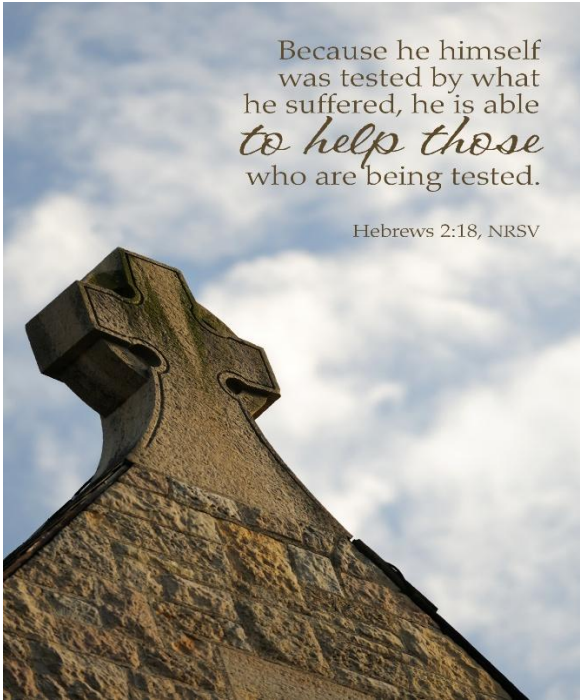


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, February 2nd, 2025 9:00 AM
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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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

INVOCATION

CONFESSION / FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C: use us to speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

L: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN *“We Have Come Into His House”* ALC #65

KYRIE ELW #157

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Now the Feast and Celebration”* ELW #167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM **Psalm 84:1-5, 8, 10-12** Pew Bible: p.472

Reader: Tim Herron

Please read responsively

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;

C: my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

C: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

L: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

L: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

L: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

C: No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Pew Bible: p.971

Reader: Tim Herron

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

Pew Bible: p. 833

L: The holy gospel according to Luke the 2nd Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

HYMN OF THE DAY **“In His Temple Now Behold Him”**

ELW #417

INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

APOSTLES 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 ***“This Little Light of Mine”*** ELW #677

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION-*Healing prayers offered in the North Transept*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Priscilla meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”***

ELW #545

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News!
We Will! Thanks be to God!

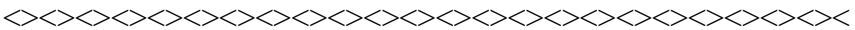
POSTLUDE

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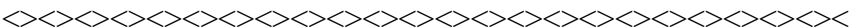
WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. Today is forty days after we celebrated Jesus' birth. On that day, Jesus' parents presented him in the temple. Anna and Simeon recognized him as the light of the world who will die for our redemption.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Jesus' Teaching, Luke 5:1-11.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in loving memory Rick Kirstein, given by his family.



Attendance: Wednesday: 77; Saturday: 31; Sunday: 106
Offering: \$7,807



Acolytes: Graham Miller, Olivia Joyce

Reader: Tim Herron

Communion Assistants: Sheryl Hanefeld, Sharon Thompson, Kim Armstrong, Lilly Derickson

Technology: Jake Voth, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

HEALING PRAYERS will be this morning during Holy Communion. A pastor will be available to pray with you in the north transept during Holy Communion. Healing prayers can be for yourself or for anyone or anything.



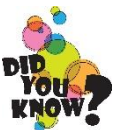
DONUTS WITH GROWN-UPS will be today during the regular Sunday School hour. Grown-ups are invited to join their students in the Fellowship Hall during the regular class times!

Please join us for this fun event!

7TH-12TH GRADE WINTER FUN DAY at the Arena is TODAY from 1pm-3pm. There will be a contest to see who can score the most points against Pastor Adam on the Racquetball Court! Prize to the winner! Cost is FREE! Friends Welcome!

WE WELCOME Cody Schafer into our church family through Holy Baptism. Cody was baptized at last night's chapel service. Cody's parents are Tracy and Zachary Schafer. Cody's sponsors are Tim and Cassie Ryan, and Drake and Katie Schafer. Let us share in the joy of welcoming Cody!

