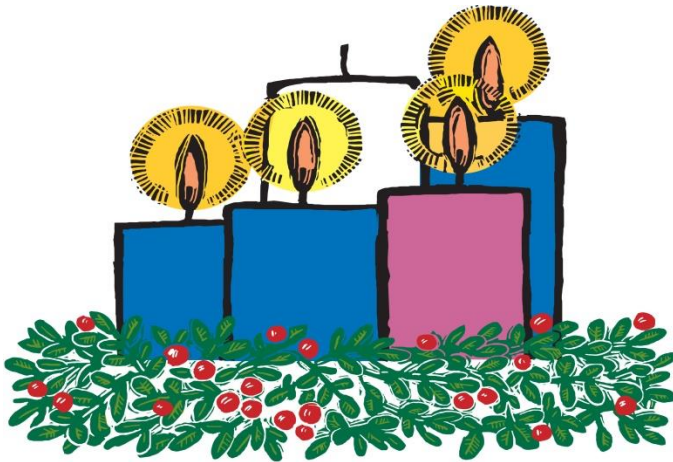


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



— FOURTH SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

December 22, 2019 9:00 AM

Fourth 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.

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

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist
ALC Brass Group

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Lindsey Cartwright, Treasurer

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: Blessed be God.

C: Blessed be the Mystery.

R: Blessed be God.

C: Blessed be the Silence.

R: Blessed be God.

C: Blessed be the Insight.

OPENING HYMN **“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”** ELW #244

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Incarnate God,

C: We confess, Eternal God, that we love to know. We love to tell You what we know and how You should be. We love to impress others with all that we know. We envy experts and soothsayers. We especially love to be right. But You, O God, are all knowing and wise — not us. Forgive us for being stubborn, and unwilling to change.

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

KYRIE Setting One ELW p. 98

HYMN OF PRAISE **“He Came Down”** ELW #253

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, the gift of John the Baptist gave his parents joy and his people hope. May their gladness be ours as we anticipate the arrival of our savior Jesus, in whose beloved name we pray, amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

READING Luke 1:5-13, 57-80 Pew Bible p. 830
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY **“We All Are One in Mission”** ELW #576

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ELW p.104

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING

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

RESPONSE

“Give Thanks”

ALC #15

PRAYER

As Zechariah was met by your promise while giving you offering, so might our lives be transformed as we dedicate these gifts to you and the work of your whole Church on earth. Bless them and us, that the world will continue to be renewed, for the sake of Christ our Messiah, amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

Please be mindful that this is cold and flu season and share a sign of God's peace without shaking hands. Thank you!

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lords' Prayer ELW p.112

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Post Communion Blessing

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 ***“Go Tell It On the Mountain”*** ELW #290

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Altar Guild is asking the congregation to stay a little while after Worship today, Dec. 22 to **HELP ASSEMBLE THE CANDLES** used during the 3 Christmas Eve services.

MUSICAL VARIETY CD'S "For your Listening Enjoyment" by Rozanne Gronseth and "Christmas Meditations" by Dustin Stevens and MicheLe Larson are available! Freewill donations to help reduce our Church debt are appreciated.



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.

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 or putting them into the offering plate during Worship. 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.

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. Lefse making Wednesday, January 8th beginning at 8:00 am.

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.



Thank you to the many **CHOIR MEMBERS** who practiced this fall. Choir will be taking a few weeks off and will resume on Tuesday, January 21st. Singing warms the heart. All are welcome to come.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU is extended to all who participated in the many worship opportunities during the month of December! Whether you were a reader, greeter, usher, lit Advent candles, served communion, or provided musical selections during the Living Nativity, you shared God's love with others.

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.



Join us! This afternoon at 2pm for the BAM

Christmas program! This kids will be performing On Our Way to Bethlehem! They have worked hard on practicing all the songs and speaking parts! Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the program!

Reminder: There will be no BAM on Wednesday, December 25th; Sunday, December 29th; Wednesday, Jan 1st; or Sunday, Jan 5th.

Family Snowshoeing Day at Shetek! Never been snowshoeing?! Or do you love snowshoeing?! Either way, come and join us Sunday, December 29th from 2pm-4pm. Bring the whole family! We are taking the bus to Shetek to go Snowshoeing! We will leave the church parking lot at 1pm! Sign up on the Youth events bulletin board! Please indicate if you will be riding the bus and how many will be riding. You can also drive separately and meet us there!



Jr. League: We will meet on Jan. 5th at 6:30 at the Church for a New Year's Kickoff!

Sr. League: Time to SHAKE THINGS UP with Sr. League! We will meet on Sunday, Jan 12th at 6:30 at the Church! Come and see WHAT'S NEW! Remember, Sr. League is for 9th-12th grade! Not just 9th graders!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 FM
2:00 PM BAM Christmas Program



Monday, December 23

No Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Office closed at 12 Noon
3:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
7:00 PM KDOM (103.1 FM) broadcast of the 3:00 PM Service
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Building/Office Closed



Thursday, December 26

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM ALC Worship on Windom Cable, Channel 3

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, December 29

No BAM
8:15 AM & 10:00 AM Skylight Court Café
9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM