The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

Saturday, August 17, 2024 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Chapel Worship 5:30 pm

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5:30 pm Saturday Chapel Worship
9:00 am Sunday Worship
Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
Ministers: Everyone

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection)

C: God and Father of all, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us and cleanse us, heal us and strengthen us, empower us to do the work, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, † you are a new creation: Your sins are taken away and you are made new.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

ELW #468

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING **Proverbs 9:1-6** Pew Bible p. 516

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-20 Pew Bible p. 952

GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-58

Pew Bible p. 868

L: The holy gospel according to John, the 6th 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 "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" ELW #520

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be aware of illness. 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

"We Give Thee"

ELW #686 v 1

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution p. 144

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Carol meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "O Living Bread from Heaven" ELW #542

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church as we gather this evening. In the reading, our understanding and knowledge of Jesus, as the Bread of Life, develops from a lifelong faith journey.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for The Bread of Eternal Life, John 6:59-69.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in loving memory of the August 14th birthday of Milo Holmen, and of the shared August 18th birthday of Malinda Flatgard and Michael Holmen, given by Corine Holmen and Brenda Flatgard.

BECOME A MEMBER OF ALC! -Did you know you can become a member of ALC at any time?! If you want to know more information about becoming a member, you can talk to Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, Melanie or Wendy in the office, or Tera and Jane! We would love to tell you all about it! We will recognize those who become members once every 3 months during the church services.

Offering: \$3,531; Borrowed: \$42,000



THIS QR CODE is a quick and convenient way to support the ministries at ALC. To scan the code: Open the camera on your smartphone and move your camera so the code is in the frame. You'll see the code's URL. Click on that link to go our Give Now option. Please note: it costs thirty-nine cents per online transaction

plus three percent of how much you give.

WS/SS TEACHER MEETING- If you have volunteered to be a Wednesday School or Sunday School teacher or helper, there will be a meeting on Monday, August 26th at 6:30PM in the Skylight Court.

SMALL GROUP GUIDES FOR CONFIRMATION will be meeting on Wednesday, August 28th at 7pm to prepare with the pastors for the upcoming confirmation year.

PARENTS OF 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH GRADERS- Please save the date for the parent and student confirmation meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at 7pm. We ask that you please make it a priority to come.

THE YOUTH AND FAMILY BOARD would like to start a tradition



of giving our graduating High School Seniors a handmade quilt as their senior gift. We would like to start planning now to ensure that the quilts are done by Senior Recognition Sunday next May. We are looking for those who like to sew, iron, or just be part of the fun! There will be a job

for you even if you don't sew! In order to accommodate all ages and schedules, sewing times will be offered in the evenings and/or on the weekends. Please be watching for an initial meeting date in the very near future!



CAN YOU HELP? Our Meals On Wheels coordinator, Gary Nelson, is looking for people to deliver meals during the month of September. He would like to thank all those who have volunteered

in the past! If you have an hour a day to spare for a week (or more) please contact the church office and we will have Gary contact you to see what week or days work for you!



SCIAPBOOKING OD YOU LIKE CRAFTING or scrapbooking? August 23rd & 24th is our Summer Scrapbook and Crafting Retreat! Registration fee includes

supper on Friday night, homemade brownies with homemade chocolate sauce and ice cream for late night snack, brunch on Saturday morning, coffee and water, and large work space with electricity. Pre-registration is needed. Come a day early on Thursday, August 22nd from 1pm-10pm for just \$10 more. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board across from the office for more detailed information. All proceeds will go to the ALC youth.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PRAYER PARTNER for

Wednesday or Sunday school? A prayer partner can best be described as an a adopt-a-grandparent. This individual will pray for their specific classroom of students and will have an opportunity join them throughout the year for various activities. Please talk to Tera about this VIP ministry! You

can talk to her in person, send her a text at 507-822-3377, or email her at teraalc@gmail.com.



DO YOU MAKE A "BLUE RIBBON" PIE? We are looking for 5 pies for the upcoming **YOUTH FUNDRAISER** scrapbook and crafting retreat. The

theme for the retreat is "county fair" and we would like to serve them pie! If you like to make pie and would like to contribute to the youth, please contact Melanie in the

church office. And, it *does not* need to be a blue ribbon winning pie! Pies would need to be to the church by 4pm on Friday, August 23rd. Thank you for always supporting our youth!



EXCITING NEWS!!!!! We are getting a new church directory! This new directory brought to you by Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board will be ONLINE! With an online directory, we can update often and add photos and information very quickly and easily. A printed version will be available to

purchase for \$20 once the directory is fully completed. You will have 2 different options to add a photo to the directory; you can submit a photo by email OR there will be opportunities to have your photo taken in the Skylight Court on 3 Wednesdays, 3 Sundays, and 2 Saturdays during September and the first week of October. Please be watching for more detailed information in the coming weeks!

BACK TO SCHOOL GRILL-OUT for 7th-12 graders will be at Tera's house on Sunday, August 25th at 5pm! Friends are welcome! Please RSVP to Tera!





SAVE THE DATE for Rally Day at the lake! We will be kicking off the school year on Sunday, September 8th at 9am with worship at the lake, blessing of the backpacks AND Pancakes after worship!

Tidbits to Ponder! Something new to fill up that empty page in the bulletin!

Redeeming 'wasted' time

In *Just Like Jesus*, Max Lucado writes that the average American spends a total of six months waiting at stoplights, eight months opening junk mail, 18 months looking for items we've lost and five years standing in line. All the while, many of us grumble: "What a waste of time! I could be doing something much more important! *Where* are my keys?"

But Lucado suggests that we give these moments to God. Rather than whispering to ourselves, we can speak to God in prayer. "Simple phrases such as 'Thank you, Father,' 'Be sovereign in this hour, O Lord,' 'You are my resting place, Jesus' can turn a commute into a pilgrimage," he writes. "You needn't leave your office or kneel in your kitchen. Just pray where you are. Let the kitchen become a cathedral or the classroom a chapel. Give God your whispering thoughts."

When we do this, "the common becomes uncommon," Lucado adds. What's more, "wasted" time becomes valuable; boring waits become meditative; the lost — your time, if not also your keys — is redeemed.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, August 18th 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship at the Lake 10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

Monday, August 19th

Tuesday, August 20th Messenger Deadline 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, August 21st

11:00 AM Sogge 1:30 PM Hillside Manor 2:30 PM Pine View

Thursday, August 22nd

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM Scrapbook and Crafting Retreat 3:00 PM Mikkelsen Manor 4:00 PM Remick Ridge

Friday, August 23rd

9:00 AM - Midnight Scrapbook and Crafting Retreat

Saturday, August 24th

 $9\!:\!00~AM-7\!:\!00~PM$ Scrapbook and Crafting Retreat $5\!:\!30~PM$ Chapel Worship

Sunday, August 25th 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM 5:00 PM Back to School Grill Out at Tera's