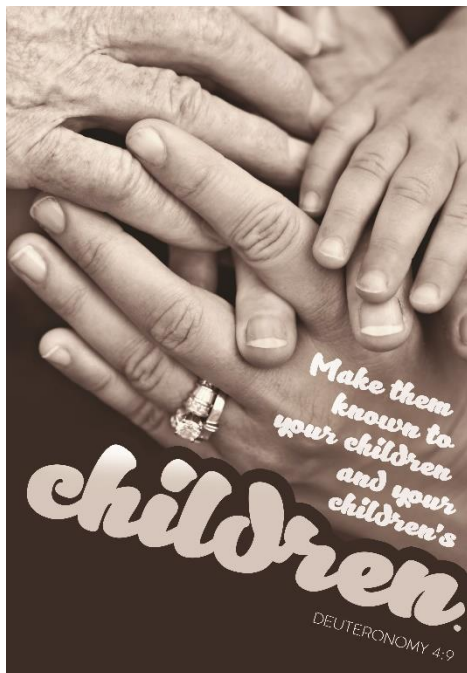


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, September 1, 2024 9:00 AM
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship

Sundays 9:00 am Worship

Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts

Ministers: Everyone

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

MicheLe Larson, Organist

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.

RECOGNITION OF LABOR DAY:

A Hand Blessing

L: Look at your hands. Notice their power and gentleness. Let us bless these hands together. *Please read responsively.*

L: Blessed be the works of your hands, O Holy One.

C: Blessed be these hands that have touched life.

L: Blessed be these hands that have nurtured creativity.

C: Blessed be these hands that have held pain.

L: Blessed be these hands that have embraced with passion.

C: Blessed be these hands that have tended gardens.

L: Blessed be these hands that have planted new seeds.

C: Blessed be these hands that have harvested ripe fields.

L: Blessed be these hands that have cleaned, washed, mopped, scrubbed.

C: Blessed be these hands that have become knotty with age.

L: Blessed be these hands that are wrinkles and scarred from doing justice.

C: Blessed be these hands that have reached out and been received.

L: Blessed be these hands that hold the promise of the future.

All: Blessed be the works of your hands, O Holy One.

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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 *“Lord, from Your Hand”* ALC 60
(tune: Gift of Love)

KYRIE Setting 4 p. 147

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”*
ELW #512

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9** Pew Bible p. 137
Reader: Keith Bloomgren

PSALM 15-*Please read responsively*
Reader: Keith Bloomgren

L: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

L: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

L: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

Pew Bible p.980

Reader: Keith Bloomgren

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 4 p. 151

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pew Bible: p. 818

L: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 7th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793

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

“Create in Me”

ALC 14

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

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

MicheLe meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“When Peace Like a River”

ELW #785

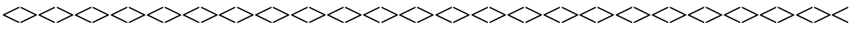
DISMISSAL

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

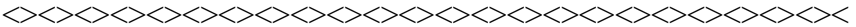
WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. It's Labor Day weekend, an end to summertime schedules and routines and the beginning of new academic adventures. As you journey down new pathways, be on the lookout for "God Moments".

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Christ heals a young girl and a deaf man, Mark 7:27-37

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in memory of the September 6th birthday of Ronald Johnosn, brother of Carol Arndt and Leann Johnson.



Attendance: Saturday: 31; Sunday: 97
Offering: \$3,717; Borrowed: \$60,000



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Readers: Keith Bloomgren

Holy Communion: Nancy Michalski, Braxton Pohlman, Jane Cartwright

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Jake Voth, 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 that the church office and building will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.



STUDENTS in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade, AND PARENTS, please remember to attend the Confirmation meeting on **Wednesday, September 4th at 7pm** in the Sanctuary. There will be a lot of important information shared that you will not want to miss out on.



NEXT SUNDAY is Rally Day Worship at the lake! We will be kicking off the Wednesday/Sunday school year at 9am with worship, Blessing of the Backpacks AND Lions Pancake Breakfast 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 **NEXT 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!

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.



BACK TO SCHOOL GRILL OUT at Tera and Kent's was **postponed** until **September 15th**, 5pm-7pm! Friends are welcome! Please RSVP by September 11th.

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!



MISPRINT on the September calendar. There will be **NO GLOW MEETING** on Sunday, September 1st. Their next meeting will be on Sunday, October 6th.



LOVE TO SING? Consider these options. ALC Praise Band will lead Wednesday Worship twice a month. They practice on designated Wednesdays from 5:15 - 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Kari Scheitel is the leader of this group. If you sing or play guitar, this is the group for you!

ALC Choir will begin practice in the choir room on Sept. 11, at 5:30pm. Come join this fun group of singers!



EXCITING NEWS!!!! We are getting a new church directory! You will see all of the detailed information in your September Messenger or on the flyers hanging around the church! Please contact the church office if you have any questions!

Tidbits to ponder

Blessed with work

In the movie *Return to Me*, Grace works for her grandfather, Marty, in his restaurant, and the two live upstairs. After closing time one night, Grace looks through the apartment window and sees Marty cleaning tables. She yells down to ask if he wants help, and he replies, “No, dear, that’s okay. I’m blessed with work.”

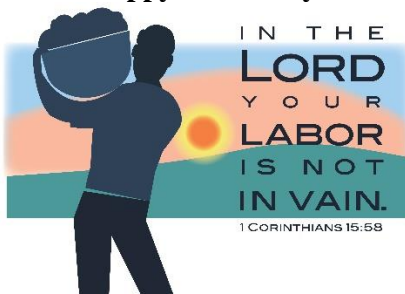
Here’s a man well past retirement age laboring extra hours after his staff has clocked out. Marty simply continues to delight in his work, despite the late hour.

Although this snippet had little to do with the movie’s plot, I’ve always remembered Marty’s words. But I don’t think I’ve ever claimed to be “blessed with work.” By contrast, I often sigh as I’m dealing with messes or long to-do lists. I can get so caught up in tasks that I overlook the incredible people around me. I miss out on the blessing — the joy — of work.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT) says, “To enjoy your work ... is indeed a gift from God.” In what ways are you “blessed with work”?

—Janna Firestone

Happy Labor Day!



THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

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



Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day

Church Building and Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

5:15 PM CIS Board

6:00 PM Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship Board

Wednesday, September 4th

7:00 PM Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting

Thursday, September 5th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

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

Friday, September 6th

Saturday, September 7th

5:30 PM Chapel Worship-Held in Sanctuary

Sunday, September 8th

16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Rally Day Worship at the Lake w/Blessing of the Backpacks,
Teacher installation

10:00 AM Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

2:00 PM Proverbs, Parables & Pizza Ranch in SF for Youth in 7th-12th
Grade