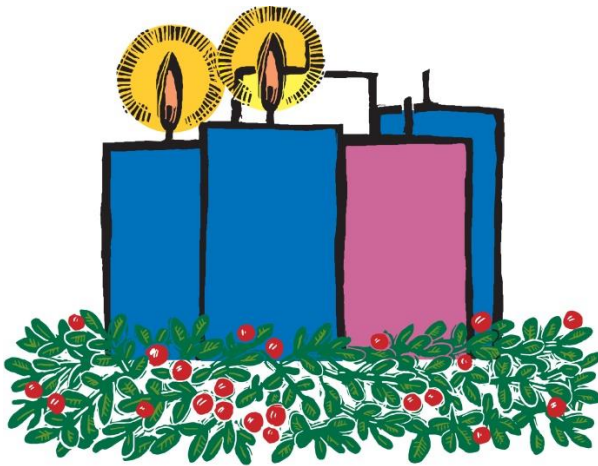


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



— SECOND SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

December 9, 2018 9:00 AM

Second 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

MicheLe Larson, Organist

HANDBELL CHOIR

“We Three Kings“

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Lindsey Cartwright, Treasurer

NOISY OFFERING

Helping Hands Fund

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Travis & Gina Freiwald, Eli & Abigail

ADVENT SONG *“Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah”*

(vs. 2) ELW #240

ADVENT PRAYER We praise you, O God for this circle of light that helps us to prepare for Christ's coming. As we light the candles on this wreath, fill us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"*
(vss. 1, 3, 4) ELW #242

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, you can bring blessing even from disaster. Train us to see where you are at work in the world, and where our presence can further your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HANDBELL CHOIR *"The Angels and the Shepherds"*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

READING Esther 4:1-17 Pew Bible p. 388
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY ***“Lead on, O King Eternal”*** ELW #805

APOSTLES’ CREED ELW page 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

RESPONSE ***“He Came Down”*** (vs. 2) ELW #253

PRAYER

**If salt has lost its taste, then what good is it, O Lord?
Likewise, if we present our gifts but withhold ourselves and
our love from the world, then our offering is hollow and
meaningless. Season us with your spirit and make our
witness stand out to those who would find inspiration from
our faith. We pray these things in the name of your son,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”***
(vss. 1, 2, 4) ELW #244

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

POSTLUDE

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Come and enjoy the **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY**, featuring the 45-voice Community Cantata Choir, here at American Lutheran, 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. Refreshments will follow the concert.



LIVING NATIVITY will be held on December 12 at 5:30PM-7:30PM, with many activities happening all around the church building, including the youth soup supper from 5:00PM-7:00PM, cookie decorating, and musical entertainment in the Skylight Court. **Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office to contribute ingredients for the soup supper.** Please have items to the church by Tuesday, December 11th at 5PM.

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Saturday, December 15th at 8:30 am at the River City Eatery. All women are welcome to come and enjoy God's Word, great food, and great company!

BAM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on December 16th at 3:00 PM. Coffee, cider, and cookies will be held downstairs following the program.

SIGN UP on the Worship & Music bulletin board

- To share music at the Living Nativity
- To light the Advent Candles
- To share music on Christmas Eve
- To help serve Communion on Christmas Eve



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.

Youth Group News

2019 Mission Trip:

ALC YOUTH PLAN TO GO ON
MISSION TO SAN FRANCISCO, CA

TRIP DATE: July 14 - July 19, 2019

TRIP DEPOSIT: \$200

Must be currently in 9th-12th Grade to
be able to go.

Our group will have the opportunity to
partner with social service organizations

throughout the Bay Area, especially organizations that serve
those who are experiencing homelessness or have been displaced.
We could also be serving with organizations such as the Salvation
Army or Boys and Girls Clubs that are working to promote
education and nutrition with children.

GET SIGNED UP ASAP!! Sign-Up Closes, Friday, January 4th,
2019.

EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS:

ATTENTION PARENTS!!

Have you been wondering how you are going to get your
Christmas shopping done? No more worries!! We will be holding 2
Christmas Shopping Drop-Off Fundraiser.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 15th, 2018 & Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 2018:

Time: 8am - 5pm: Fee: \$3.00/hr per/Child

Balanced Lunch & a Late Afternoon Snack will be provided.

We plan on having a lot of entertainment (Movies, Arts & Crafts,
Games, etc) for your kids to enjoy, while you are away. The
nursery will be also open and will be attended by qualified youth.

F3 Event (Faith, Friends and Fellowship = F3)

Thursday, December 21st after the Girl's Basketball Game. What?
What is an F3 Event? Faith, Friends and Fellowship...F3. It's just a
time to hangout with other kids in a friendly and safe
environment. Who knows? We might even have ice cream sundays.

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 9 *(Second Sunday Noisy Offering)*

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Adult Learning: Faith, Charitable Giving, and Taxes.

10:15 AM BAM-S

2:00 PM Community Christmas Concert

Monday, December 10

Tuesday, December 11

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

11:30 AM Altar Guild Christmas Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Disc/Marketing & Stewardship Board

7:00 PM Budget & Finance Board

7:00 PM Properties Board

7:00 PM Spiritual Life/Fellowship Board

7:00 PM Worship & Music Board

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, December 12

No BAM-W or Confirmation

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Youth Soup Supper

5:30 PM-7:30 PM Living Nativity

Thursday, December 13 *(Second Thursday at Senior Dining)*

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

9:00 AM Windom Ministerial Association

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

6:30 PM Youth & Family Board

Friday, December 14

3:00 PM GLOW- Sogge Christmas Party at Good Samaritan Society

Saturday, December 15

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study @ River City Eatery

8:00 AM-5:00 PM Kid Drop off

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 16

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM BAM-S

3:00 PM BAM Christmas Program

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