

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



*"Behold,*  
THE LAMB OF GOD,  
*who takes away*  
THE SIN  
OF THE WORLD!"

JOHN 1:29, ESV

**Sunday, December 26th, 2021 9:00 AM**  
*First Sunday after Christmas*

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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

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 and gather, for the Christ child has been born!

**C: As we celebrate Jesus' birth,**

L: We hear a voice:

**C: Prepare the way for the Messiah!**

OPENING HYMN      *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”*

ELW #275

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: Forgiving God,

**C: These past two years have been extremely challenging. We have not always risen to the occasion as we might. Sometimes we hid when we should have reached out. Sometimes we lashed out when we should have calmed down. Forgive us for all that we have done and failed to do, and restore us by your grace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the baby king.**

L: God does not remember our sin. God forgives us and makes us new each day. Receive God’s merciful forgiveness, + and celebrate all that God has given to us: restoration, redemption, and new life. Amen.

CAROL      *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”*

ELW #282

HYMN OF PRAISE      *“Let All Together Praise Our God”*

(vs 1 & 2)      ELW #287

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of proclamation,

**C: You sent John into the world to prepare the way for Jesus. Jesus prepared the mission for us. Give us courage to carry the mantle and proclaim your word to the world. Amen.**

CAROL      *“The First Noel”*

ELW #300

GOSPEL READING      John 1:19-34

Pew Bible p 862

Reader: Sarah Tailowright

Response before: The Holy Gospel according to John,  
the First Chapter. / **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after: The Gospel of the Lord. / **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, Christian Ed Coord.

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY     ***“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”***

ELW #272

HOLY BAPTISM: Colton Alan Jurgens

ELW p. 227

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     ***“We Give Thee But Thine Own”***

(vs 1&4)     ELW #686

PRAYER

**Lord God, you sent John into the world to prepare the way for Jesus. His selflessness helped make it possible for Jesus to change the world. Receive these gifts, given with selflessness, to help change the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Carol meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN     ***“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”***

ELW #288

DISMISSAL

**Go in Peace. Christ is Born! / We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

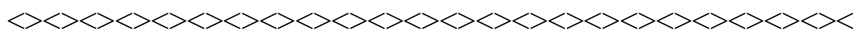
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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the scripture reading, John had an important role to play—to prepare the way for Jesus, the Messiah, to enter the scene.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Jesus Says Come and See,  
John 1:25-51.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's worship service is in memory of Jerry Vought's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 3<sup>rd</sup> given by Ronnie & Carol Vought.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in honor of LeRoy Larson's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Christmas day given by Elaine and family.



Attendance last NA; Saturday 29; Sunday 115;  
Sunday/Wednesday School Program 261; Offering \$7,037



**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** We are in need of approximately **\$20,000** 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:** Eleanor Eken, Erin Shamp

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

**BROUGHT TO CHRIST** through Holy Baptism today, December 26th is Colton Alan Jurgens, son of Clinton Jurgens & Tylor Kruse. Colton's sponsors are Kaylee Mischke, Derick & Mackenzie Hall, and Bramer & Michelle Powers. May God bless Colton and his family!



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

ALC office will be **CLOSED ON FRIDAY, December 31<sup>ST</sup>** in observance of New Year's.

**NO SATURDAY CHAPEL SERVICE SATURDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>** in observance of New Year's. Have a safe and happy New Year's!

**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.

Hi Friends! Beginning in January, **WALK BY FAITH** will consist of independent hall walking anytime during open church hours! That's right! It's not always easy to get our steps in during the winter months, and our church provides the perfect space! So come and **WALK BY FAITH** Mondays-Fridays from 9am-4pm! And here's to a happy & healthy 2022!

**SAVE THE DATE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th** following Worship in the Skylight Court. All are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD** following the Worship Service. There will be childcare

provided during the Annual Meeting. Come and learn about the ministry we had in the past year and learn about the year to come. Hope to see you there!

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!!!



**HEADS-UP:** Sewing Days will be starting up again on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of January-April. Join us January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am-2:00 ish. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits, and pack school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Come for an hour or two or bring a sack lunch and spend the day. No experience necessary! Questions? Call Kathy Hiley: 831-4109 or Jackie Turner: 831-1623.

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

**Are you interested in SPONSORING THE RADIO BROADCAST on Sundays?** The cost is \$57 for a Sunday service sponsorship. The months of January and February are open. Please contact the ALC office if you are interested in a sponsorship.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

**REMINDER:** There will be **NO WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL - TODAY** December 26<sup>th</sup>, December 29<sup>th</sup>, and January 2<sup>nd</sup> for Christmas/New Year's Break.



### YOUTH NEWS/FUNDRAISERS:

The youth will be selling **HOT DISHES** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (January 19<sup>th</sup>) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

(January 16<sup>th</sup>) of the month. A small is \$10 and a large is \$15. They will also be doing coffee hour on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (January 16<sup>th</sup>) of each month. This will go through May.



**Jr. League** will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 2:00PM-3:30PM! **SR. LEAGUE** will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 4:00PM-5:30PM. Join us for some fun activities! All are welcome! Bring your friends!!

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

### **Sunday, December 26**

*First Sunday after Christmas*

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

### **Monday, December 27**

### **Tuesday, December 28**

No Men's Bible Study

No Walk by Faith w/Tera

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

### **Wednesday, December 29**

No Meal, Wednesday School, Worship, Choir, or Confirmation

### **Thursday, December 30**

**End of Year Giving Due by 5:00 PM**

No Walk by Faith w/Tera

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

### **Friday, December 31**

**New Year's Eve**

**Building/Office Closed**

### **Saturday, January 1**

**New Year's Day**

**Building Closed**

No Chapel Service

### **Sunday, January 2**

*Second Sunday after Christmas*

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

