

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**Sunday, December 5th, 2021 9:00 AM**

***Second 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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GATHERING MUSIC

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Readers: Congregation participates Left/Right side

**Right Side:** Just as Ezekiel saw a world of violence, despair, injustice, and unfairness, so we too see the dry bones filling the valleys of this war-torn world.

**Left Side:** But God sets forth a light of peace, delivering flesh to bare bones, bringing workers for harmony and justice in places of discord and strife.

**Right Side:** (*light candle 1*) We light first, the candle of hope, trusting that hope for a savior remains.

**Left Side:** (*light candle 2*) And we light the second, believing that God's Son might usher in a new order, where the lion and lamb lie peacefully together.

Candlelighters: Cindy Clark and Carol Schenk

ADVENT SONG      **“He Came Down”**      (2 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.

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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: Despite what looks like the end,

**C: Restoration and new life can be found here.**

OPENING HYMN      **“I Hear a Sound”**      (vs. 1 & 2)      ALC #25

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      screens

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of new life,

**C: You showed Ezekiel that you have the ability and willingness to restore Israel to new life. We ask that you restore us, too, to new life filled with abundant blessings and gratitude. Amen.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Christmas Sanctus”*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pew Bible p 704

Reader: Nick Trotter

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, Christian Ed Coord.

## MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

## SONG OF THE DAY

*“Blessed be the God of Israel”*

ELW #250

## 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

**Out of dry bones, you can restore a nation to new life. Out of lifelessness you can create vibrant abundance. Take our humble offerings and make of them an overflowing blessing from which the thirsty may drink and the dead may find new life. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

MicheLe meditative music

Post Communion 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

*“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”*

ELW #242

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran. In the scripture reading, Israel was dead—or so it seemed. God showed Ezekiel that, like dry bones restored to life, Israel could and one day would be restored to life.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Word Accomplishes God's Purpose,  
Isaiah 55:1-13.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's worship service is in memory of my two grandson's Anthony Haroldson and Chad Townsend given by Elaine Henry.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in memory of Ernie Tasler, whose birthday was on December 1<sup>st</sup> given by Carolyn Torkelson.

Attendance last Thanksgiving Eve 243; Saturday 34; Sunday 97;  
Offering \$2,421; Thanksgiving Offering \$1,696; Borrowed \$18,000

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** We are in need of approximately \$40,000 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:** Morgan Johnson, Braydn Evans

**Technology:** Dan Knigge, John Shamp, Eugene Hanchett, Tom Wickie

**Communion Assistants:** Vickie Burmeister, Lori & Jay Mickelson

**NOISY OFFERING** Next Sunday will help support the ALC Helping Hands fund. Please bring your spare change.

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving Boxes. Thirty boxes were packed & delivered by the Church in Society Board. Thanksgiving Eve Worship donations to the Windom Sharing Center were 271 lbs of food and \$523.22 collected. Thank you to all who donated!



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

**NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, CHOIR, or CONFIRMATION** December 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup> for Living Nativity/Christmas/New Year’s break. There will also be **NO WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, & Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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:**

**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>.

### **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** 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 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



### **Monday, December 6**

No Bell Choir

### **Tuesday, December 7**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

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

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

5:00 PM Church in Society Board Meeting

6:30 PM Budget & Finance 2022 Budget Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 8**

No Wednesday Night Supper, Choir, Wednesday School, Worship, or Confirmation

9:00 AM Windom Ministerial Association

**5:00 PM -7:00 PM Living Nativity Youth Soup & Chili Supper**

**5:30 PM- 7:30 PM Living Nativity**

### **Thursday, December 9**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

11:30 AM 2nd Thursday at Senior Dinning

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

### **Friday, December 10**

### **Saturday, December 11**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

### **Sunday, November 12**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

***Second Sunday Noisy Offering***

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

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