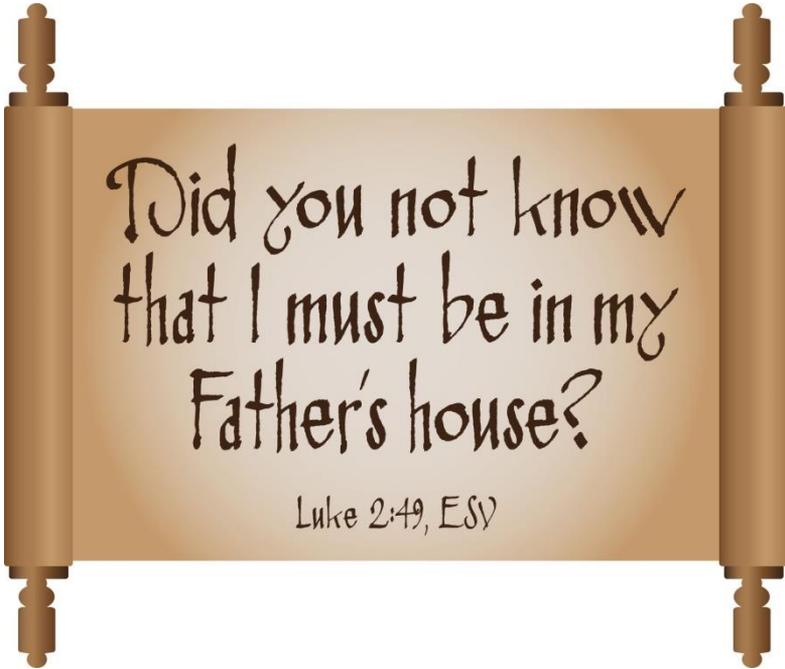


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**Wednesday, December 30, 2020 5:30 PM**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**

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Sundays 9:00 am Digital Worship & 10:30 am Virtual BAM-S  
Wednesdays 5:30 pm Digital 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](http://www.alcofwindom.com), YouTube Channel, and our Facebook page to view online services, events, and stay up-to-date on the latest information.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

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 “*We Three Kings of Orient Are*” WOV #646

1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder  
star.

*Refrain*

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, n star with royal beauty  
bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy  
perfect light!

2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again; king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. *Refrain*

5 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt. 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.**

## KYRIE

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"* ELW #270

"Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

## 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 their children. May we also live your compassion and tend to those who rely upon us for care, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## INSTALLATION OF DON CROWELL, CUSTODIAN

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Dustin Stevens and Michele Larson Duet

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

Pew Bible p. 833

Reader: Darcy Hoffman

<sup>41</sup>Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming 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. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When 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." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And 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

Melanie Shamp, *Christian Ed Coor.*

### 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**

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](http://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.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

*Get out your blessing hands, face the center, and repeat after me:*

**May the peace of God enfold us,  
The love of God uphold us,  
And the grace of God remold us. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

***“Immanuel, Immanuel”***

ALC #18

Immanuel Immanuel

God is with us Immanuel

They shall call Him Immanuel

God is with us

(REPEAT)

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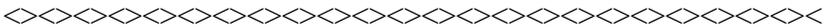
**Go in Peace. Serve the Lord! / We will! Thanks be to God!**

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.

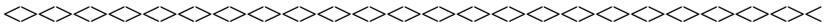
**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's worship service is in memory of Jim & Gloria Anderson's Wedding Anniversary on January 4th.



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!

Card Shower in Celebration of **AVIS FETT'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please send cards and or greetings to Avis Fett at 705 6th St. Room 413 Windom, MN 56101 to help her celebrate!

**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 coins for GLOW Quilting Activities.

**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](http://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!