

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.



— THIRD SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

December 15, 2019 9:00 AM
Third Sunday of Advent

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship

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.

PRAYER CANDLES are 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.

SKYLIGHT COURT CAFE before and after Worship every Sunday morning. ALL are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship.

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/GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONG **“Shine a Candle”**
Shine a candle into the darkness, breathe new hope into our lives.
Wind your blessed peace around us till the day when Christ arrives.
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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

R: God is good!

C: This is the foundation.

R: God is love!

C: This is the bridge.

R: God is beautiful!

C: This is the community.

OPENING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW #733

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Incarnate God,

C: You are with us always, and yet we live as though it is not the case. We neglect to show your love and compassion to ourselves and others. We get anxious about unimportant things, and apathetic about those which truly matter. We stop looking for your presence in our lives. Forgive us and guide us back to you, for the sake of our coming savior, amen.

P: God has heard our cries and has granted us mercy according to the promise. Receive our creator's forgiveness, and believe that it is true. Rejoice that we have been redeemed. Amen.

KYRIE

Setting One

ELW p. 98

ALC CHOIR ANTHEM

"Bring Us Hope"

Dana Wallace, trombone

"Waiting for Bethlehem's Light"

Lilliam Archibald, flute

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, you restore what has been destroyed. Rebuild our lives in the strength of your Spirit, and restore our joy in being your servants, in the name of Jesus, amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

READING

Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13

Pew Bible p. 366

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

"All Earth is Hopeful"

ELW #266

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

ALC CHOIR ANTHEM

“Festival of Carols”

from On This Very Night

OFFERING

We give, because God gives to us!

Our ministries share God’s love.

PRAYER

As the Israelites offered daily sacrifices in your temple, so we bring these gifts of gratitude before your table. Bless them and use them for the work of your dawning kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

BENEDICTION

The peace of God accompany your waiting,
the light of ✝ Christ warm your hearts,
and the joy of the Spirit fill you with hope. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

ELW #294

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 our scripture reading today when Persia defeated Babylon (who had defeated the Jews), King Cyrus let the exiled Jews return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple. For the young, it was a grand celebration and for the elders, a bittersweet reminder of the past.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Zechariah’s Song, Luke 1:5-13, 57-80

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture Reader: Jean Johnson

Greeters: Steve & Rhonda Haglund

Christmas
Eve
Worship



Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, Dec 24th, 2019

3:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with
Holy Communion

**7:00 pm KDOM (103.1 FM) broadcast of the 3:00
pm Christmas Eve Worship service.**

GLOW Women's Bible Study Thursday, December 19 at 2:00 pm in the Meeting room across from the Church office. December "Gather" Magazine page 20, Devotional "Watch, wait, create". Questions contact Carolyn Torkelson 831-5986.

PLEDGE CARDS: Thank you to all that turned in your pledge cards this year. 54 have been turned in totaling over 124,000 dollars for the coming year. If you have not turned in a pledge card we would invite you to still do so by turning them into the office. Thank you ALC members!

ALC is in need of **USHERS**. If you would like to volunteer to be an usher please call the Church office at (507)831-1794.

Make the Christmas Eve services special with the addition of your musical talent. Contact Jane Cartwright 831-5032 to schedule your participation.

LUTEFISK SUPPER will be held Saturday, January 11th, 2020, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the American Lutheran Church. Menu items include: Lutefisk, Meatballs, Lefse, and more. Reservations are encouraged by January 6th. Adults are \$15 and children ages 12 and under are \$5. Tickets are available following church services on Sunday's or by calling the church office at 831-1794.

The congregation is invited to join in celebrating **Melvin Wojahn's 90th Birthday** on Saturday, January 4 in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. All are welcome! No gifts, please. Hosted by Melvin's children and grandchildren.



Looking for people to Sign-up sheet is found at the back of the church. Thank you to all who have participated in the busy month of December!

STEWARDSHIP FORMS: For anyone that was unable to make it to Stewardship Sunday there is a box located in the narthex to place your Volunteer Opportunity Form. Pledge cards can be placed in the offering plates. You may also return them to the office at any time. As you leave today and everyday remember to love and serve our neighbors through God! Thank You!

ALTAR GUILD is looking for new members! Altar Guild prepares communion for Worship, dusts the chancel area (around the altar), and changes the paraments in both the sanctuary and the chapel. We have monthly business meetings (September - May) with dessert and fellowship. It is not a huge time commitment and it is a wonderful way to serve your church. Please consider this important ministry of American Lutheran. Questions? Please contact Kathy Hiley, 831-4109 or momhiley@gmail.com or Judy Holt, 831-2128 or jjholt51@gmail.com.



NO BAM Wednesday, December 25th; Sunday, December 29th; Wednesday, Jan 1st or Sunday, Jan 5th. We will return back to regular schedule on Wednesday Jan 8th.

Christmas Program is NEXT Sunday, December 22nd at 2pm! Please have you kids to their BAM rooms by 1:30.

There is still BAM the morning of Christmas program! We will run through the program in full!



A few more **Confirmation Students** are needed as **ushers** for the Christmas Eve service, Dec. 24th, at 10 PM. Please contact Jane Cartwright or the church office if you are able to assist.

Jr. League: Tonight at 6:30! We will be having hot chocolate, apple cider, popcorn and goodies. Playing games and/or watching a Christmas movie!

Sr. League: Will meet every Wednesday evening until the end of the year. Stay tuned for schedule changes after Christmas break.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 15,

8:15 AM & 10:00 AM Skylight Court Café

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1

4:30 PM-6:30 PM Soup & Bread- White Elephant/Christmas Party

6:30 PM Jr League

Monday, December 16

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 17

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, December 18

Messenger Deadline

5:00 PM Supper

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation

8:00 PM Senior League

Thursday, December 19

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

9:00 AM Conference Pastors Meeting

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM ALC Worship on Windom Cable, Channel 3

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 22

First Day of Winter

8:15 AM & 10:00 AM Skylight Court Café

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:15 AM BAM-S Christmas Party in rooms

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1

2:00 PM BAM Christmas Program

