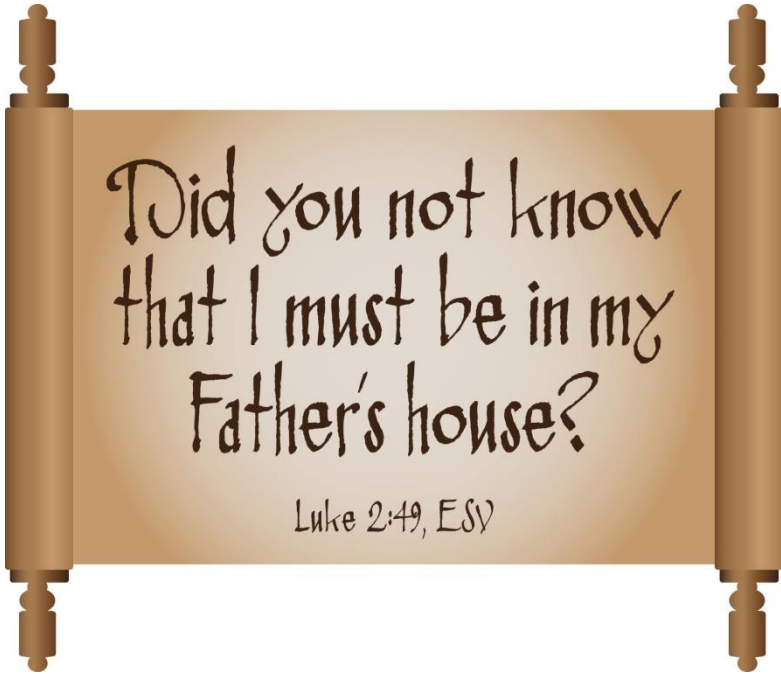


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, January 3, 2021 9:00 AM
Second Sunday after Christmas

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Sundays 9:00 am Worship & 10:30 am Virtual BAM-S
Wednesdays 5:30 pm WOW & 6:30 pm Virtual BAM-W

Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
Ministers: Everyone

WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

If you are new to us or visiting from another church, please email our ALC office if you would like more information on our Church or would like to know how to join. We'd love to be in touch with you.

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.

Please check out our ALC website, www.alcofwindom.com, YouTube Channel, and our Facebook page to view online services, events, and stay up-to-date on the latest information.

ASSISTING MINISTER

Kim Armstrong

GATHERING MUSIC

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Returning to in-person worship

KLW Program: Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship Board

GATHERING:

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have come

C: To the house of God.

L: We are here

C: To give praise.

L: We are here

C: For instruction.

L: We are here

C: As God's children.

L: Let us worship;

C: Praise to God!

OPENING HYMN ***“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*** ELW #272

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.
- 2 Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

4 O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, king of glory, who dost our weakness know: bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and into endless day.

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4 Public Domain

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Renewing God,

C: You have come into our world to live among us, yet we often lose sight of this and seek to manufacture our own truth. We are afraid to share your word lest others judge or mock us. We ignore your wisdom because it isn't convenient. We allow ourselves to be defeated by despair. Forgive our negligence and breathe new life into our heavy hearts.

P: God knows our every weakness and still loves us and upholds our life. Your present and past sins are forgiven and may your hope be restored in the name of our incarnate savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

KYRIE

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L. Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**

L. Christ have mercy. **L. Christ have mercy.**

L. Lord have mercy. **C: Christ have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

(v 3)

ELW #270

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.Public Domain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, You care for us as a parent cares for a child. May we also live your compassion and tend to those who rely upon us for care, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

Pew Bible p. 833

Reader: Darcy Hoffman

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

"The Church Song"

Chorus

We are the church, the body of our Lord; we are all God's children.
We have been restored.

1 The church is not a building where people go to pray; it's not made out of stick and stones, it's not made out of clay.

2 You can go to worship but you cannot go to church; you can't find a building that's alive no matter how you search.

3 The church is not a business, a committee or a board; it's not a corporation for the business of the Lord.

4 The church, it is the people living out their lives, called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ.

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

(Please remain seated. All who recognize the real presence of Jesus in the Bread and the Wine are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. During the Words of Institution, take in hand your communion kit. Please take the wafer when "The Body of Christ Given to you" is spoken. Please drink the juice when "The Blood of

Christ Shed for you” is spoken. When concluded, place the cup back in the bag, which you can dispose of when leaving the sanctuary.)

COMMUNION SONG **“For The Bread Which You Have Broken”**

ELW #494

- 1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

“Please share a greeting with those around you with a wave of your hand.”

OFFERING

We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God’s love. Offerings may be dropped off in the offering box located in the entryway of the church parking lot doors or mailed to PO Box 188, Windom. You may also visit our website www.alcofwindom.com and check out electronic/on-line giving by clicking on our GIVE TAB found in the top menu bar. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

OFFERING PRAYER

We give you the gifts of our time, our resources and ourselves, and ask you to bless them for the sake of your service and the building up of your kingdom on earth. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **“O Come All Ye Faithful”** ELW #283

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2 The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

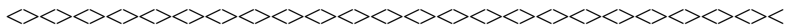
Go in Peace. Serve the Lord! / **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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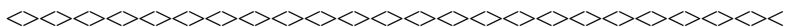
Welcome to Worship as our celebration of the twelve days of Christmas continues! (December 25 – January 5) The season of Epiphany begins on January 6, marking the visit of the magi or wisemen. Throughout the season we see how God is revealed to us the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today’s worship service is in memory of Jim & Gloria Anderson’s Wedding Anniversary on January 4th.



Attendance: None, Online format.

Thank you to all... We met our financial commitments for 2020!! The generosity of our members allowed us to repay all that was borrowed from our Operating Fund and end with a positive balance.



Beginning January 3, 2021, The American Lutheran Church will resume in-person worship and other in-person activities. This includes in-person worship on both Wednesdays and Sundays, Confirmation classes, Bible studies, and other meetings may resume in the church. Worship services will continue to be recorded on Sundays for online use for those who would like to continue with the digital format. It will be posted on - YouTube and Facebook - by noon Sunday. It will be on ALC website on Monday morning. Zoom may also be used for some

activities for those who prefer the digital format, like the women's Bible study for example. Stay Safe Minnesota Guidelines will continue to be followed when entering the Church. We're happy to gather safely for all who choose to come! Thank you for your dedication to ALC! You are the Church!

WELCOME TO DON CROWELL! ALC's new custodian!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO JOEL WIENS AND THE TEAM WSI!!

Joel brought us a box of 500 facemasks from his company *WSI Sports* as a gift for Christmas. In 2020 WSI turned over its manufacturing from sportswear to PPE and joined the country in fighting the pandemic. We are grateful that Joel remembered his home congregation. Members may stop by and pick up a mask at church, 1 per person. *Keep Calm and Serve God!*

BAM PACKETS are ready for pick up! Rocky Railway BAM ZOOM will resume on Wednesday, January 6th!

NOISY OFFERING will be collected on Wednesday, Jan. 6 and Sunday, Jan. 10th! Please bring your spare coins for our GLOW Quilting Ministry.

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT: Confirmation will resume in person on January 6th. We look forward to seeing all 8th and 9th grade students and the Small Group Guides then!

SHARING CENTER UPDATES: The Sharing Center could use personal health care products. If you're out shopping and have a couple extra bucks and would like to buy them shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc., they would really appreciate it.

HELP WANTED: The American Lutheran Church of Windom is seeking a part-time youth coordinator and Christian education coordinator to help with our Bible And Me (BAM) Sunday school program and also our teenage youth groups. Both positions are for 10 hours a week. Apply for one or both. An application form is available in the church office or visit: www.alcofwindom.com.

FEELING ALONE? You are not the only one!! Quarantine is not fun and isolation doesn't help anybody's spirits. It is just the time we are in. Call a friend, reach out to others, and pray for God is near. Your church staff is also here for you. Don't hesitate to call or reach out!