

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, August 25, 2024 9:00 AM
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

906 Prospect Ave, PO Box 188
Windom MN 56101; Phone: 507-831-1794
E-Mail: winalc@windomnet.com
Website: www.alcofwindom.com

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

WELCOME/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

“Lead On O King Eternal”

ELW #805

KYRIE

Setting 4 p. 147

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Blessing and Honor”

ELW #854 v. 1 & 2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal.

Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Pew Bible p. 187

Readers: Kim Armstrong

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

Pew Bible p.952

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *“Bread of Life”*

GOSPEL READING **John 6:56-69** 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**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness”*
ELW #488

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

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“You Are the Way”* ELW #758

DISMISSAL

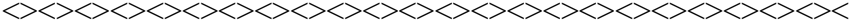
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
We Will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE ++++++

WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church as we conclude the reading of John 6. Do we find Jesus’ teaching too difficult, or can we be led to believe? During worship, listen for the words of eternal life and to eat of the bread from heaven. (Gail Ramshaw, Sundays and Seasons)

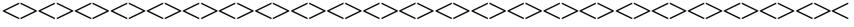
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Authentic Religion, Mark 7:1-8, 21-23

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in memory of Milo Holmen, given by friends.



Attendance: Saturday: 36; Sunday: 96

Offering: \$6,948; Borrowed: \$50,000



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Readers: Kim Armstrong

Holy Communion: Tina Mesner, Keith & Janice Pohlman

Technology: Todd Armstrong, Lindsey Cartwright, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



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 to our Give Now option.

Please note: It costs thirty-nine cents per online transaction plus three percent of how much you give.

We also have a Simply Giving option that allows you to have money automatically taken out of your bank account each month. Please talk to Wendy in the office if this is something you would be interested in!



REMINDER to 7th-12th Graders that the **Back to School Grill Out** is at Tera and Kent's **this evening** from 5pm-7pm! Friends are welcome!

WS/SS TEACHER MEETING will be held in Skylight Court **TOMORROW** evening at 6:30pm. Thank you to all those who have agreed to be a WS or SS teacher! We could not do this ministry without you!

CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP GUIDE meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 28th at 7pm** in the Fellowship Hall! Thank you so much for giving your time for our confirmation students!

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 is hoping to make quilts for our graduating seniors. We will be having an initial meeting on **Sunday, September 22nd at 10:15am** in the meeting room. At the meeting we will make a schedule of quilting times. We will have quilting times in the evening and on the weekends to accommodate anyone who would like to help. If you are interested in helping in any way with the quilts, please attend this meeting. There will be a job for everyone, even if you don't quilt or sew.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PRAYER PARTNER for Wednesday or Sunday school? A prayer partner can best be described as an 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.



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!

PARABLES & PROVERBS! Youth in grades 7th-12th are invited to go to Sioux Falls with Tera to see an amazing musical called Parables & Proverbs on **Sunday, September 8th**. We will leave the church parking lot at 2pm, go to the show, and then go to Pizza Ranch afterwards! Cost is \$40 and includes transportation, tickets, and Pizza Ranch! Account money can be used! Please sign up with Tera by August 30th!

REMINDER that the church office and building will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

THE RESOURCE CENTER(craft center) could use a few things for the upcoming WS/SS year. Items needed include staplers, washable Crayola markers, multi-colored Sharpies, disinfecting wipes, and Scotch tape refills. Donations can be dropped off anytime! Thank you!



EXCITING NEWS!!!! We are getting a new church directory!

CHURCH MEMBER DIRECTORY

COMING SOON!
Instant **Church Directory™**



ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

We are trying something new with an online member directory, brought to you by Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board. It will be available from our website, from an app on your phone, or you can get a printed copy for \$20. This online directory will make it easy for us to update it frequently!

- **NO COST! NO PRESSURE!**

Unless you would like a printed copy of the directory, there is no cost to you and no pressure to buy a photo!

- **NO FANCY PHOTOS, NO HASSELS**

Our photographers will take a quick snapshot, it won't be a 20 min session! *If you already have a nice photo, no need to take a new one! It can be emailed to the church office!*

- **NO SIGN UP NEEDED!**

We will have opportunities to have your photo taken on 3 Wednesday evenings, 2 Saturday evenings, and 3 Sunday mornings! We will have a form for you to put any updated information if you have had any recent address changes, ect.

WEDNESDAYS

5:00pm-6:15pm

September 18th

September 25th

October 2nd

SATURDAYS

5:00pm-5:30pm

September 21st

September 28th

SUNDAYS

8:15am-9am

September 22nd

September 29th

October 6th

OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS...

JESSICA BAK

TINA MESNER

PAGE KERN

at Sogge, Remick, Mikkelsen

these 3 members have graciously agreed to donate their time to take photos for our new directory!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

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 for 7th-12th Grade

Monday, August 26th

6:30 PM WS/SS Teacher Meeting-Skylight Court

Tuesday, August 27th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, August 28th

7:00 PM Confirmation Small Group Guide Meeting

Thursday, August 29th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, August 30th

Saturday, August 31st

5:30 PM Chapel Worship

Sunday, September 1st

15th 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



Tidbits to ponder

Who, me? Yes, you!

The Bible is filled with people who don't feel up to the challenge of serving God, speaking for God or leading his people. But God always knows what he's doing. Pastor Haviland Houston issues this challenge: "When you are hesitant to act, or feel a failure of nerve coming on, when courage lags, or even if laziness and the 'I don't care' blues get you down, may the words of Mordecai to Esther burn in your hearts and minds: 'And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'" (See Esther 4:14.)

Max Lucado offers a similar reminder in *You Were Made for This Moment*. "God always has his person," he writes, also citing the book of Esther. "When we feel as though everything is falling apart, God is working in our midst, causing everything to fall into place. He is the King of quiet providence, and he invites you and me to partner with him in his work."

Lucado continues: "[God] has a Joseph for every famine and a David for every Goliath. When his people need rescuing, God calls a Rahab into service. When a baby Moses needs a mama, God prompts an Egyptian princess to have compassion. He always has his person. He had someone in the story of Esther. And in your story he has you."