STAYING IN TOUCH If you are anticipating surgery, have a loved one in the hospital, or are going through a difficult time, please let your pastors or the church office know, so that we can visit you, or walk alongside you in the best way possible.



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!

CAN YOU HELP? GLOW is looking for a few items for their baby care kits. They are in need of receiving blankets and undershirts size 6mo-24mo. Items can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you for considering!

THE SHETEK CONFERENCE (a smaller section of our synod) needs people in leadership roles. They specifically need a conference chairperson and a LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) advisor. Most of these positions meet just a handful of times a year. If you would like to help our synod out in one of these roles, or have questions, please ask one of your pastors.

BRING YOUR PLASTIC BAGS! Marissa Newman & Makenzie Hetterich are working together to keep plastic out of the landfills for their Eagle Achievement Project. Their goal is to collect 1,000lbs of plastic (like plastic bags) and in turn they will earn a composite bench from NexTrex for Windom Area Schools. There is a box located in the hallway by the office to put your plastic in. Listed on the box is what type of plastic is accepted! Who doesn't want to get rid of their plastic bags! Help them achieve their goal!

BACK THE GRADS! If you would like to be a part of the graduating senior quilts but you're not sure how, we have the perfect solution for you! You can sponsor a quilt backing! Check out the board in the Skylight Court to sponsor a quilt backing!

NOISY OFFERING will be collected next week during worship. This month it is designated for the Helping Hands Fund. Helping Hands is a fund here at the American Lutheran Church that allows us to provide help for individuals in need. Remember to bring your spare change. Thank you for your support!

I AM A WARRIOR Women's Bible Study with Tera will be on Thursday, February 13th at 5:30pm! This is open to all warrior women ages 18-118! Please bring an appetizer to share if you are able!

Q&A WITH PASTOR A will be on Thursday, February 13th at 6pm at Jack Slade's! It's a great time of discussion on many different topics! Laid back and respectful conversation! Come when you can, leave when you need to!

HELP US MAKE IT A SOUPER SUPER BOWL! CIS is accepting donations of canned soup, crackers, and bread for the Sharing Center from now until the end of the business day on Monday, February 3rd. Donations will be delivered to the Sharing Center on Tuesday, February 4th.

OUR PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN! They will be available for pick up at the office during office. The cost is \$15 each. If you can't remember if you ordered a printed one or not, please call the church office, we have a list of all who ordered. To access the directory online you can go to the website www.instantchurchdirectory.com or you can download the app (Instant Church Directory) from your device's app store. It will ask you for the email address you have listed in the directory. Then you create a password and that's it! If you need help with this, or if you are wondering if your email address is listed in the directory you can stop in the office or call anytime.

ADULT LEARNING will be on Sunday, February 16th at 10:15am. This month's Adult Learning is on the ELCA Social Statement on Criminal Justice. Let's explore this section together!

ALL BOARDS AND COUNCIL

RELAUNCH

What? Kick off and sharing of important information for our ministry together for 2025.

Who? Anyone who will serve on a Board or the Council at ALC this year, *returning or newly elected.*

When and Where? 02/11/2025 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall at ALC. Board meetings to follow at 7:00 PM.

Why? Because together, we are the Body of Christ here in this place and there is so much we can do together!

Thank you for serving!

Reminder: Installation of Officers and Board Members for 2025 will be on Wed. 01/29 at 6:30 PM or on Sun. 02/02 at 9:00 AM



Be who you are! Matt. 5:13-14

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, February 2nd

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion, Healing Prayers, & Board Member Installation

10:15 AM Sunday School-Donuts w/Grown-ups

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

1:00 PM-3:00 PM Winter Fun Day at the Arena-7th – 12th Grade

Monday, February 3rd

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 4th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 AM Staff Team Huddle

5:15 PM CIS Board

Wednesday, February 5th

11:00 Sogge

5:00 PM Wednesday Supper-Goulash, green beans, bread, dessert

5:15 PM Praise Band Practice

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & Healing Prayers

7:30 PM Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th Grade)

Thursday, February 6th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, February 7th

Saturday, February 8th

8:00 AM Faithfest Departure

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

Sunday, February 9th

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy offering

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM