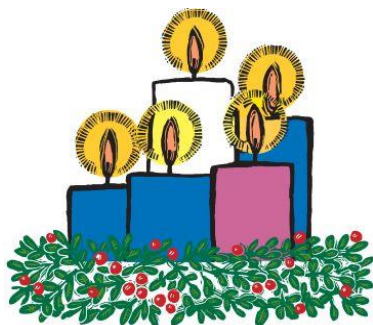


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



CHRISTMAS EVE

**Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2019 10:00 pm**

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Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
The American Lutheran Church of Windom
Pastor Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
Tuesday, December 24th, 2019 10:00 pm
Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS EVENING! *The 7:00 PM broadcast was sponsored in memory of Ruth Berge, given by her grandchildren Niko, Logan, and Sierra Berge, and Mackenzie and Marissa Meier.*

CHRISTMAS GATHERING MUSIC

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 *“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”* ELW #270

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, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

CAROL *“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”* ELW #271

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 52:7-10 Pew Bible p. 596
 Hebrews 1: 1-2a Pew Bible p. 970
 The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God!**

VOCAL SOLO *“O, Holy Night”* Sarah Tailowright

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible p.783
 The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah Tadé

CAROL *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* ELW #279

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING *Musical selections during the Offering*

RESPONSE *“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”* ELW #282

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 144
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY pg. 144
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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DISTRIBUTION

ELW #277, #296, #270, #300

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF CANDLES (see notes below)

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

“Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright

Round yon 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. Try not to spill wax. When candles are extinguished, return them to the holder, pass the holder to the center aisle and place it back under the pew, so they are ready for the next service. Battery operated candles for small children are in the Narthex.