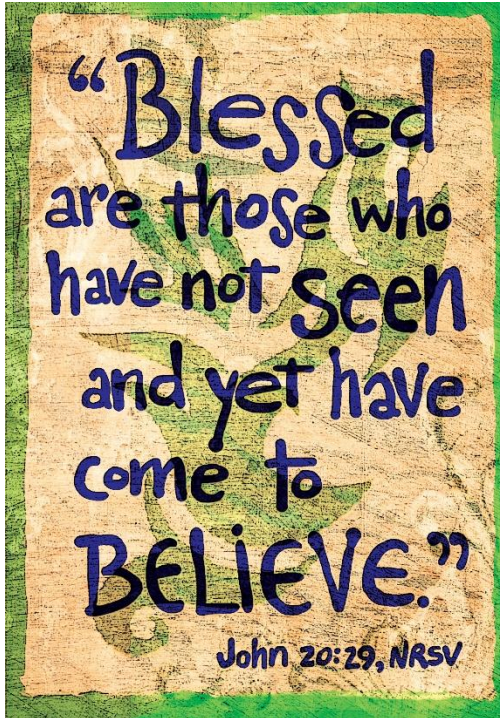


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*



**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:00 AM**  
*Second Sunday of Easter*

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Wednesdays: 6:30pm Worship  
Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship  
Pastor Adam Roberts  
Ministers: Everyone

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk: John Shamp, Council President

Temple Talk: Kathy Hiley - LWR Quilts

BLESSING OF LWR QUILTS

**L:** God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

**C: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.**

**L:** God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

**C: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.**

**L:** God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

**C: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.**

**L:** God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

**C: Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.**

**L:** God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

**C: Amen.**

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of † the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism

OPENING HYMN

*“The Day Of Resurrection”* ELW #361

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING OF SOIL, WATER, SEEDS

**Let us pray: God, who created everything and everyone, we ask you to be with us now in this place. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might pray well and bless your name. Help us to care for “the seeds which are the Word of God,” the living words your Son shares with us. Let the hard work of sowing and tending be crowned with an abundance of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE      Psalm 126:1-6

Congregational Response: **They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their harvest of grain.**

CHOIR ANTHEM      *“Jesus Reigns!”*

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

MicheLe meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

FIRST READING

**Acts 5:27-32**

Pew Bible: p.889

Reader: Kelsey Edwards

PSALM

**Psalm 150**

Pew Bible: p. 508

Reader: Kelsey Edwards

Please read responsively.

L: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**C: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

L: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**C: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

L: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**C: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### GOSPEL READING

**John 20:19-31**

Pew Bible p.883

L: The holy gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

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

### MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

### HYMN OF DAY

***“O Zion, Haste”***

ELW #668

### APOSTLES CREED

ELW p. 127

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

***“Be Not Afraid”***

ELW #388

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

***“Because He Lives”***

#### Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus

He came to love heal and forgive

He bled and died to buy my pardon

An empty grave is there to prove

My Savior lives

#### Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

Because He lives all fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living just because He lives

#### Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby

And feel the pride and joy he gives

But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives *Chorus*

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns *Chorus*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!  
**We Will! Thanks be to God!**

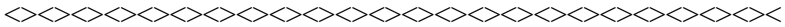
**POSTLUDE**

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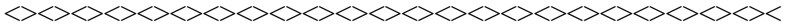
**WELCOME** to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom.  
In the reading, what would it have been like to witness the reactions of the disciples and Thomas when Jesus made his appearance?

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Jesus Appears to Disciples / Fishermen  
John 21:1-19.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in memory of David Flatgard's 86<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday on April 29<sup>th</sup>, given by Brenda Flatgard and his family.



Attendance: Maundy Thursday: 208; Good Friday: 109; Saturday: 32;  
Easter Sunday: 7am-149; 9am-265  
Offering: \$4,178 Easter: \$5,490



**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Acolytes:** Penelope Roberts, Corbin Anderson

**Readers:** Kelsey Edwards

**Communion Assistants:** Jean Johnson, Natalie Burmeister, Jane Cartwright

**Technology:** Lindsey Cartwright, Bob Johnson, Eugene Hanchett, Tom Wickie



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**THANK YOU** to Jean Johnson for filling in as Assistant Minister today! We appreciate your willingness to help!

**BOOK SIGNING EVENT** with Tera Elness! The Christian Ed Board is hosting a book signing event, complete with a dessert bar, **THIS EVENING from 4pm-6pm** in the Skylight Court. Tera's newly published book, *Sitting with Jesus*, will be available for purchase and signing; as well as the book *So God Made a Grandma*, which Tera got to be a part of! Please plan to join us! Both of these books would make wonderful Mother's Day gifts!

**QUILTING FOR GRADUATES** will be meeting **THIS AFTERNOON 1pm-4pm and on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. We are in the finishing stages of our quilts and we are in need of people who can tie a knot or cut some thread! This would be a great opportunity for **family members of Graduating Seniors** to have a part in making their quilts! Come when you can, leave when you need to. We would love to have you join us!

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS.....**save the date! Tera is having a special celebration for you on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Skylight Court and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall during the WS/SS hour. She will walk you through a "look ahead" at the next leg of your faith formation journey here at ALC!

**SEWING DAYS** are quickly coming to an end. There is 1 more opportunity to help out! The last day is Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>! Come and join the fun while you can!

**DITCH CLEAN-UP** Join Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship to help clean up our community. DSM has adopted a mile of Highway 71 right past Smith Auto and we'll get that stretch of land into shape on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15** (right after worship). Everything will be provided, although if you bring work gloves that would be helpful. All we really need though are some extra hands of anyone fourteen years old and older. Please let Pastor Adam or the office know if you'll be there as space is limited.

**END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION** in the parking lot with a variety of **FOOD TRUCKS** will be held on **Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. There will be 7 different food trucks that you can purchase food from! This will be open to the public so spread the news! **Food trucks will start serving at 4pm and go until 6:30pm**. Our last Wednesday Worship (until September) will be at 6:30pm.

**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.

**HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ALC**-Did you know you can become a member of ALC at any time?! If you want to know more information about becoming a member, you can talk to Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, Melanie or Wendy in the office, or Tera and Jane! We would love to tell you all about it! We will recognize those who become members once every 3 months during the church services.

**REMINDER TO ALL ALC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** our ELCA College Scholarship application is due by Wednesday, April 30th. You should have received a letter earlier in 2025. If you're planning on attending an ELCA college, ALC gives scholarships for up to 4 years towards your ELCA college tuition. You must reapply every year. This application can be mailed to PO Box 188 or dropped off in the church office. If you need an application, you can get one in the church office or go to the website under the Ministries tab then Scholarships. If you have any questions please call the church office at 507-831-1794.

**GLOW** is looking for items for their baby care kits. They are in need of hand towels, cloth diapers, 6 months - 24 months size of the following items-Sweaters/Coats, gowns, shirts (Please No onesies), sleepers, play outfits. Items can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you for your support!

**BIBLES WERE PURCHASED** in memory of Irene Wiens that the family distributed at her celebration of life and they had some left. They are the English Standard Version. If you would like to take one for yourself or to give to someone else, please feel free! They are sitting on the long tables in the Skylight Court.

## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM  
1:00 PM Quilting for Graduates  
4:00 PM-6:00 PM Tera Elness Book Signing Event-Skylight Court

### **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM Bell Choir

### **Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
9:00 AM GLOW Sewing  
1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle  
6:00 PM Quilting for Graduates

### **Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM Wednesday Supper-Smorgasbord  
5:30 PM 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents Special Celebration-Skylight Court  
5:30 PM Wednesday School  
6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/WS/SS Teacher and Helper Recognition  
7:30 PM 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

### **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

SWMN Synod WELCA & Men in Mission Conference- Vinje in Willmar  
5:30 PM Chapel Service

### **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion, Healing Prayers, & WS/SS Teacher & Helper Recognition  
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour  
10:15 AM 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents Special Celebration-Fellowship Hall  
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