

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, October 27th, 2024 9:00 AM

Reformation Sunday

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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

Linda Staples, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Growing in the Goodness of God-Melissa Gravley
Boo Bingo & Scary Supper this evening

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 *“A Mighty Fortress is our God”* ELW #504

KYRIE ELW Setting 4 p.147

HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast”* ELW p. 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit
renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your
faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and
comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the
gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM 46

Pew Bible: p.450

READER: Kim Armstrong

Please read responsively.

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

L: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

L: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: “Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING **Romans 3:19-28**

Pew Bible: p.915-916

READER: Kim Armstrong

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING **John 8:31-36**

Pew Bible: p. 871

L: The holy gospel according to John, the 8th 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 *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

ELW #517

APOSTLE’S CREED

ELW p. 1162

The Third Article, with Luther’s explanation from the Small Catechism.

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 ***“We Are An Offering”*** ALC #17

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-*Processional*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Linda S meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

CLOSING HYMN ***“The Church of Christ”*** ELW #729

DISMISSAL

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

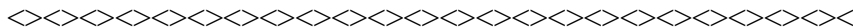
POSTLUDE ++++++

WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church on this Reformation Sunday. Our faith is built on the gospel of Christ. Together we share the good news that sets us free.

REFORMATION SUNDAY commemorates the event of October 31st, in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Church. He was inviting a conversation on practices in need of reform in the church of his day. This was a spark that began a whole movement of reform, the Protestant Reformation, from which came the global Lutheran Church. The Lutheran World Federation, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland now has 149 member church bodies in 99 countries representing over 77 million Lutherans worldwide.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK *The raising of Lazarus, John 11:32-44.*

RADIO SPONSORSHIP was given by Cheryl Hochstein in loving memory of brother, Richard Arndt- birthday Oct. 23rd; Bernice Arndt- birthday Nov. 9th; and father, Allen Arndt- birthday Nov. 26th.



Attendance: Wednesday: MEA; Saturday: 27; Sunday: 150
Offering: \$5,620; Harvest & Home \$12,135; Borrowed: \$68,000



Acolytes: Wyatt Soderholm, Kieran Anderson

Reader: Kim Armstrong

Holy Communion: Kathy Hiley, Kelsey Edwards

Technology: Tim Hiley, Todd Armstrong, Eugene Hanchett, Tom Wickie

CONFIRMATION SERVICE will be today at 10:45am!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Theora Ahnupkana

Lilly Derickson

Addison Evans

Eli Muske

Braxton Pohlman

Shaun Schunk

Sadie Tjentland

Henry Visker

Max Brodin

Jack Elness

Jocelyn Frank

Miranda Peterson

Caelen Ralston

Addison Spielman

Carson Wiens

THANK YOU to Carol Christianson, Jane Cartwright, Sarah Tailowright, Rosie Davis, Jean Johnson, Kelly Kleven, Betty Olson, Jackie Turner, and Sonja Freisen for preparing the Confirmation banners! Thank you also to the many small group guides and mentors who have worked with these students: Tera Elness, Sheryl Hanefeld, Scott Ralston, Andy Spielman, Noel Tadé, John Holt, and Sonja Piotter.



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

GROWING IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD, our Fall Stewardship Program is well underway and will continue leading up to Intent Sunday on November 17th. 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.

TONIGHT! JOIN US for our Scary Supper event! Just a \$10 donation for this night of fun! We will be serving Scary Sloppy Jos, Mummy Hot dogs, Chips, Orange drink and dessert and playing BINGO! ****There is no purchase necessary to play bingo!**** There will be a costume contest for all ages! However, if you do not want to wear a costume, come and enjoy supper and bingo!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY is next week. It is the time we remember all the saints who have died in Christ's glory since All Saints' Sunday last year and now rest in God.



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!

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!

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.

Remember to turn your clocks back One Hour next Sunday, November 3rd!

YOUTH CAMPFIRE S'MORES AT SHALOM!

What to Expect:

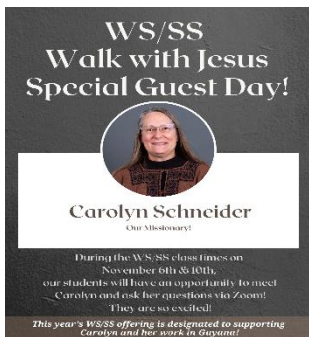
- ✓ Campfire Stories
- ✓ Prayer Walk
- ✓ Hot Dogs & S'mores
- ✓ FUN!

FREE!

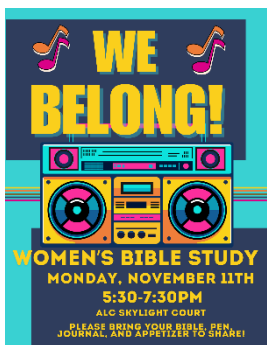
7th-12th Graders
Sunday, November 3rd
Shalom Hill Farm
Leave ALC - 4:30pm
Return - 7:30pm
SIGN UP WITH TERA!

Friends welcome!

S'MORES AT SHALOM! Youth in grades 7th-12th grade are invited to join Tera on Sunday, November 3rd to go out to Shalom Hill Farms and enjoy an evening of fun, prayer walk, campfire, hot dogs, and s'mores. You will leave ALC at 4:30pm and return around 7:30pm. Please sign up with Tera so she can line up drivers! This is a free event! Friends are welcome!



WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL students will get to visit with Carolyn Schneider from Guyana! That’s right! And they are so excited! On November 6th and 10th during class time, they will get to see Carolyn via Zoom and ask her questions about her work! Wednesday and Sunday School offering this year is going to support Carolyn’s work!



SAVE THE DATE FOR WE BELONG Bible Study with Tera! All women ages 18-118 are invited on Monday, November 11th at 5:30pm. Please bring an appetizer to share if you are able.

Tibits to Ponder

Don’t be root-bound

As a new gardener, Jan Riggenbach used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.

“If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots,” Riggenbach wrote in her gardening column. “If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don’t worry if I break some of the roots. That’s better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden.”

In the same way, it’s easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can’t reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

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
5:00 PM Boo Bingo & Scary Supper

Monday, October 28th

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, October 29th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, October 30th

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper-Creepy Creamy Chicken
5:15 PM Praise Band Practice
5:30 PM Wednesday School
6:30 PM Wednesday Worship
7:30 PM Confirmation (7th, 8th, 9th Grade)

Thursday, October 31st

Reformation Day

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22
6:30 PM Cable TV, CH22

Friday, November 1st

All Saints Day

Saturday, November 2nd

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, November 3rd

All Saint's Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café Coffee Hour
10:15 AM GLOW Meeting
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM
4:30 PM S'mores at Shalom Hill Farm

