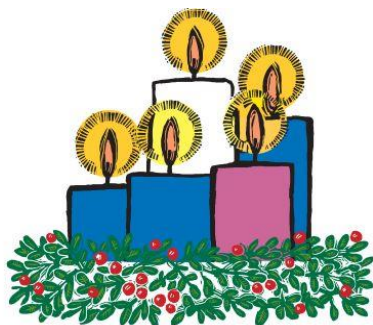


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



CHRISTMAS EVE

**Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2018 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm**

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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Monday, December 24th, 2018 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE THIS EVENING! *Our service will be aired on KDOM radio (103.1 FM) at 7:00 pm tonight. This broadcast is sponsored by Elaine Henry and family in memory of Ken Henry.*

The plant located at the front of the church is in honor of Garry and Betty Olson's 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 28th given by the Olson family.

GATHERING MUSIC

(3:00) Carol Vought, Organist and Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

(5:00) Michele Larson, Organist

CHRISTMAS VIDEO

This Little Light of Mine Christmas

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY:

We pause in the stillness of this precious night.

God is here. We await the simple sounds of burning cries!

A birth proclaimed by angels and prophets, by shepherds and magi.

The time has come and the waiting is over.

For unto us a child is born,

to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Light the Birthday candles!

The waiting is over.

Time to celebrate!

The light of the world is here! (candle is now lit)

OPENING CAROL *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

(vss. 1, 2, & 3)

ELW 283

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: A child is born! God's son has come to us!

C: Glory to God in the highest heaven!

L: Do not be afraid—this is good news!

C: Glory to God in the highest heaven!

L: Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!

C: Glory to God in the highest heaven!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Wonder, this night was the beginning of something earth shaking. Bring us in awe to the cradle of the baby who has come to live among us, to heal us, and to be our brother: our savior, Christ the Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah Tade

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

ELW #277

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 2-7 Pew Bible

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

(3:00) PIANO SOLO

“Christmas Medley”

Rozanne Gronseth

(5:00) VOCAL SOLO

“Joseph's Lullaby”

Jordan Bussa

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 1- 20 Pew Bible

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam Roberts

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

(vss. 1 & 4)

ELW #279

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

Music during the Offering at 5:00:

“Coventry Carol”

MicheLe Larson

RESPONSE

“Infant Holy”

(vs. 1)

ELW #276

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We place before your altar, O Lord, the gifts which our hearts are inspired to offer. Though nothing can fully express our wonder at your incarnation, we know that you will accept what we bring as a tribute of love and thanksgiving for your priceless gift to us. We ask this in his name, Jesus Christ our newborn king. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

DISTRIBUTION OF CANDLES (see notes below)

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

“Silent Night”

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round you virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav’nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.*

BLESSING

(Extinguish candles)

CLOSING CAROL

“Joy to the World”

ELW #267

SENDING: Go in joy and peace to love and serve the Lord.

We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CANDLELIGHT NOTES: Candles and holders are in front of you under each pew on the center aisle. After the offering, pass the candles down the pew for each person to receive their candle. When lighting the candles, hold the candle upright when giving light to the one next to you in the pew. Try not to spill wax. When candles are extinguished, return them to the holder, pass the holder to the center aisle and put it back under the pew so they are ready for the next service. Battery operated candles for small children are in the Narthex.