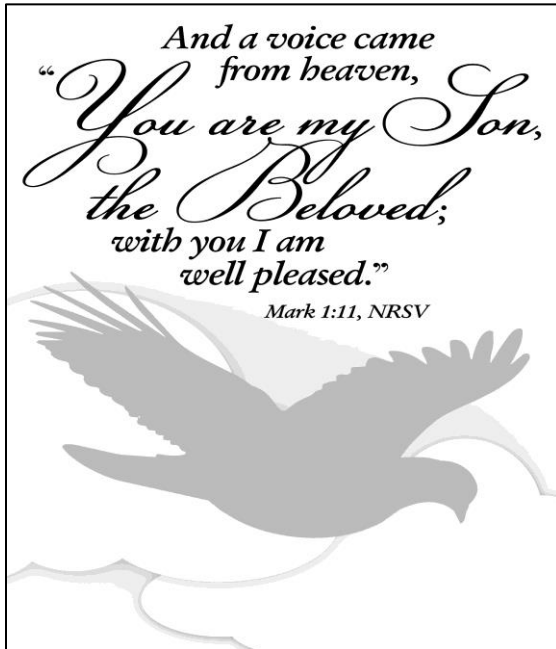


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



December 29, 2019 9:00 AM
First Sunday of Christmas

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

Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts

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

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

WELCOME

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed be Jesus!

C: The chosen from God!

L: Blessed be Jesus!

C: The son, the beloved!

L: Blessed be Jesus!

C: God's faithful; our Lord!

OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

ELW #267

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Living God,

C: You have given us all we need to follow You, yet we doubt ourselves, criticize others, grasp for meaningless pleasures and seek hollow assurances. Forgive us for refusing to see what is in front of our faces. Restore us by the power of your son, Jesus Christ, amen.

P: The Son of Man is powerful, yet compassionate. Take heart in the pardon that he offers: you are forgiven. You are beloved children of God. Your faith has healed you. Amen.

KYRIE

Setting One

ELW p. 98

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Love Has Come”

ELW #292

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, You poured out your Spirit upon your only Son, showing the people that he belonged to You. Send this same Spirit to us as a sign of our baptism and belonging as your beloved children, in the name of Jesus our brother. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

READING

Mark 1:1-20

Pew Bible p.812

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“We are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

ELW #451

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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

“Infant Holy”

ELW #276

PRAYER

As disciples left everything of value they had to follow Jesus, so give us perspective on how we manage our possessions, and how we offer our lives in your service. Bless these gifts as a sign of our willingness to follow in their footsteps, for the sake of our Savior. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

BENEDICTION

May you be blessed with
Grace from God’s own heart,
peace from the ✝ Child in the manger,
and strength from the Spirit of life
be blessings for you today and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

(vs 1-4)

ELW #282

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! Today we begin our journey through the Gospel according to Mark. In our scripture reading today Jesus’ ministry began with the voice of a prophet and a meaningful baptism. Then he was driven out into the world, where he gathered his community.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Jesus’ Ministry Begins,
Mark 1:21-45

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Assisting Minister: Kim Armstrong

Scripture Reader: Brandon Roskamp

Greeters: Brandon Roskamp and Morgan

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.



HEADS-UP: Sewing Days start on January 7 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.

Come to **ADULT LEARNING** Christians and Citizenship Sunday, January 12th at 10:15 AM in the West Meeting Room. Scripture says that we are citizens of Heaven while we are also told that we are citizens of the United States. Pastor Adam will go over what the Bible has to say about dual citizenship and how that plays a part in our daily and civic lives. All are welcome!

GLOW Women's Bible Study Thursday, January 16th at 2:00 pm in the Meeting room across from the Church office. January "Gather" Magazine Bible Study, "Hearing God's Voice" page 24, In the Old Testament, God's call comes in many forms. Questions contact Carolyn Torkelson 831-5986.

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 at 6:30 PM. Singing warms the heart. All are welcome to come.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER Sunday, January 26th

following the Worship Service. There will be childcare provided during the Annual Meeting. Come and learn about the ministry we had in the past year and learn about the year to come. Hope to see you there!



Reminder: There will be no BAM Today, 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 Today from 2pm-4pm. We are taking the bus to Shetek to go Snowshoeing! Bring the whole family! Cost is \$15 per family, that includes equipment, instruction and a fireside treat! Just bring money with you to Shetek. 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!

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, January 15th and Sunday, January 19th is our Donuts with Dads Day at BAM! Dads, grandpas, uncles, or “dad-like” guys in kids’ lives are invited to come to BAM! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, Nursery-4th will sing for us and then we will have some fun games and crafts!



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!

5th Quarter is back! You may be asking what 5th Quarter is?! Well, it is a time for youth to get together after the basketball game, right at the school. **ALL** 7th-12th Grade Kids are invited to come on Friday, January 24th right after the boys home basketball game, we will be in the high school commons! There will be music, pizza, pop and Bingo for prizes! It is a great time to hang out and eat with your friends! **ALL** are welcome!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

1:00 PM Snowshoeing Shetek

Monday, December 30

No Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Building/Office Closed at 12 Noon

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

Building/Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

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

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany

No BAM-S

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

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM

4:30 PM- 6:30 PM Soup & Bread

6:30 PM Jr. League

