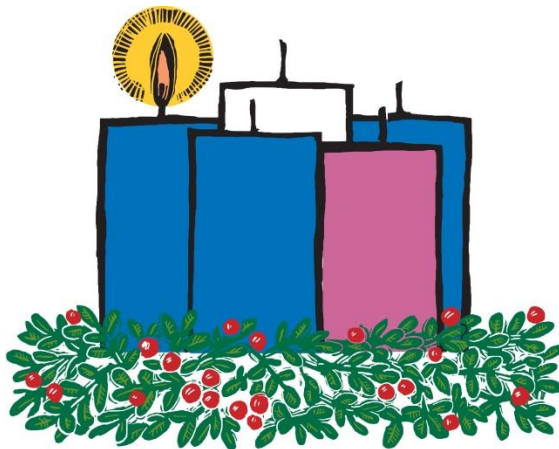


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom



— FIRST SUNDAY OF —  
**ADVENT**

**December 2, 2018 9:00 AM**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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**Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship**

**Sundays 9:00 am Worship & 10:15 am BAM-S**

**Wednesdays 5:45 pm WOW & 6:30 pm BAM-W**

**Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts**

*Ministers: Everyone*

**WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TODAY!**

*If you are new to us or visiting from another church, please fill out a postcard for us. We'd love to be in touch with you.*

*A table with PRAYER CANDLES is located near the front of the church on each side. You are invited to light a candle and say a prayer while you are here.*

*WORSHIP BAGS with a variety of quiet toys for small children are available at the back of the church.*

*LITTLE READERS BOOK NOOK in the Narthex, has books from our church library for kids to borrow for service or to take home.*

*COFFEE HOUR immediately follows our services every Sunday morning in our Skylight Court. ALL are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship.*

*If you wish to RECEIVE COMMUNION in the pew, please sit on the end of a pew near the side aisle. An Altar Guild member will bring Holy Communion to you.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Karen Wojahn, organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Natalie & Teigen  
Burmeister

ADVENT SONG    *“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”*  
(vs. 1)    ELW #240

ADVENT PRAYER    We praise you, O God for this wreath that helps us to prepare for Christ's coming. As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us up, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

(vss. 1, 3, 4) ELW #264

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: With humility we confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: God of promise and hope,

**C: So often we fall short, failing to be all that you have created us to be. We pester you with questions, “Why?” and “Where are you?” We lack faith in your promises of deliverance and hope. Forgive us for all that we have done to harm you, others, and ourselves. Walk with us in the time of Advent, so that through our journey we may be made clean.**

L: Our holy Lord God knows we are weak, frail creatures. Yet God loves us and refuses to give up on us. Because of God’s persistence we are made new again and again. Receive today the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Walk with God on your human journey, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God, we are sometimes impatient for you to act according to your vision for the earth. Give us wisdom to see your will unfolding, and boldness to be a part of your solution. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Adam

READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:3b-6, 17-19a

Pew Bible p. 762

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

(vss. 1 & 4) ELW #769

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING      *We give, because God gives to us!  
Our ministries share God's love.*

RESPONSE      ***“He Came Down That We May Have Love”***  
(vs. 1) ELW #253

PRAYER

**We bring you these gifts, loving God, though at times our efforts feel woefully deficient for the needs in our midst. Take these signs of compassion and multiply them for your good purposes, even as you continue to use our gifts, our time and all that we have in service to your kingdom's glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW p. 112

Songs during Distribution: ELW #471, #614

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“Blessing and Honor”*** (vs.1&4) ELW #854

DISMISSAL      Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.  
**We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran! In the scripture reading today, the people of Israel have been exiled, and their pain runs deep. They cry to God and fear God is not listening. It seems all they see is destruction and violence. Habakkuk cannot bear the injustice he sees in the world, with seemingly no relief in sight. But despite his despair, Habakkuk declares, “I will rejoice in the Lord.” During worship, Holy Communion is served to all who believe in the presence of Christ in the bread and wine given to us for the forgiveness of sins. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Children may come forward for a blessing.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for the story of Esther, as found in Esther 4:1-17.

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Scripture reader:** Karen Wickie

**Greeters:** Jay & Lori Mikkelson

**Assistant Minister:** Kim Armstrong

**Communion Assistants:** Don & Cheryl Brugman,  
Karen Wickie

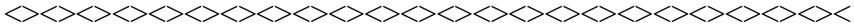
**Media Ministry Team:** Daron Friesen, Tim Hiley,  
Tom Wickie, Mark Brodin

**Acolytes:** Abbigale Zieske & Ashley Voshage

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** of today's worship service is given in memory of Doris Holmen by her daughter Patty Todnem and family.



