

The graphic features the word "Thanksgiving" in a large, orange, serif font at the top. Below it, the word "Service" is written in a smaller, brown, cursive font. The text is decorated with illustrations of pumpkins, leaves, and a vine with berries. The pumpkins are orange with green stems and leaves, and the berries are small brown dots on a dark brown vine.

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27th, 2024

6:30 PM

**The American Lutheran and
Bethany Lutheran Church**

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5:30 pm Saturday Chapel Worship

9:00 am Sunday Worship

6:30 pm Wednesday Worship

Pastors Sarah Tadé & Adam Roberts

Ministers: Everyone

WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY

If you are new to us or visiting from another church, please fill out a yellow postcard for us, they are located in the Narthex. We'd love to be in touch with you.

A table with PRAYER CANDLES is located near the front of the church on each side.

You are invited to light a candle and say a prayer while you are here.

WORSHIP BAGS with a variety of quiet toys for small children are available at the back of the church.

AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING may be in progress during church services /events.

Audio, video, and/or photos of the services/events may be posted or aired online for public viewing.

PRELUDE

Linda Staples, Organist

WELCOME

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS (NURSERY- 6TH GRADE)

"Thankful"

Led by Melissa Dardis & Amanda Wilson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tera Elness, DCYFM

OPENING SONG

"Come ye Thankful People Come"

ELW #693

LITANY FOR THANKSGIVING

P: We praise and thank our God

C: For all that we have been given!

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C: For earth and oceans, rain and sun, for food and homes.

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C: For the blessings of life and faith and hope.

P: We praise and thank our God

C: For the Creator who made us, the Christ who saved us, and the Counselor who guides us.

P: We praise and thank our God

C: For family and friends, for neighbors and coworkers.

P: We praise and thank our God

C: For God has blessed us beyond all expectations.

P: We praise and thank our God

C: For all blessings which compel us to reach out to those with less, to be of service to any in need, to keep company with the unwelcome, to seek peace and make friends of our enemies.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of steadfast love, we gather in this space tonight to thank you. You are our creator; we are your people. We come here with grateful hearts, singing your praises. Tonight we celebrate your providing. We give thanks for the seasons and all that nourishes your earth and provides the bounty we enjoy. Hear us O Lord, as we give you our thanks. Amen.

ALC CHOIR ANTHEM ***"Thanks Be to God"***

PSALM 126 (Please read responsively, on screens)

Reader: Dana Wallace

FIRST READING: **Philippians 4:10 - 13** Pew Bible: p. 955

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The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 6:25 - 34** Pew Bible: p. 787

C: Glory to you, O Lord P: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SERMON HYMN ***"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*** ELW #836

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALC HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM ***" 'Tis A Gift to Be Simple"***

PROCESSIONAL OFFERING *Cottonwood County Sharing Center / ALC*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***"Give Thanks"*** ALC #15

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Use what we have gathered, that it may be for the world a sign of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Pie and fellowship immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall, thank you to the Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board.

ALC CHOIR ANTHEM ***"Go In Love"***

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG ***"Praise and Thanksgiving"*** ELW #689

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord! / **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Acolytes: Tristan Ralston, Nevaeh Ott

Reader: Dana Wallace

Technology: Jake Voth, Eugene Hanchett,

Interpreter: Donna Ellingson

REMINDER: NO Sunday School on Sunday, December 1st!

CHURCH/OFFICE will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, November 28th.

Growing in the Goodness of God As we prepare to continue God's amazing work in our congregation in 2025, 100 households have turned in **Intent Cards!** Thank you! We have just 37 more to go to meet our goal and receive the Challenge Gift of an added \$10,000 from the members of the Budget and Finance Board. Please pick up a card on the table in the narthex and turn in your card in the offering today!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING for the church will be on **Friday, November 29th at 9:30am**. Help is needed. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!** If you could lend a little time, it would be so appreciated!

THE WINDOM CHORDHUSTLERS BARBERSHOP CHORUS will welcome in the Holiday season with our annual food shelf benefit concert on December 1st at 3pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 401 Seventh Avenue N in Lakefield. Admission to the concert is a donation to local food shelves. The concert will be followed by a time of fellowship. Hope to see you there.

LIVING NATIVITY DECEMBER 11TH from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm with a Youth Soup Supper from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Sign-up on the Worship & Music bulletin board to share your musical talents or contact Jane Cartwright, 831-5032. The youth will once again be putting on the soup supper for Living Nativity. Please help by donating food items for the supper. Sign up on the bulletin board by the office. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE: ALC's CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on **Sunday, December 15th at 11:00 AM**. A Breakfast will be served starting at 9:30am until 11am program start. Scrambled eggs, sausages, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, and coffee for a free will donation. All proceeds will go to the 7 youth going to the Boundary Waters in July of 2025. Your support to them is greatly appreciated! Stay for breakfast and spend the morning with us! Goodie bags for ALL children will be passed out following the program.