4) p. 147

HYMN OF PRAISE p. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by  
the powerful name of Christ we ask you to protect us from evil. By  
your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find  
our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

FIRST READING **Acts 1:15-17, 21-26** Pew Bible p. 887

Reader: Sharon Thompson

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING **1 John 5:9-13** Pew Bible p. 991

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAIMATION

GOSPEL READING:           **John 17:6-19**                   Pew Bible p. 879  
L: The Holy Gospel, according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY

**“On Eagle’s Wings”**

ELW #787

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

CREATION BLESSING

CREATION CREED

on screens

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Please be aware of sickness. Greet one another  
with a wave of your hand or an elbow bump*

OFFERING

*We give because God gives to us! Our ministries share God’s love.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**“Give Thanks”**

ALC 15

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Risen One, by your Spirit you empower us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form  
us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true  
vine. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

**“God’s Work, Our Hands”**

ACS 1000

(On Screens) (Tune: ELW #731 Earth and All Stars)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for all creation.

**We Will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

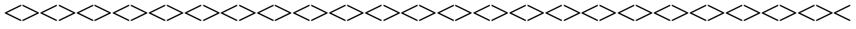
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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today we celebrate and honor mothers, be it through birth, adoption, or that special someone who has a tender heart. You are a blessing in so many ways. It

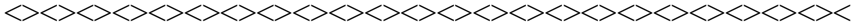
is also Creation Sunday. God's creation surrounds and provides blessings daily. In the reading, take note that Jesus is praying for his disciples and all who believe in him.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Christ Sends the Spirit of Truth, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in loving memory of Clara Johnosn, given by Geof and Leann Johnson.



Attendance Last Wednesday: 97; Saturday: 31; Sunday: 145  
Offering: \$7,707 Borrowed: \$25,000



**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Acolytes:** Sadie Tjentland, Melinda Schunk

**Reader:** Sharon Thompson

**Technology:** Jake Voth, John Shamp, Eugene Hanchett, Tom Wickie



**CREATION SUNDAY** Today we celebrate what blessings we have to enjoy; lakes and rivers, park trails through woods and prairies, and sun to warm the earth for crops and livestock. If you brought any seeds, a container of soil, or a filled bottle from a nearby water source you can bring it forth for a blessing when prompted.

**NOISY OFFERING** collected today will be going towards 2024 VBS (Vacation Bible School). VBS is scheduled for Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, each evening from 5:30pm-8pm. Your donation allows us to offer VBS for free and for the kids to have a fun-packed week! **Summer VBS Registration will be available during Wednesday & Sunday School class times this week as Parents join their Children for these special last days!**

**ASCENSION DAY** was Thursday, May 9, 2024, and it comes 40 days after Easter, Jesus Christ's resurrection. On this day, Christians celebrate Jesus ascending up into heaven. He has spent the last 40 days teaching his disciples. Ten days following Jesus' ascension, is Pentecost, the day on which the Holy Spirit is made known to the disciples. *John 20:17. 17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "*

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. This month starts a new series out of the May/June Gather Magazine. If you need a copy of the study, some will be available in the office.

**SENIOR SUNDAY** to honor our 2024 Seniors of ALC will be on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Seniors, we would love for you to come and be honored with your church family! Congregation, please join us in honoring our seniors on this day during worship and with a free brunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Brunch will include scrambled eggs, sausage links, fruit, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk and coffee. Congratulations to all of our ALC Seniors!



**ACOLYTE OPPORTUNITY** Our confirmation kids are acolytes during the school year but they have the summer off. If you think your elementary school child is mature enough to acolyte and if your child would love the honor of being an acolyte during the summer months, let Pastor Adam know, he would love to train them in.



**CHURCH SOFTBALL** season is just around the corner! If you would like to join the fun of church softball, please contact Donnie Boltjes at 507-830-0015. There will be a meeting on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the meeting room for anyone who wants to attend!



**THE DAY OF PENTECOST, MAY 19TH-** As the birthday of the church, Pentecost Sunday is among the most important festivals of the Christian church.

Occurring 50 days after Easter, Pentecost celebrates the day the Holy Spirit appeared to the first believers, providing the enthusiasm, faith, and courage to spread the good news of the gospel throughout the known world. We celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. *We invite you to wear red on May 19th to help us celebrate Pentecost Sunday!*



**MEN'S GROUP CRIBBAGE AND PIZZA** will be on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. All men are welcome! Come and join the guys for cribbage, pizza and fellowship! Please let Pastor Adam know if you plan on attending!

**REMINDER** to graduating Seniors to send your pictures to [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) or text them to 507-380-8656 by May 13<sup>th</sup>! Pictures will be displayed on the screens during the Senior Recognition service on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and will also be put in the June Messenger!


# Save the Date for these events!

THE WINDOM MINISTERIAL INVITES  
YOU TO ATTEND

# Baccalaureate

A Christian Worship Service to encourage  
and honor the graduation high school  
seniors

May 22nd, 7pm, WAHS Blue Gym



Please join us in celebrating this year's graduates!

# Senior Brunch



IN HONOR OF

# ALC Graduates

Immediately following the Senior Recognition Service  
on Sunday, May 19th, 2024

American Lutheran Church Windom Fellowship Hall  
Serving Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cinnamon Rolls,  
Fruit, Coffee, Milk, & Juice

\*This free brunch is sponsored by the Youth & Family Board\*

# VBS SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH - THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST  
5:30-8:00PM \* AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WHO IS my neighbor?



VBS IS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED  
PRESCHOOL THROUGH 5TH GRADE.  
FRIENDS ARE WELCOME AND  
THERE IS NO FEE TO ATTEND!

Those entering 7th-12th next school year

# ARNOLDS PARK

sunday, june 2nd  
leaving after church at 10am - back at 4pm

**\$25**  
INC. TICKETS &  
TRANSPORTATION

**ACCT'S  
MAY BE  
USED!**

**FRIENDS  
WELCOME!**

SIGN UP WITH TERA BY MAY 22ND  
507-822-3377 | [teraalc@gmail.com](mailto:teraalc@gmail.com)



**THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup>!!!!!!**



**IN CONCERT**

**RACHEL  
KURTZ**



**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
906 PROSPECT AVE. WINDOM, MN**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024**

**WORSHIP 6:30 - 7:15 PM**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

**YOUTH ONLY EVENT  
7:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Pizza Supper**  
Serving 5 - 6:15 pm  
ALC Fellowship Hall  
Sponsored by  
Christian Ed  
All are invited!

## THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

### **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Mother's Day**

**Creation Sunday**

**Second Sunday Noisy Offering**

9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy offering and Creation blessing

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café

10:15 AM Sunday School-Last Day

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

### **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

### **Tuesday, May 14<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

6:00 PM Y& F Board

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

8:00 PM Church Council

### **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

5:00 PM Wednesday Supper- Pizza sponsored by Christian Ed

6:30 PM-7:15 PM Wednesday Worship w/Agape and Rachel Kurtz

7:30 PM-8:30 PM Youth only event with Agape and Rachel Kurtz

### **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV Ch 22

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

5:00 PM Technology Meeting

6:30 PM Cable TV, Ch 22

7:00 PM Church softball meeting-Meeting room

### **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

### **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Senior Sunday**

9:00 AM Worship w/Senior Recognition

10:00 AM Senior Celebration Brunch

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

