

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**"Let us go on to the
neighboring towns,
so that I may proclaim the
message there also;
for that is what I came
out to do."**

Mark 1:38, NRSV

January 5, 2020 9:00 AM
Epiphany of Our Lord

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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

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come away to a quiet place,

C: To worship the Lord.

L: Come away to a quiet place,

C: To pray to the Lord.

L: Come away to a quiet place,

C: To be with the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

“One Small Child”

ALC #19

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

“Great Is the Lord”

ALC #133

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, even when crowds were pressing upon you, you still sought time to pray. Bring us back to the silence of our hearts, so that we too may be refreshed by your spirit. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coor.

READING

Mark 1:21-45

Pew Bible p. 812

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *“God, Whose Almighty Word”* ELW #673

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

“Immanuel, Immanuel” (2 times) ALC #18

PRAYER

As you were generous with your time and gifts of teaching and healing, Lord Jesus, make us open to the needs of others. Bless these gifts we bring and use them for the work of your inbreaking kingdom. Amen.

SHARING OF 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

Songs during Distribution WOV #646 (screens), ALC #88

Post Communion Prayer

Post Communion Blessing

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
now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“What Child is This”

ELW #296

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran, and Happy New Year, 2020!! Our celebration of the birth of Jesus continues today. January 6th is the day of Epiphany which marks the visit of the Maggi or the “wise men” led by the star to discover the new king. Epiphany is a season of light, where the identity of Jesus is revealed. Holy Communion is served to all who believe in the presence of Christ in the bread and wine given to us for the

forgiveness of sins., Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Children may come forward for a blessing.

In our scripture reading today Jesus' ministry was fast and full. In the middle of his whirlwind tour, he took time to pray—to recharge and spend time with God.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Jesus Heals and Teaches,
Mark 2: 1-22

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture Reader: Karen Wickie

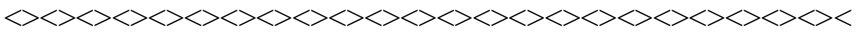
Greeters: Gary and Betty Olson

Communion Assistants: Deanna Voth, Bill & Vanessa Tjentland

Media Ministry Team: Mark Brodin, Tom Wickie, Jen Anderson, John Shamp, Eugene Hanchett

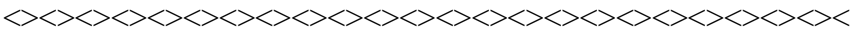
Acolytes: Isaac Armstrong, Emma Holtz

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is given by Joyce Wilkin in memory of great-grandson, Collin Schulze whose birthday was January 10th.



Attendance last Wednesday- No Worship (Christmas Day);
Saturday Canceled; Sunday 80,

Thank you to all! We met our financial commitments for 2019!



Help is needed to **UNDECORATE** the church on Monday morning January 6th at 9:30 AM. Please come and help if you're able. Lots of hands are needed. Thank you in advance!



FIVE DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM: Having access to the Bible is such an amazing gift! 2020 could be the year you read the entire Bible or just the New Testament. Join others who are taking the leap to grow in faith and knowledge through scripture. Pick up the reading guide in the narthex or at alcofwindom.com and get started! The *Bible Readers' Companion*, a study guide is available that helps you understand as you read.

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.

ALL LEFSE MAKERS! We will be making lefse for the Lutefisk Supper, January 8th beginning at 8:00 am. All are welcome!

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.



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.

MUSICAL VARIETY CD'S "For your Listening Enjoyment" by Rozanne Gronseth and "Christmas Meditations" by Dustin Stevens and MicheLe Larson are available! Freewill donations!

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, Sunday, Jan 5th. BAM will resume on Wednesday, January 8th!

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 Tonight, 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, 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

Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 7

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

9:00 AM Sewing-GLOW

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

5:00 PM Church in Society Board Meeting

7:00 PM Christian Education Board Meeting

7:00 PM Worship & Music Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

10:30 AM Good Samaritan Communion @ Sogge

5:00 PM Supper

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday) w/Holy Communion and Noisy Offering

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation

Thursday, January 9

2nd Thursday at Senior Dining

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

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

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

5:00 PM- 7:00 PM Lutefisk Supper

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion and Noisy Offering

Sunday, January 12, *Second Sunday Noisy Offering*

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

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Adult Learning

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM

5:00 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting

6:30 PM Senior League