

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Harvest and Home Sunday
Sunday, October 20th, 2024 9:00 AM
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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Wednesdays: 6:30pm Worship
Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship
Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
Ministers: Everyone

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest and Home-Welcome Pastor Greg Hall

INVOCATION

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored You with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in
the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*” ELW #789

KYRIE

“*Kyrie Eliason*”

ALC #2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most gracious God, we praise you for this harvest season, for the fertility of the soil, for the rich blessing of community, and for all other blessings that you generously pour out on all people. Give us full understanding of your mercy, that we may live our lives joyfully in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“*For All My Days*”

PSALM 91:-9-16

Pew Bible: p. 477-78

Reader: James Erickson (*Please read responsively*)

L: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

C: no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

L: For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

C: Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

L: You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

C: I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

L: They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

C: With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

Pew Bible: p.973

Reader: James Erickson

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-30

Pew Bible: p. 794-95

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Greg Hall

HYMN OF THE DAY

“As Rain from the Clouds”

ELW #508

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

ELW #858

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Go Now In Peace”*

CLOSING HYMN *“Goodness of God”* *video*

DISMISSAL

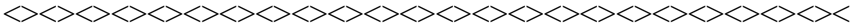
Go in peace. Walk with Jesus!
We Will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE +++++

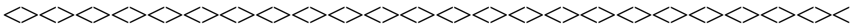
WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church as we celebrate Harvest and Home. Thank you to Pastor Greg Hall, who returns to provide the message. In the reading, seeds and weeds grow together in the field. But when harvested, they are separated. In your faith journey, are you a seed or weed?

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Reformation Sunday at 9:00 am, Confirmation Service at 10:45 am.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in loving memory of Leonard Holtz’s birthday which was on October 6th, given by Phyllis Holtz and family.



Attendance: Wednesday: 90; Saturday: 33; Sunday: 140
Offering: \$6,830; Borrowed: \$68,000



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: Carter Knutson, Carter Knutson

Readers: James Erickson

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Jake Voth, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

PLEASE JOIN US in the Skylight Court following worship for fellowship with Pastor Greg Hall and his wife Penny. Pastor Hall served at American Lutheran from 1996-2006.

GROWING IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD, our Fall Stewardship Program begins today, and culminates on November 17th with Intent Sunday. Throughout this month we will be blessed with impact stories from people across this congregation, pointing to how good and generous our God is! Watch for bulletin inserts and a special letter and invitation coming your way in November.

REMINDER there are no Sunday School classes this morning!



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE



QUILTING FOR GRADS Please join us today at 11am if you are interested in helping with this ministry! We will be looking at patterns and fabric and planning our future quilting days! If you aren't interested in the quilting, but would like to contribute to this ministry, we could greatly use monetary donations. As always, thank you for your support!

REMINDER FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS: Rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.**



DID YOU KNOW that you can become a member at American Lutheran Church at **any time**?! If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about membership here at ALC, we invite you to reach out to Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, or you can stop Tera or Jane anytime, and you can also stop in the office anytime! We would love to visit with you!

JR HIGH YOUTH (7th-9th grade) are invited to the SWMN Synod Jr. High Youth Gathering which will take place in Wilmar on November 22nd-23rd. Please sign up with Tera by **October 20th** if you would like to go!



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS DEADLINE

EXTENDED! We have over 140 photos so far for the directory and we want as many photos of our ALC Family as we can get in the directory! The deadline to submit photos has been extended to **Wednesday, October 23rd**! Please email a photo you already have to winalc@windomnet.com. Also, please let us know if you would like to have a printed directory, if you have not already done so.

MEN'S GROUP CRIBBAGE AND PIZZA will be on Thursday, October 24th at 6:30pm in the **Skylight Court (note location change)**. Please let Pastor Adam know if you plan on attending.

WAYS TO GIVE: The Presbyterian Church hosts the Kid's Closet which is run through the Sharing Center. They are always looking for donations of gently used kid's clothing. These donations can be brought to the Sharing Center who will get them to the church. They are especially in need of donations of children's new undergarments and socks. They can ALWAYS use those. Also, this time of year blankets and coats for all sizes are welcome. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to be trained to volunteer at the Kid's Closet, we are always looking for volunteers. The Closet is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10-1. For questions call, Beatty Muller at 507-830-0431.

