

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

Abr  
aham  
was the  
father of  
Isaac, and  
Isaac the  
father of Jacob,  
and Jacob the  
father of Judah and  
his brothers, and  
Judah the father of Perez  
and Zerah by Tamar, and  
Perez the father of Hezron,  
and Hezron the father of Ram,  
and Ram the father of  
Amminadab, and Amminadab the  
father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the  
father of Salmon, and Salmon the father  
of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of  
Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse,  
and Jesse the father of David the king. And  
David was the father of Solomon by the wife of  
Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and  
Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father  
of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and  
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of  
Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the  
father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah  
the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and  
Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his  
brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the  
deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and  
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and  
Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the  
father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,  
and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan  
the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph  
the husband  
of Mary, of  
whom was  
born

# JESUS

*who is called Christ.*

**December 30, 2018 9:00 AM**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

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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.*

*Be Aware: Audio and video recording may be in progress during church services /events. Audio, video, and/or photos of the services/events may be posted or aired online for public viewing.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME and GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From the line of David shall come a Savior.

**C: Unto us a child is born!**

L: He shall rule his people with justice.

**C: Unto us a child is born!**

L: Rejoice at the faithfulness of the Lord!

**C: Unto us a child is born!**

OPENING HYMN    *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

ELW #275

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: Incarnate God,

**C: You have given us the most precious gift of all: yourself. And yet we live as if there is nothing extraordinary about being your children. We forget, ignore, or devalue your blessings of grace and forgiveness. We undermine ourselves and others, and refuse to seek help when it is available. Show us your mercy and forgive our stubborn ways, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

L: Emmanuel is here. Fear has been banished. Hear the words of your redemption in the angels' chorus and see your salvation in the real person of Christ on earth. We are forgiven, and we are never alone. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord, you blessed all the generations of the earth with the gift of your son. Teach us to honor him and respect our own place within your family of believers. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

READING

Matthew 1:1-17

Pew Bible p.783

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

***"What Child is This"***

ELW #296

HOLY BAPTISM

ELW p. 227

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

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

RESPONSE

***"Infant Holy"***

ELW #276

## **PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

God of all ages, as we face this new year, release us from fear. Lead us forward, even as you have led your Church forward from an empty cross and tomb through the centuries. Be our companion as we walk into an unknown future. Open us to new possibilities. Renew our hope. Grant us faith to move ahead. Be our companion until Jesus comes again. In his name we pray, Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "*O God, our Help in Ages Past*" ELW# 632

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 today's scripture reading we hear the genealogy of Jesus. The Hebrew people placed great importance on one's descent. Jesus' lineage can be traced (through his father Joseph) all the way back to King David, fulfilling an ancient promise.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for the day of Epiphany and the visit of the magi: Matthew 2: 1-23

## **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Greeter:** Chuck Severson

**Assistant Minister:** LaVern Christianson

**Media Ministry Team:** Jordan Bussa, Eugene Hanchett,  
Tom Wickie, Mark Brodin

**Acolytes:** Miranda Cory and Dodge Byam

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** given for today's worship service is in memory of a good friend Roger Anderson given by Donny Pabst.


Attendance last Wednesday 81; Saturday 39;  
Sunday 145, Christmas Eve 3pm 430, 5pm 268, 10pm 117,  
**Needed to meet 2018 commitments approximately \$20,000.**

**BROUGHT TO CHRIST** through Holy Baptism today is Grace Krenz, daughter of Tyler and Hannah Krenz. Grace's sponsors are Anna Rhubee, James Burton, Duane Cox, and Preston Krenz. May God bless Grace and her family!



**REMINDER:** No BAM-S today, Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.  
No Supper, BAM-W, or Confirmation Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
There will be WOW (Worship on Wednesday) at 5:45PM  
Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Tickets for the **LUTEFISK SUPPER** Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM are on sale before and after church in the Skylight court. They are also available in the Church office during regular office hours. **ALL LEFSE MAKERS!** We will be making lefse for the lutefisk supper Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30am and would appreciate your help! We also have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office, for those willing to help at the Lutefisk supper on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance!

