

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, April 6th, 2025 9:00 AM
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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

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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN *"As We Gather at Your Table"* ELW #522

KYRIE

Setting 4 p. 147

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 43:16-21

Pew Bible: p.586

Reader: Rick Quade

PSALM

Psalm 126

Pew Bible: p.500

Reader: Rick Quade

(Please read responsively)

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

C: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

L: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

C: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

L: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

C: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SECOND READING **Philippians 3:4b-14** Pew Bible: p.955

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Love Cannon"*

Love, love, love. love,

Christians this is your call.

Love your neighbor as yourself

for God loves us all.

GOSPEL READING **John 12:1-8** Pew Bible: p.874

L: The holy gospel according to John the 12th 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 *"Bringing in the Sheaves"* Screens/ Insert

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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 *"Create in Me"* ALC #14

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, you feed us not with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Linda S. meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“God’s Work, Our Hands”** Screens/Insert

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

We Will! Thanks be to God!

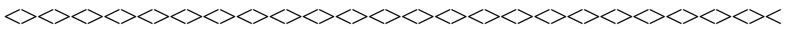
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. In the reading, we read about the connection between Jesus, Martha, a jar of costly perfume, and an act of love.

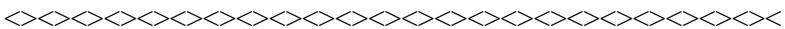
JOIN US NEXT WEEK Palm Sunday, Luke 22:14-23:56

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in memory Marvin Bretzman’s April 6th Birthday, given by Sharon, Brenda, Brad, Eric, & Kris.



Attendance: Wednesday: 106; Saturday: 18; Sunday: 125

Offering: \$5,279



Acolytes: Graham Miller, Kieran Anderson

Reader: Rick Quade

Holy Communion: Maria and Dustin Thom, Alan Staples

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Jake Voth, Eugene Hanchett



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

ADULT LEARNING will be TODAY at 10:15am. This month’s Adult Learning is on the ELCA Social Statement on Economic Life. Grab some coffee and let’s explore this section together!

QUILTING FOR GRADUATES will be meeting **TODAY from 1pm-4pm**. 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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be held on Thursday, April 17th at 2pm. *Please note this a change from what was in the Messenger. Flyers have been updated.

BETHANY LUTHERAN invites you to join them for Lenten supper next Wednesday. They will be serving pulled pork, salads, & bars for a free will donation. Proceeds will be going to a ministry of their choice.

LENTEN DEVOTION Follow the ALC Facebook page for a Lenten devotion read by someone from our congregation, posted every weekday around noon beginning March 5th (Ash Wednesday). **We are looking for volunteers to read the devotion! Contact Tera or Jane to sign up.** 😊 *God brings new life in unexpected ways and in the most unlikely situations. **Life Renewed** reflects on how God does this in the creation of all things, the Israelites' rescue from slavery in Egypt, the dry bones and Ezekiel, the fiery furnace, the big fish and Jonah, and more.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP DURING LENT - ALC and Bethany – *The Call to "I AM"*

Our 40-day journey through Lent will take us through five of the I AM statements of Jesus. "I Am" is the Hebrew name for God. When Jesus goes to the cross, *there goes God*.

3/26/25 6:30 PM *I AM the Door*

4/02/25 6:30 PM *I AM the Good Shepherd*

4/09/25 6:30 PM *I AM the Resurrection and the Life*

For worship, we will use Shalom Evening Prayer, written for our neighbor, Shalom Hill Farm by Southwest MN composer Carol Meier, and led by our own musicians. *Shalom* is the Hebrew word for peace, but has the added meaning of wholeness, and wellbeing. May our journey with Jesus this Lent bring us into a deeper sense of peace with God and each other.

Wednesday Lenten Suppers-Serving at 5pm.

April 9th—Bethany Lutheran- proceeds to ministry of their choice

NOON ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE-

Join us on Wednesdays at noon for a worship service followed by a light lunch. An offering will be taken to support the work of the Windom Area Ministerial. Everyone is welcome!

April 9 – Thirst- Catholic church preaching and serving lunch

ALL SERVICES TAKE PLACE AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



\$40 FOR 40 DAYS LENTEN CHALLENGE- We challenge you to donate and support the Lenten challenge. All money donated will go toward the \$1000 we bring to the Banquet in Sioux Falls in July and any remaining money will go to the Windom School Backpack Program. Please make checks to American Lutheran Church with Lenten Challenge in the memo line. Thank you! Please note, 40 Days \$40 Lenten envelopes will be placed on the tables in the narthex beginning in March.

A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH TERA on the Life of Daniel for 10th-12th Graders will be held Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Invite your friends! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH! Church and Society will be collecting items through March for the local food shelf.

Cleaning and Paper items (Pledge, Detergent, paper towels,...)

Personal Items (Toiletries, diapers, soap...)

Breakfast Items (Juice, cereal, oatmeal...)

Canned Goods (Fruits, veggies, soup,...)

We will take any items anytime - this is suggestions only!! Monetary donations are also great!!!

CHILDCARE DURING WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES will be available in the Family Room courtesy of the 7th Grade Confirmation class and Tera.

BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE next Sunday for Noisy offering!

This month it is designated for The Banquet. The Banquet meal ministry is a volunteer-based ministry, meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. The American Lutheran Church will be going to serve at The Banquet on July 7th.

Q&A WITH PASTOR A will be on Thursday, April 10th 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!

LET'S CELEBRATE WITH DONNIE! Donnie Pabst would like to invite you to his 80th birthday celebration on **Saturday, April 12th from 2pm-4pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served!

JOIN US for a Farewell Open House for Pastor Sarah, Noel, and their family! This special event will take place on **Sunday, April 13th from 2pm-4pm** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a short program at 2:30 and refreshments will be served. We are thankful for Pastor Sarah's 12 years of service to us and Bethany Lutheran! A pick-up choir will be meeting in the choir room at 1:30pm to rehearse a song for the program at 2:30. Contact Jane for more information.

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!

You Are Invited To
**A FAREWELL
OPEN HOUSE**
In Honor Of
Pastor Sarah Tade

Sunday, April 13th
2pm-4pm

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906 Prospect Ave.
Windom, MN 56101

Refreshments will be served and there will
be a short program at 2:30pm.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall as we
say farewell to Pastor Sarah, Noel,
and their family.

We are thankful for Sarah's
12 years of service at
The American Lutheran Church of Windom
and
Bethany Lutheran of Bergen.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, April 6th

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Adult Learning-ELCA Social Statement-Economic Life
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
1:00 PM Quilting for Graduates

Monday, April 7th

6:00 PM Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship Bd
6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, April 8th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
12:00 PM Trust Fund
1:15 AM 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, April 9th

9:00 AM Windom Ministerial Assoc.
12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship-Presbyterian Church
5:00 PM Wednesday supper-Pulled pork, salads, bars-Bethany Lutheran
5:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM Wednesday School
6:30 PM Lenten Worship - childcare available
7:30 PM Confirmation-8th & 9th Grade
7:30 PM Life of Daniel Bible Study-10th-12th Grade-last session

Thursday, April 10th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22
3:20 PM First Communion Preparation Class
6:00 PM Q&A w/Pastor A-Jack Slade's
6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, April 11th

Saturday, April 12th

2:00 PM-4:00 PM Donnie Pabst's Birthday Celebration-Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Sunday, April 13th

Palm Sunday

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/N-6th Grade singing
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Sunday School w/Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
1:00 PM Ministerial Community Movie-Jesus Revolution
2:00 PM- 4:00 PM Pastor Sarah's Farwell Open House