

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, December 19th, 2021 9:00 AM
Fourth 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.

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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

MicheLe Larson, Organist

HANDBELL CHOIR

"We Three Kings"

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

2:00 PM Sunday/Wednesday School Christmas Program today!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Readers: Toria and Fiona Robillard

Candlelighters: Brady & Kristy Mickelson, Brynn, Addy, Henry

ADVENT SONG **"He Came Down"** (3 verses) ELW #253

- 1.) 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.
- 2.) 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.

- 3.) 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.
- 4.) He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; 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: We look for the one who walks among us,

C: **The light that will shine...soon!**

OPENING HYMN

"Morning Star"

ALC #107

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

"Emmanuel"

(Choir sings first time through/ congregation please join on 2nd repeat)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of light,

C: You walked the earth when you created it. You walked it again when Word became flesh. Remind us that you walk with us still. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Holy Child within the Manger”*

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-18 Pew Bible p 862

Reader: Xavier Roberts

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

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM *“Music Box Noel”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Tera Elness, Christian Ed Coord.

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY *“Saviour of the Nations, Come”* ELW #263

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

John testified to the light, reminding us that you, O God, walked among us. We strive to bring light into the world through our offerings. Receive our gifts so that all may know that you walk among us still. 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.**

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 walked the earth when God created it. God would walk the earth again, when God's Word would become flesh.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for A Voice in the Wilderness, John1:19-34

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Janice Bell and Patty Stene given by Eugene Stene.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in honor of Arlene Burbank's 100th birthday on Monday, December 20th.

Attendance last Living Nativity; Saturday 18; Sunday 119;
Offering \$7,037

FINANCIAL UPDATE: We are in need of approximately **\$28,000** 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: Heidi Johnson, Charlotte Nauman

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Todd Armstrong, Eugene Hanchett, Tom Wickie

HELP IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY! Many hands help to make light work. Thanks everyone!

- Muscle is needed to move chairs for the children's Christmas program this afternoon. Please report to the Bell Choir area for instructions. We also need to arrange the altar area to make room for the risers.
- Help the Altar Guild assemble candles for Christmas Eve. Meet in the Narthex at the rear of the church sanctuary.

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. 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.

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.

NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, CHOIR, or CONFIRMATION

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: because of the number of people expected, and for the protection of all, we are asking all too please wear a mask and socially distance when possible.



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.

WE ARE IN NEED OF CHRISTMAS EVE READERS AND USHERS FOR THE 10:00AM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE. If you could lend a hand, please contact the church office or Jane Cartwright.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: A beautiful Christmas backdrop will be set up in the Skylight Court for families wishing to snap their own family picture in celebration of the holidays! Thanks, Tina Mesner for setting this up!

ALC office will be **CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 12 NOON.**

NO SATURDAY CHAPEL SERVICE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH in observance of Christmas.

There **WILL** be **WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH**, *Expect Something Different!*

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:

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, TODAY! 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:

YOUTH HOTDISH FUNDRAISER TODAY!

December 19th following worship! A small is \$10 and a large is \$15. The Youth will also be hosting the Skylight Court Café Sunday, TODAY, December 19th!



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 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

Monday, December 20

Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, December 21, *Winter Begins*

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

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

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, December 22

No Meal, Wednesday School, Worship, or Choir

5:45 PM Confirmation Pizza Party w/Christmas Cookie Decorating

Thursday, December 23

No Walk by Faith w/Tera

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

3:00 PM Mikkelson Manor

4:00 PM Remick Ridge

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Office Closes at 12 Noon

3:00 PM Candlelight Worship

5:00 PM Candlelight Worship

7:00 PM KDOM (101.3 FM) Broadcast of the 3PM Service

10:00 PM Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day

Building Closed

No Chapel Service

Sunday, December 26, *First Sunday after Christmas*

No Sunday School

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM



WISHING YOU A
**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**