LUNCH BUDDIES is looking for volunteers. Lunch Buddies is an adult eating lunch with elementary school students twice a month. This program helps build community and gives the students something to look forward to! This runs from November to April. Daphen Easler is looking for adults to volunteer; she can be called at 507-822-1133.

DECORATORS NEEDED! Do you love Christmas and love to decorate? GLOW is having their Christmas party on December 6th and they have 8 tables that need YOUR decorative touch! Please see the bulletin board across from the office for more information and to sign up to decorate a table!

ADULT LEARNING with Pastor Sarah will be on Sunday, November 3rd at 10:15am in the Meeting Room. She will be talking about the ELCA Social Statement on Abortion.



Are you interested in **SPONSORING THE RADIO BROADCAST** on Sundays? Radio Sponsorships for December 1st, 8th, and 15th are available. The cost is \$57 for a Sunday service sponsorship. Please contact the ALC office if you are interested in a sponsorship.

GLOW(Gals Living Our Witness) will be meeting on **Sunday, November 3rd at 10:15am** in the Conference Room. **This fun group is for ALL women of ALC!** They take fun day trips together and plan fun events to have here at church! For GLOW to grow and continue, they need you and your ideas.



Tidbits to Ponder

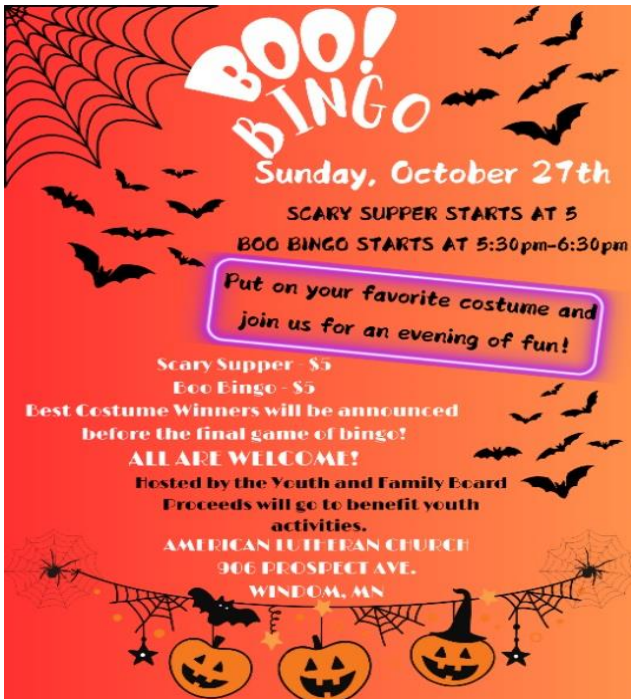
Be prepared ... to wait

My husband always keeps a book handy. When he picks up our kids or heads to an appointment, a current title is tucked securely under his arm. He expects to wait — and is prepared to do so. What could have been a frustrating delay turns into extra time to delve further into the story.

I, on the other hand, get caught off-guard if a doctor runs late or a meeting runs long. As the minutes tick by, my down time gets wasted — unless I quietly reflect on **God's goodness**, return an email, take a short walk or chat with the person next to me.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord,” says Psalm 27:14 (NIV). That’s an important reminder as we have moments of waiting on a daily basis. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him. What will you do in your waiting? —Janna Firestone

SAVE THE DATE for this fun event!



**BOO!
BINGO**

Sunday, October 27th

SCARY SUPPER STARTS AT 5
BOO BINGO STARTS AT 5:30pm-6:30pm

Put on your favorite costume and
join us for an evening of fun!

Scary Supper - \$3
Boo Bingo - \$5

Best Costume Winners will be announced
before the final game of bingo!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hosted by the Youth and Family Care
Proceeds will go to benefit youth
activities.

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Sunday, October 20th

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Harvest and Home Sunday

Messenger Deadline

9:00 AM Worship w/guest preacher Greg Hall

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

11:00 AM Quilting for Graduates meeting-Meeting room

Monday, October 21st

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, October 22nd

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, October 23rd

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper-Beef Stroganoff

5:15 PM Praise Band Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

7:30 PM Confirmation(all classes in Fellowship Hall) w/special guest speaker, Greg Scheitel

7:30 PM Confirmation Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

3:00 PM Mikkelsen Manor

4:00 PM Remick Ridge

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH22

6:30 PM Men's Group Cribbage and Pizza, Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 25th

Saturday, October 26th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, October 27th

Reformation/Confirmation Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

10:45 AM Confirmation Service w/Holy Communion