Attendance last Wednesday 246; Saturday 29; Sunday 183;  
Offering Envelope \$3,780.51 Thanksgiving \$3, 672.00  
Borrowed to date \$45,000



**WELCOME** to Melanie Shamp, Christian Education Coordinator. Please welcome Melanie to her new position.

**ADULT LEARNING SERIES 3:** "*Faith, Charitable Giving, and Taxes*", today at 10:15AM. Come and explore this essential topic of our faith with Margaret McDonald.



Join us for **COOKIE DECORATING** today, at 3 PM. Bring the whole family! Hosted by the Christian Education Board.

**THANKS** to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving Boxes. Sixty boxes were packed & delivered by the Church in Society Board. On Thanks-giving Eve \$390 & 392lbs of food were received for the Sharing Center

## A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT,

featuring the 45-voice Community Cantata Choir, will be held here at American Lutheran on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 pm. The concert will be a benefit for the Windom Area Sharing Center. A freewill offering will be received and donations of non-perishable food will be accepted. Help is needed to host this first-ever event! Can you bring bars? Help serve? Welcome people at the doors? Usher? Please sign up on the Worship & Music bulletin board.



*Sounds  
of the  
Season*

All women are welcome to attend the **SOGGE CHRISTMAS PARTY** December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3PM at Good Samaritan Society. Come enjoy Christmas goodies and a Christmas sing along. Hosted by GLOW.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** Individuals and groups (4-6) from our church are needed to help pack food backpacks for the Winfair Backpack Food Program on the first week of each month. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the office.

**ALTAR GUILD** is looking for new members – male and female! Altar Guild prepares communion for worship, dusts the chancel area (around the altar) and changes the paraments. Please consider this important ministry of American Lutheran. Questions? Please contact Kathy Hiley, 831-4109 or [momhiley@gmail.com](mailto:momhiley@gmail.com) or Judy Holt, 831-2128 or [jjholt51@gmail.com](mailto:jjholt51@gmail.com)

**BIBLE STUDY** is back! Join Melanie Shamp for a meaningful Bible Study, “One Thousand Gifts” by Ann Voskamp on Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15 PM. This is a study that will prepare our hearts and minds for the magical season of Christmas. Tell your friends! Study guide is \$5.

Did you know that you can see sermons on the **ALC WEBSITE**? Don't miss out. Go to <http://www.alcofwindom.com/> and click on the Media tab to hear a sermon that you might have missed in the last two weeks.

Mark your calendar for ALC's Living Nativity on  
Wednesday December 12!

# Youth Group News

## 2019 Mission Trip:

Don't miss the Parent & Youth Information Meeting, this coming Wednesday Night, December 5th at 8pm. No Money Needed; Just Information Giving. The trip is being tentatively planned for July of 2019 and our destination is San

Francisco, CA through an organization called YouthWorks. This year's 9-12 Graders are welcome to join the group that is heading for the coast to do some good 'ol service work.

2018 Living Nativity is right around the corner!

For those of you that are willing to contribute food items to the Chili and Soup Dinner, the sign-ups are up on the Main Church Bulletin Board outside the Church Office. Please have all items up to the church no later than Tuesday, December 11th. Thank you for your help!!

**Attention:** There will be an F3 Event on Thursday, December 21st after the Girls' Basketball Game. What? What is an F3 Event? Faith, Friends and Fellowship...F3. It's just a time to hang out with other kids in a friendly and safe environment. Who knows? We might even have ice cream sundays.

**Jr League** meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday Evenings from 6:30-8:30pm.

**Sr League** meets every Wednesday at 8pm. Hope to See You There! Everyone is Welcome!

# **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **Sunday, December 2**

- 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour
- 10:15 AM Adult Learning: Faith, Charitable Giving, & Taxes
- 10:15 AM BAM-S
- 3:00 PM Cookie Decorating
- 4:30 PM Soup & Bread-Gingerbread Houses
- 6:30 PM Jr. League-Movie Night

## **Monday, December 3**

- 6:00 PM Bell Choir

## **Tuesday, December 4**

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:00 PM CIS Bd
- 6:00 PM Cantata Choir
- 7:00 PM Christian Ed Bd

## **Wednesday, December 5**

- 10:30 AM Good Samaritan Communion @ Sogge
- 5:00 PM Supper: Tator tot hotdish, buttered bread, jello, & cookies.
- 5:45 PM WOW w/ Holy Communion
- 6:30 PM BAM-W & Confirmation
- 6:30 PM Bible Study
- 8:00 PM Mission Trip Parent's Meeting

## **Thursday, December 6**

- 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
- 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV
- 6:30 PM Youth & Family Board

## **Friday, December 7**

## **Saturday, December 8**

- 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

## **Sunday, December 9** *(Second Sunday Noisy Offering)*

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour
- 10:15 AM BAM-S
- 2:00 PM Community Christmas Concert