**grace**  **ministries** Something very exciting is happening at American Lutheran! We have access to a whole video library of digital resources through Grace Ministries. Come to **ADULT LEARNING** on January 6<sup>th</sup> in the West Meeting Room or January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Skylight Court to get a preview of all that is offered in the Grace Ministries Digital Library.

**BEFRIENDERS MINISTRY:** Need a friend? Someone to listen? Just a visit would be nice? We are blessed in our congregation to have a group of volunteers called Befrienders. These individuals are good listeners, easy to talk to, willing to pray, lend a hand, or visit. They do not take the place of

your pastor, but broaden the reach of pastoral care in our congregation. Contact the office or one of the pastors to get connected with a Befriender.

**HEADS-UP:** Sewing Days start on January 8 at 9:00 am. Come to the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, fabric kits, personal care kits, and school kits for missions. Come for part of the day or bring a sack lunch and spend the day (until about 2:00 p.m.). No experience necessary! Questions? Contact Carolyn Janssen, 831-3082.



**JESUS FILM FOR ALL!** When people encounter Jesus, everything changes! Come meet the Jesus of Luke's Gospel. Ask with the youth in the movie "Is Jesus for real, or is this a made up story?" This movie is for everyone looking to follow Jesus, to know him and his story, so that he may live in your life. Bring a friend!! Wednesday, January 16th, 6:30 - 8:00 in the Sanctuary.

**MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM** is looking for volunteer meal delivery drivers for the months of January and February. Meals on Wheels delivers over 40 meals to members of our community five days a week. Our clients look forward to the hot, nutritious meals & a friendly face to deliver the meal. Meals leave our site at the Community Center at 11:00am. The delivery route takes approximately an hour to deliver. Please call Kelly Kleven, site manager, at 831-6161 if you are able to deliver meals during the months of January and February.

**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)

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.

**Reminder:**

No BAM today or Wednesday, Jan 2nd. BAM Sunday will resume on January 6th. BAM Wednesday will resume on January 9th!



There WILL BE bible study on January 2nd after worship service. This will be the last meeting for One Thousand Gifts. Stay tuned for the next study coming up!

Also look for some vlogs with Melanie coming up on the website and Facebook page starting in January! These vlogs will help families grow close together in their faith and relationships with God! It will also help families grow in closer relationships with each other!



**2019 Mission Trip:**

**NEW MISSION MEETING!!**

There has been a huge response from the youth of this church, wanting to be a part of the 2019 Mission Trip. In response, there will be a **FINAL DUE**

**DATE/INFORMATION MEETING** on Wednesday, January 9th at 8:00pm.

We will be discussing Mission Trip Location options, Date Availability and then we will collectively decide where we are going to go and serve. Trip Deposits (\$200) and Permission Slips will need to be turned in that day.

All final discussion and decisions will be held that day.

**Jr League** will not be meeting anymore this year. See you in January 2019.

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

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

### **Sunday, December 30**

No BAM-S

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

4:30 PM Soup & Bread- White Elephant Christmas Party

### **Monday, December 31**

Building/Office Closing at 12 Noon.

### **Tuesday, January 1**

Happy New Year!!!

Building/Office Closed

### **Wednesday, January 2**

No BAM-W

No Confirmation

No Supper

10:30 AM Good Samaritan Communion @ Sogge

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday w/Holy Communion)

6:30 PM Mission Trip Info Meeting

### **Thursday, January 3**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

### **Friday, January 4**

### **Saturday, January 5**

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### **Sunday, January 6 (Epiphany)**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Coffee Hour-Mission Trip Fundraiser

10:15 AM Adult Learning-Grace Ministries

10:15 AM BAM-S

4:30 PM Soup & Bread

6:30 PM Jr. League

