

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, November 28th, 2021 9:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent

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**Wednesdays 6:30 pm Worship
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 WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

How Can We Serve You?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

**By turning this in, I give my permission for ALC to use my information for contact purposes.*

Preferred Contact Method: ☐ Phone ☐ Email

☐ I would like information about joining ALC

☐ I would like a call and/or visit from a pastor

☐ I am a current member of ALC and this is an UPDATE to my information (examples: address change, name change, if you would like our weekly emails, please specify: _____.)

☐ I have a prayer request: _____

Please fill out, tear off bulletin, and place in the offering plate.

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.

GATHERING MUSIC

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Readers: Abby and Jack Elness

Candles: Luke & Alyce Hansen and daughter, Maggie

ADVENT SONG

"He Came Down"

ELW #253

He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope; hallelujah forevermore.

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GATHERING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come into God's house with a hope and a promise:

C: Despite the darkness, the light awaits us.

L: Set down roots and find a new normal,

C: And when sought, God will be found!

OPENING HYMN

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

(vs. 1, 4, 6, & 7)

ELW #257

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Healing God,

C: We come into this house broken and lost. We bring our worries and our fears. We bring the weight of having acted out in ways that hurt others, you, and ourselves. We wonder if there will ever be a time when light will find us. Forgive what we have done and heal us, for the sake of the one who gave everything for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: God offers light and healing. God invites us into a new way of being. Despite our sin, God forgives. Receive and welcome God's forgiveness, and be made clean and whole again in Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW #204

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of restoration,

C: When the Israelites were exiled, you invited them to accept a new normal. Show us how to move forward even when it seems that all is lost. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Spirit of Gentleness"

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 Pew Bible p 639

Reader: Kay Evers

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY ***“Onward, Christian Soldiers”*** screens

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.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”***

ELW #184

PRAYER

Even when we are lost or broken, we know that healing comes when we reach out, rather than isolate, give, rather than withhold. So, we bring our offerings to you in the hope that abundant blessings come not only for us, but for those who benefit from these gifts that we offer. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be aware of the cold and flu season and the increase in COVID cases statewide. Greet one another with a wave of your hand or an elbow bump

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Angie meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound”

ELW #239

DISMISSAL

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

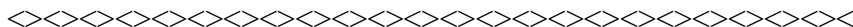
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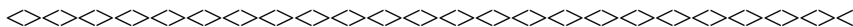
WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today is the first week of Advent. Advent is the time period of patiently waiting, in anticipation of God's coming. In the scripture reading, Israel was exiled, and it looked like it was going to be for a long time. God's invitation to the people came with a promise: build a new life for themselves, and when they searched for God, God would be found.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles,
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in honor of Loraine Jacobson's 101st birthday on November 30th given by family.



Attendance last Wednesday 107; Saturday 37; Sunday 126;
Offering \$10,975; Borrowed \$18,000



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: James Erickson, Naeem Muhammad

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett, and Jen Anderson

Communion Assistants: Keith & Cindy Bloomgren, Mandie Borer, and Jane Cartwright

Health concerns - As we enter into the cold and flu season, and as the COVID-19 virus continues to circulate, our concern is for the good of the neighbor. We encourage each one to do what is best to stay well, and keep others healthy.

- We will not be shaking hands during the sharing of the peace.
- Please stay home if you are sick.
- Mask wearing provides added protection, and you are welcome to do so.

WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF ADVENT! In these four weeks we are waiting for the arrival of the birth of Jesus, and longing for the coming of Christ. To mark the passage of time, one candle is lit each week until Christmas Eve, when a white candle in the center of the wreath is lit, symbolizing Christ's birth. Many meanings can be assigned to the candles for each week. This year we center our thoughts and prayers on growth in living out God's word in the world and look forward to walking with others in faith.



American Lutheran Church is gearing up for **LIVING NATIVITY**, held on **Wednesday, December 8th**. The night will start at 5:00 PM with a soup/chili supper put on by the Youth and Family Board. Between 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, enjoy other events. Outside, drive or walk past the front of the church to catch a view of the stable, see the animals, or take a “carriage ride”. Visit inside to see the animals, enjoy musical selections, and visit the youth bake sale. There will also be an opportunity to donate to the Sharing Center. If you are willing to share your musical talents, please contact Jane Cartwright, 831-5032. Come join in the festivities.

We're looking for individuals or groups to **PERFORM IN THE SKYLIGHT COURT DURING LIVING NATIVITY, DECEMBER 8TH**. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the Worship bulletin board located in the office hallway

THE WINDOM AREA CHORDHUSTLERS are holding their annual Food Drive Concert to benefit area food shelves on Sunday, Nov. 28th at 2:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier Catholic. The cost of admission is a food item to share (or personal hygiene item) or a monetary donation. Come out and enjoy some great music of the season by our local men's chorus!

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT: As Pledge Cards and Volunteer Opportunity forms keep coming in, a box will be located in the narthex (back of the church) or you can mail it to PO Box 188, Windom. Thank you!

Beginning in January, along with **QUILT MAKING** and assembling **SCHOOL KITS**, GLOW will be assembling **BABY CARE KITS AND PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**. If you would like to help but cannot attend our sewing and assembly days, donations are greatly appreciated. We are in need of Ivory bar soap and new combs. If you would like to donate, please put the bar soap and combs in the labeled box in the Skylight Court. Inexpensive packs of 10 bars are available at Dollar General or Menards. New combs should be sturdy wide-tooth combs (no picks). Thank you!!!



Join Tera on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:30-1:00pm for **WALK BY FAITH!** Hall/Steps Indoor Walking at ALC! We'll start with a Prayer and Take it from There! Walk independently, with another, or with a group! No sign-up required, no fee to attend, just come when you can and join us as we **WALK BY FAITH!**



ALC Christmas Eve Services Friday, Dec 24th, 2021

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 broadcast of the 3:00 pm service.****

NEW CHOIR MUSIC! ALC Choir is practicing in the Choir room located in the lower level, near the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 5:30. ALC Choir will share anthems each Sunday during Advent. In addition, ALC Handbell Choir and ALC Choir will feature Christmas selections on Sunday, Dec. 19th, during the service. Dec. 19th at 2:00 PM will feature both Wednesday/ Sunday School students as they share their Christmas Program.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

NO WEDNESDAY SCHOOL December 8th - It's LIVING NATIVITY!

Sunday, December 12th - **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE** for BOTH Sunday AND Wednesday School Students during the Sunday School time - 10:15-11:00am.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Wednesday/Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 19th at 2pm! ALL ARE WELCOME! Goodie Bags will be distributed!

There will be **NO WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL** - December 22, December 26th, December 29th, and January 2nd for Christmas/New Year's Break.



YOUTH NEWS/FUNDRAISERS:

LIVING NATIVITY SOUP SUPPER: The youth will once again be putting on the soup supper for Living Nativity. Could you help by donating food items for the supper? If so, please sign up on the bulletin board by the office. Thank you!

YOUTH HOTDISH FUNDRAISER Every 3rd Wednesday and Sunday of the month through May the youth will be selling hotdishes. A small is \$10 and a large is \$25. The Youth will also be hosting the Skylight Court Café that 3rd Sunday.



Jr. League will be on Sunday, December 12th from 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM.

Senior League will be on Sunday, December 12th prior from 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM. All are welcome! Bring your friends for a fun activity!

Money can be a blessing or a curse, depending on our attitude towards it.
"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10).

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

No Sunday School

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

4:00 PM- 5:30 PM Jr. League



Monday, November 29

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Women's Evening Bible Study

Tuesday, November 30

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:30 PM- 1:00 PM Walk by Faith w/Tera

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, December 1

10:30 AM Sogge

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper- Ham sandwiches, chips, baby carrots w/ranch, and bars

5:30 PM Choir

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

7:30 PM Confirmation 7th, 8th, & 9th Grade

Thursday, December 2

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

12:30 PM-1:00 PM Walk by Faith w/Tera

5:30 PM Christmas GLOW Dinner Party

Friday, December 3

Saturday, December 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM