

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**Sunday, January 2nd, 2022 9:00 AM**  
***Second 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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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

MicheLe Larson, 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: Jesus invites us all into his mission:

**C: Come and see!**

OPENING HYMN

**"Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

ELW #290

## 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.

## KYRIE

ELW #154

## HYMN OF PRAISE

***“Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming”***

(vs 1,2,4)

ELW #272

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of invitation,

**C: Your son, Jesus, sent an invitation to all who would follow saying “Come and see.” Give us courage to come and vision to see. 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

MicheLe (meditative music)

Post Communion Prayer

## GOSPEL READING

John 1:35-51

Pew Bible p. 862

Reader: Kathy Hiley

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 Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

***"Be Thou My Vision"***

ELW #793

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

***"Create in Me a Clean Heart"***

ELW #186

PRAYER

**Holy Lord, as Jesus gathered followers to help fulfill his mission, accept these gifts offered to fulfill your mission in this world. Grant us loving and giving hearts to continue to do your work. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

***"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"***

ELW #275

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church on this 9th day of Christmas. January 6 is Epiphany. This is the day that Christ was revealed to the Gentiles, to all nations through the visit of the kings (or magi) from the East. His light shines brightly through the darkness. In the scripture reading today, Jesus gathered a team of ministers to help him do ministry. He did it with an invitation, "Come and see."

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Wedding at Cana, John 2:1-11.  
The second Sunday in January we also celebrate the Baptism of  
Our Lord.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's worship service is in memory of my dad, Bob Boomgarden's birthday on December 27<sup>th</sup> given by Kristi Boomgarden.

Attendance Christmas Eve 3pm 221, 5pm 163, 10pm 101;  
Sunday 63; Christmas Offering \$8,949; Offering \$7,037

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: THANK YOU** to all! We met our financial commitments for 2021! Reminder 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. Thank you for your support of ALC!

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**Assistant Minister:** Karen Skarphol

**Acolytes:** Eric Heggseth, Jace Anderson

**Technology:** Tim Hiley, Daron Friesen, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

Next Week's **NOISY OFFERING** is designated to the GLOW Quilting Ministry. GLOW makes quilts during the months of January through April for the Sharing Center, Christmas Cheer Box, Lutheran World Relief and anyone in need. This is one mission in action activity that the women of ALC do year after year.

**THANK YOU** Karen Skarphol for being the assisting minister today. Pastor Adam will be returning on Monday.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Today, Jan. 2nd for Christmas/New Year's break.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO KAREN SKARPHOL'S**, 1972 Bud Road, Windom, for a blessing of her new home at 2:00PM TODAY, Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> given by Pastor Sarah.

We need your help! **LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP UNDECORATE THE CHURCH TOMORROW, MONDAY.**

**JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 9:30AM.** Please come and lend a helping hand.  
Thank you in advance!

**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!

**SOUP & BREAD: January 9th & 23rd, 5:30pm-7pm**

Hey everyone! We are getting back into the role of things! As a reminder.....Soup and bread is for ANY adult couples that wish to come and share fellowship over supper; then we play games and have a fun RELAXING time with other adults! Have young kids? NOT A PROBLEM! We have child care available! Your child(ren) can eat with us and then go with the youth watching over them or you can feed them before you come! It's up to you! We all bring a dish to share (not always Soup and Bread but that is actually what it started out as.) We eat, laugh, have fun and share stories of our crazy, fun lives! We would LOVE to have you join us!

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING** - 3:00 PM Sunday, January 16th. We will begin to meet regularly as a team to prepare for the 2022 Gathering in Minneapolis July 24 - 28th.

**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!



**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 4th 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: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - TODAY** January 2nd for Christmas/New Year's Break.



**YOUTH NEWS/FUNDRAISERS:**

The youth will be selling **HOTDISHES** on the 3rd Wednesday (January 19th) and 3rd Sunday

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



**Jr. League** will be held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 2:00PM-3:30PM! **SR. LEAGUE** will be held the 3rd 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, 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

2:00 PM- 3:30 PM Jr. League

### **Monday, January 3**

### **Tuesday, January 4**

*Board Annual Reports Due*

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM GLOW Sewing

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

5:00 PM Church in Society Board

### **Wednesday, January 5**

11:00 AM Sogge

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

5:30 PM Wednesday School w/Prayer Partner Day

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

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

### **Thursday, January 6**

#### **Epiphany**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

### **Friday, January 7**

### **Saturday, January 8**

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

### **Sunday, January 9**

*Baptism of our Lord*

***Second Sunday Noisy Offering***

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Sunday School w/Prayer Partner Day

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Soup & Bread