

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*



**Sunday, November 10, 2024 9:00 AM**  
*Twenty-Fifth 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

PRELUDE

*“Day by Day”*

Handbell Choir

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering - Christmas Cheer box

Thank you Veterans

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

*“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

ELW #679

KYRIE

ELW Setting 4 p.147

HYMN OF PRAISE

*“I Sing Praises to Your Name”*

ALC #138 vs.1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Abiding Nearer to Thee”*

FIRST READING

**1 Kings 17:8-16**

Pew Bible p. 282

Reader: Karen Wickie

PSALM 146(*Please read responsively*)

Pew Bible p. 507

Reader: Karen Wickie

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**C: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

L: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**C: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

L: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

**C: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

L: The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**C: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

**Mark 12:38-44**

Pew Bible: p. 825

L: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 *“The Numberless Gifts of God’s Mercies”*

ELW #683

BAPTISM – Beckham Powers

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 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.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTICION

CLOSING HYMN      *“Oh, Happy Day”*      ELW #441

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**We Will! Thanks be to God!**

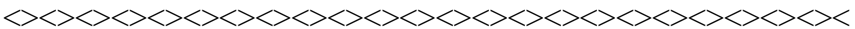
POSTLUDE      ++++++

**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. The widow’s offering came from the heart.

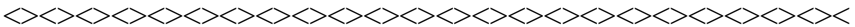
**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Do Not Be Alarmed Mark 13:1-8

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in memory of the November 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Alfred Johnson, brother of Carol Arndt and Leann Johnson.

**A RADIO GIFT** was given in loving memory of the November 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Wayne Peterson, by Beverly Peterson.



Attendance: Wednesday: 74; Saturday: 35; Sunday: 136,  
Offering: \$8,424; Borrowed: \$68,000



**Acolytes:** Abby Freiwald, Mackenzi Meyeraan

**Reader:** Karen Wickie

**Technology:** John Shamp, Jake Voth, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



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**WE WELCOME** into our church family through Holy Baptism, Beckham Powers, son of Bramer and Michelle Powers. Beckham’s sponsors are Chris and Mikelene Hemphill. Join us in giving a warm welcome to Beckham!

**NOISY OFFERING** collected today is for Cottonwood County Christmas Cheer Box. The Windom Women of Today collect items to make Christmas a little brighter for some of the families in our community. Monetary donations are used to purchase toys, hats, mittens, stocking stuffers and clothes for children infant to 18 years old.

**INTENT SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK!** You should have received the **GROWING IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD** stewardship letter and intent card this week in the mail. We have the goal of receiving back 137 cards. The members of the Budget and Finance Board challenge the congregation to return the intent cards Wednesday, 11/13, Saturday 11/16 or Sunday, November 17th. The members of this Board have pledged to give \$10,100 beyond their planned giving when the goal of 137 intent cards returned is met. Please help us meet this goal!

**ALC SUPPORTS CAROLYN IN GUYANA!** Join the Wednesday and Sunday School children in their support for our missionary Carolyn Schneider working with the Lutheran Lay Academy in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana. A can to receive special gifts is in the narthex on the table today, or give a designated gift at any time. Watch the thermostat go up! Thank you!!



**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR** will have their second practice this evening at 6:30pm! If you didn't make the first practice, that's ok! Come and join us! They will be working on 3 songs to perform for the community on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.



**WE REMEMBER AND THANK** our Veterans who gave of themselves for our freedom. We are forever grateful for your service.

**WE BELONG** Bible Study with Tera is **tomorrow evening at 5:30pm**. All women ages 18-118 are invited! Please bring an appetizer to share if you are able.

**ALC DAY AT LSS MEALS** will be on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. On the menu is pork roast with gravy, candied yams, green beans, dinner roll, and dessert. Please call Kelly at 831-6161 at least one day in advance to reserve your spot!

**Q&A WITH PASTOR A** at Jack Slade's will be on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Come when you can, stay as long as you want. Any and all questions are welcome. If you would like to ask a question anonymously, just email Pastor Adam.

**PRAYER PARTNER PARTY for Sunday School will be Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.** We can't wait to celebrate our incredible & faithful Prayer Partners! This year's Prayer Partners are: Cindy Clark, Judy Lindvall, Sandy Grove, Lori Mickelson, Rhonda Haglund, Darcy Hoffman, Sharon Thompson, Linda Jaakola, Deb Minion, Page Kern, Linda Staples, & Deb Mattson.

**DECORATORS NEEDED! There are still a few spots open to decorate a table for the GLOW Christmas party on December 5<sup>th</sup>** and Please see the bulletin board across from the office for more information and to sign up to decorate a table!

**WEDNESDAY EVERYBODY EATS SUPPER** has been a huge hit this year! In addition to serving our members, we have been serving more families from the community! We had a good start and are just now in need of a few things. Hamburger and chicken are always welcome, as well as cream of celery soup, cream of chicken soup, and milk. Store bought cookies(or homemade if you are feeling ambitious) are also a weekly need. We also use ham every 6 weeks. We are doing ok on noodles so far. Thank you for your support of this ministry!



**FUNERAL WORK GROUPS are in need of more workers!** If you are already in a group, thank you!!! If you would like to volunteer to serve on a work group, please call or text Jean Johnson, 822-2715. It is usually only 2-3 times a year that you would serve. Thank you!



**GLOW CHRISTMAS PARTY – Thursday,** December 5 at 6:00 p.m serving a potato bar, salad and cheesecake. Musical entertainment, beautifully decorated tables and fellowship with tickets going on sale starting Monday, November 11 at the office. \$15. Join us!!

**PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE:** The directory is in the final stages before going to get printed! We will let you know when we have them in hand! If you would like to have access to the online version or app version, please know that you will have to have an email address listed in the directory. Many of you have one listed already. It can easily be added if you do not have one listed yet.



**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED:** We have a good problem: People that want to come to worship on Wednesday or Sunday. If you could ever transport someone, please call the church office! Thanks for sharing the love!

**IT'S TIME!** Living Nativity will be held on **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Once again, the youth will be having a turkey noodle soup and chili supper! Sign-up sheets for food donations are posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Your donations help keep our costs down, which allows our youth to earn money for their youth accounts. Any help is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

**DO YOU LIKE PIE?** Could you provide a pie? Spiritual Life and Fellowship will once again be serving pie after the Thanksgiving Eve Service and they are asking for donations of pie. Any type of pie is fine! Thank you for considering.

**JOIN PASTOR ADAM** on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> after worship for an adult learning session on the ELCA Social Statement on Abortion. Let's learn and explore the ELCA Social Statements together. If you would like to view them ahead of time, you can go to [www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements](http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements)

### **Tibits to ponder**

**What's your oasis?** As the gospels make clear, even the Son of God needed an occasional break. For Jesus, a solitary place reached by boat served as an oasis.

Although an oasis might make us think of a beach-like vacation spot in the middle of a desert, it's simply "something that provides refuge, relief or pleasant contrast" (Merriam-Webster).

So, what's your oasis? For someone who recently lost a spouse, it could be a break from the newfound silence. For a young parent, it could be a block of solitude and silence to complete a thought.

I haven't found any definition of oasis that includes a timeframe. Such an experience could last 30 seconds or a full week. Work within your circumstances so you can get away for a time with Jesus.

As you identify and pursue an oasis, consider your answers to these questions:

- What circumstances in life cause you to desire an oasis, or break?
- What will it look like to create a personal oasis or sanctuary at home?
- When you spend time with Jesus, what do you want to do?

—Janna Firestone

## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN**

### **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Second Sunday Noisy Offering**

9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy Offering

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School- Carolyn Schneider Special Guest Day

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

12:00 PM-4:00 PM BCWA Youth Yard Clean Up

6:30 PM Community Christmas Choir Practice

### **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Veteran's Day

5:30 PM Women's Bible Study w/Tera

7:00 PM Bell Choir



### **Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

2:00 PM Altar Guild

6:00 PM Youth & Family Bd

7:00 PM Budget & Finance Bd, Christian Ed Bd, Properties Bd, Spiritual Life & Fellowship Bd, Worship & Music Bd

8:00 PM Church Council

### **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Intent Day**

9:00 AM Windom Ministerial Association

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper-Spaghetti Hotdish

5:30 PM Wednesday School-Prayer Partner Party

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

7:30 PM Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

11:30 AM ALC Day at LSS Meals

6:00 PM Q&A w/Pastor A at Jack Slade's

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH22

### **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Intent Day**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

### **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Intent Day**

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School- Prayer Partner Party

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM