

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Third  
Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, December 12th, 2021 9:00 AM**

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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.*

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**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

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering

ALC Helping Hands

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Readers: Erin and Chloe Shamp

Candlelighters: Mitchel & Cheyenne Boeck family, Macy, Cason,

Dashel, Emory

ADVENT SONG **"He Came Down"** (3 verses) 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.

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

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

## GATHERING

**C: Amen**

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

L: In this house we speak and listen for God's word,

OPENING HYMN    *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*    ELW #254

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

L: Healing God,

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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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: When Israel had lost everything, you reminded them they still had one thing: your word. Help us to speak and listen for your word so that it might accomplish its purpose. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM     *“Amen! Tell It on the Mountain”*

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-13

Pew Bible p 598

Reader: Rick Quade

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, Christian Ed Coord.

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY

***"Come, We that Love the Lord"***

ELW #625

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.*

OFFERING

*We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's love.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

***"Create in Me"***

ALC #14

PRAYER

**You have given us all that we need for this life, God, and so much more! You provide for our needs and bless us beyond measure. May our gifts we offer here be a sign of the gratitude that overflows in us as your beloved children. Use these as a word of hope for all who turn to you for help. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The light of Christ illumine your path, the love of God remain your guidepost, and the power of the Spirit sustain your journey. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

***"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"***

ELW #244

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Prepare the way! / **We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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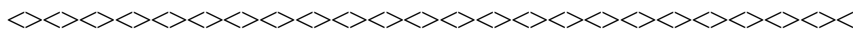
**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, God's people were exiled and had lost everything—except

God's word. As long as they continued to speak and hear the word of God, that word would accomplish its purpose—the restoration of Israel one day.

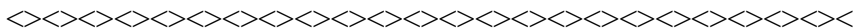
**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Word Made Flesh, John 1:1-18.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's worship service is in memory of Basil Thompson given by Sharon and family.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in memory of Ernie & Clara Tasler's Wedding Anniversary on December 18<sup>th</sup> given by Carolyn Torkelson.



Attendance last Wednesday 93; Saturday 30; Sunday 128;  
Offering \$8,470



**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** We are in need of approximately \$35,000 to make our budget commitments for 2021. The American Lutheran Church books for 2021 will close at 5 pm on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Please be sure to get all 2021 contributions in by this time. No gift is ever too small. Thank you for your support of ALC!

### **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Acolytes:** Nate Sykora, Peyton Hilbrands

**Technology:** Tim Hiley, Dan Knigge, Eugene Hanchett, Tom Wickie

**TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING** is designated for the Helping Hands Fund. Helping Hands is a fund here at the American Lutheran Church that allows us to provide help for individuals in need. Thank you for your support!

**WINDOM AREA SCHOOLS BACKPACK PROGRAM:** We're looking for volunteers to help pack backpacks! This program provides weekend meals to the Windom Elementary students in Kindergarten - Fifth Grade. With the growing classes we're packing more backpacks! This is an independent program based off of volunteers. The meals are packed one day a week with different groups on a rotation. The packing takes less than an hour depending on the number of volunteers. So, you could pack backpacks once a month for only one hour. If you're interested in helping pack food backpacks please contact the church office at 831-1794 or [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com). Without your help and support this program wouldn't be possible, so thank you in advance for volunteering to help our local children in need!

**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.

**MAKE THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES SPECIAL WITH THE ADDITION OF YOUR MUSICAL TALENT.** Contact Jane

Cartwright 831-5032 as soon as possible to schedule your participation.

**DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT** this Thursday, 12//16/21, a Chamber event on the Town Square. What's our part?

- Caroling! Meet at the E-Free Church at 5:30. We will sing carols of the season around the square. Dress warm and join the fun!
- Stop by the Ministerial Association's prayer space inside the Worship Center of the E-Free Church for reflection, and interactive prayer stations. Treats and hot beverages will be served and pastors available.

**GLOW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Thursday, December 16th at 2:00 PM. Please join us in the ALC Meeting Room across from the church office. This month's study is from the December "Gather" Magazine Devotional: Women of Advent, page 32. If able, please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share. See Gina in the church office for a copy of the Bible Study and join us! Invite a friend! Hope to see you there! Have questions; contact Carolyn Torkelson, 831-5986.

**NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, CHOIR, or CONFIRMATION**

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup> for Christmas/New Year's break. There will also be **NO WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dec. 26th, Dec. 29th, & Jan. 2nd for Living Nativity/Christmas/New Year's break.



**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 9:00 AM service. Dec. 19th at 2:00 PM will feature both Wednesday/ Sunday School students as they share their Christmas Program.

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. New combs should be sturdy wide-tooth combs (no picks). Thank you!!!

Our **ALC LUTEFISK SUPPER** for January 2022 is **CANCELLED**.



### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:**

**TODAY!** 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!

**THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD IS SEEKING DONATIONS OF BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY** for our Sunday/Wednesday school students goodies bags. Please bring your donations to the church by 4PM Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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:**

**YOUTH HOTDISH FUNDRAISER** Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>! A small is \$10 and a large is \$15. . The Youth will also be hosting the Skylight Court Café Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>!



Both **JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE** will be **CANCELLED** on December 12th.

**Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace** "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10).

## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 12, *Third Sunday of Advent/Second Sunday Noisy Offering***

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:00 AM Worship & Musica Board Meeting

10:15 AM Sunday/Wednesday School Christmas Program Rehearsal

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

Jr. Leauge & Sr. Leauge- **Cancelled**

5:30 PM- 7:00 PM Soup & Bread

**Monday, December 13**

6:00 PM Bell Choir

**Tuesday, December 14**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund Meeting

12:00 PM Noon Altar Guild Staff Christmas Luncheon

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

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

7:00 PM Budget & Finance, & Discipleship, Marketing & Stewardship Bd Mtgs

8:00 PM Church Council

**Wednesday, December 15**

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

5:00 PM Wednesday Supper- Goulash, corn, buttered bread, fruit cup, cookie

5:30 PM Choir

5:30 PM Wednesday School

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

7:30 PM Youth Hotdish Fundraiser

7:30 PM Confirmation 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Thursday, December 16**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

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

2:00 PM GLOW Women's Bible Study

4:00 PM- 7:00 PM Downtown Christmas by Candlelight

**Friday, December 17**

**Saturday, December 18**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

**Sunday, December 19, *Fourth Sunday of Advent***

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Youth Hotdish Fundraiser

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

11:00 AM Christian Education Board Meeting

**2:00 PM Sunday/Wednesday School Christmas Program**

