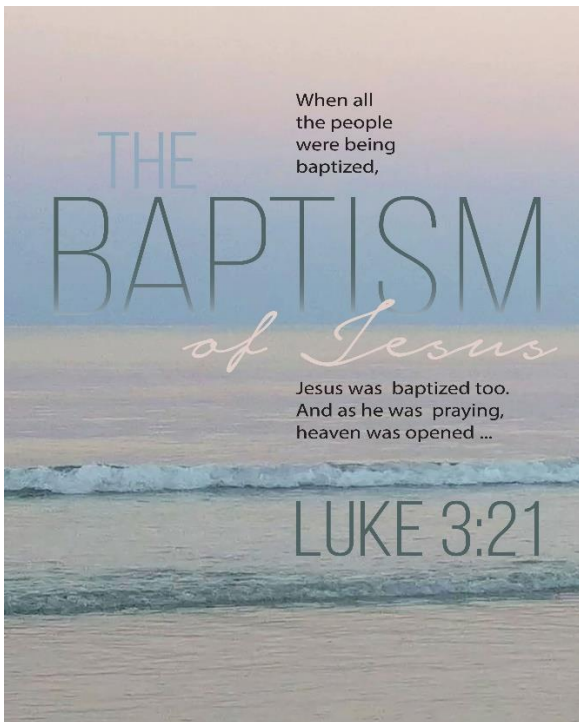


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, January 12th, 2025 9:00 AM

Baptism of Our Lord

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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

Noisy Offering-GLOW Quilting and kits

INVOCATION

CONFESSION / FORGIVENESS

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

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 *“Dearest Jesus, At Your Word”* ELW #520

KYRIE Setting 4 ELW p.147

HYMN OF PRAISE *“I Sing Praises to Your Name”* ALC #138 v.1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible: p.585-586

Reader: Kathy Hiley

PSALM

Psalm 29

Pew Bible: p.438

(Please read responsively)

Reader: Kathy Hiley

L: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

L: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Pew Bible: p.834

L: The holy gospel according to Luke the 3rd 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 Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thy Holy Wings”

ELW #613

INSTALLATION OF JAKE VOTH

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 ***“We give Thee but Thine Own”***

ELW #686

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

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“Savior Again to Your Dear Name”***

ELW #534 (vs. 1,2 and 4)

DISMISSAL

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

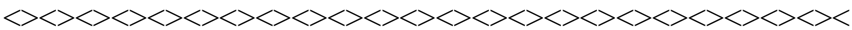
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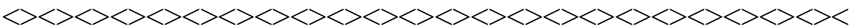
WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the reading, Jesus is being baptized by John the Baptist. How do you hear God calling out to you?

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for The Wedding at Cana John 2:1-11

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in celebration of Marvel Woizeschke’s 90th Birthday on January 24th given by her sons. Happy Birthday Marvel! Please join her in the Skylight Court after worship for cake and celebration!



Attendance: Saturday: 24; Sunday: 96
Offering: \$13,098



Acolytes: Morgan Roskamp, Ruby Baloun

Reader: Kathy Hiley

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



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

WE WELCOME our new custodian, Jake Voth. Jake has been a member of this church for many years and was recently hired as our new custodian! Join us in giving Jake a warm welcome!

ADULT LEARNING today after worship! Grab your coffee and join Pastor Sarah in the Meeting Room for discussion on the ELCA Social Statement on Church in Society.

NOISY OFFERING being collected this morning is designated for “GLOW Quilting Ministry”. GLOW makes quilts during the months of January through April for the Sharing Center, Christmas Cheer Box, Lutheran World Relief and anyone in need. This is one mission in action activity that the women of ALC do year after year. Please consider donating to this important Ministry. Thank You!



GLOW will be meeting for quilting again on Tuesday, January 21st from 9am-2pm! Bring a sack lunch and stay all day or you can just stay as long as you can! No experience necessary! Come and join in this rewarding ministry!

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS are available for the last Sunday in January and most of February. To sponsor a Sunday broadcast, the cost is \$57. Please contact the church office if you would like to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast.

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!



SAVE THE DATE for the Annual Meeting **on Sunday, January 26th** immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. There will be coffee and donuts! Packets will be available to review 1 week before the meeting. **NEXT WEEK** during coffee hour, Treasurer Kevin Heggseth will be giving an update on the budget.



DONUTS WITH GROWN-UPS for WS/SS will be on Wednesday, January 29th and Sunday, February 2nd. Grown-ups are invited to join their students in the Fellowship Hall during the regular class times! Please join us for this fun event!

ATTENTION 6TH-8TH GRADERS!! You are invited to attend Faithfest at Augustana University in Sioux Falls! This will be an overnight trip on Saturday, February 8th. The group will leave at 8am on Saturday, and return by 5pm on Sunday, February 9th. The cost is \$75 for the event, 3 meals, hotel, and transportation! Account money can be used. **Students must sign up with Tera by January 22nd!**

THANK YOU to all who have donated books to the library! If you have not checked out the library yet, you should OR check it out again! There is a good variety of NEW titles that have been added. The check out process is simple and there are instructions listed for you! The best part is, there is no deadline to return your book! Did you know that there are also puzzles! LOTS OF PUZZLES TO CHOOSE FROM!

THANK YOU from Helen Evers! Helen would like to thank everyone that sent a card or contacted her or just thought of her on her 95th Birthday. She is absolutely giddy with joy and extremely grateful for all the friends and family that reached out to her. Thank you all!

OUR PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN! They will be available for pick up at the office during office hours and NEXT SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP! 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, and Melanie can help you. She will also be available next Sunday after worship to assist you!

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!

Tidbits to Ponder

All about attitude

“The way you say ‘representative’ to an automated system reflects the real you,” a friend told me. After we laughed at that truth, I realized *everything* I say matters. Someone is always listening, whether the words and tone are positive or negative.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) says our language shouldn’t be “foul or abusive” but good, helpful and encouraging. Whether I’m peaceful, hurried, joyful, empathetic, frustrated, celebrating or hurting, I can carefully choose my words (and the attitude behind them). When I’m not ready to speak wholesomely, may God shut my mouth. When a friend needs encouragement, may I listen to God’s prompting. When I need to confront, may I do so lovingly.

Changing how we think — that is, how we speak to ourselves — can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence and anxiety. In this new year:

- *I’m alone* can become *God is with me*.
- *I can’t do this* can become *Anything is possible with God*.
- *I’m failing* can become *Just because I’m struggling, it doesn’t mean I’m failing*.
- *I’m not enough* can become *I’m God’s beloved child*.
- *I’m tired* can become *God will give me rest*.

Don’t stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.

—Janna Firestone

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, January 12th

Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 AM Worship w/ Noisy Offering

10:00 AM Skylight Court-Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Adult Learning-ELCA Social Statement-Church in Society

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

Monday, January 13th

Tuesday, January 14th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

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

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, January 15th

5:00 PM Wednesday Supper-Creamy chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

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

Thursday, January 16th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

9:00 AM Conference Pastors Meeting

10:00 AM Cable TV, Ch 22

12:00 PM Trust Fund

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

6:30 PM Cable TV, Ch 22

6:30 PM Men's Group Cribbage & Pizza

Friday, January 17th

Saturday, January 18th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, January 19th

Gideon Sunday

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Coffee Hour w/Budget Presentation

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM