

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



November 27th, 2022 9:00 AM
First Sunday of Advent

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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.

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, YouTube Channel, and our Facebook page to view online services, events, and stay up-to-date on the latest information.

GATHERING MUSIC

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WEEK 1: THE CANDLE OF HOPE

P: Just as the prophet Habakkuk stood at the watchpost to see what you would say, O God,

C: So we, too, see the brokenness of the world and long for your message to be made plain.

P: *(light candle 1)* We light this first candle as a sign of hope that you have heard your people and will answer us in our distress.

C: Let this light be a beacon to all who wait, a sure sign that our redemption is coming to us.

ADVENT SONG

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

(vs 1)

ELW #240

GATHERING:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen**

OPENING HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(vs 1, 3 - 5, & 7)

ELW #257

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Radiant God,

C: You have come to live among us, yet we fail time and again to see you in the faces of our neighbors. We look to ourselves instead of those in need. We seek the shallow comforts of things we can buy instead of the deep and lasting comfort of your presence. Forgive our stubborn refusal to see, and open our eyes to the joy and wonder of your incarnation.

P: Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy. The God of boundless grace forgives you all your sins, renewing your spirit for the sake of Immanuel, God with us.

KYRIE

“Kyrie Eleison”

ALC #2

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Immanuel, Immanuel”

ALC #18

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: With Habakkuk we cry out to you in despair at the evil in the world. As we begin our waiting for your promised savior, give us hope that all will be made right in you.

Amen.

READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3: 17-19 Pew Bible p 762

Reader: Melanie Shamp

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY ***“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”***

ELW #490

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be aware of illness. 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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, we rejoice in you no matter our circumstances. With generous hearts we offer what we can for the life of the world, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Priscilla meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful”

ELW #836

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

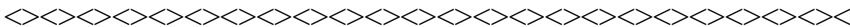
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today, we begin the new church year, with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a four week period of waiting, as the prophets foretold, of a babe to be born who would become a king.

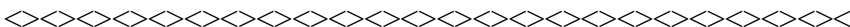
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Esther, Esther 4:1-17

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Vangie Serverson given by Lee Severson.

Lorraine Jacobson gave a **RADIO GIFT** in honor of her 102nd birthday on Wednesday, November 30th. Help her celebrate by sending her birthday wishes to 350 6th Ave S. Apt 106, Windom, MN.



Attendance last Wednesday: 85; Saturday: 22; Sunday: 118;
Offering: \$6,120 Borrowed: \$32,000



Didn't bring cash or a checkbook to worship but would still like to give an offering? Use this QR CODE to give an offering. Remember it costs thirty-nine cents per online transaction plus three percent of how much you give. This is another great way to give.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: Addison Spielman, Anja Nielsen

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters: Jon and Cassie Muske Family

Communion Assistants: Melanie Shamp, Danni Vagle, and Jane Cartwright

Technology: John Shamp, Todd Armstrong, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY Sunday, November 27th.

WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF ADVENT! In these four weeks we are waiting for the arrival of the birth of Jesus, and longing for the coming of Christ. To mark the passage of time, one candle is lit each week until Christmas Eve, when a white candle in the center of the wreath is lit, symbolizing Christ's birth. Many meanings can be assigned to the candles for each week.

Be on the lookout for **DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** Monday-Friday on our ALC Facebook page shared by ALC staff members starting tomorrow and running throughout the season of Advent!

LUTEFISK SUPPER will be held Saturday, January 7th, 2023, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the American Lutheran Church. Menu items include: Lutefisk, Meatballs, Lefse, and more. Reservations are encouraged by January 4th. Adults are \$15 and children ages 12 and under are \$5.

Tickets are available following church services on Sunday's starting **TODAY** Sunday, November 27th or by calling the church office at 831-1794. **ALL LEFSE MAKERS!** We will be making lefse for the lutefisk supper, January 4th beginning at 8:00 am. Please bring your own lefse making supplies.



GLOW CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday, December 1st at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy an evening of music, laughter, decorated tables, and a catered pasta bar with dessert! Tickets are \$17 w/limited seating. Tickets will be available before worship on Sundays or in the church office. Tickets must be purchased by **noon, TOMORROW Monday, November 28th.**



SAVE THE DATE: ALC's CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on Sunday, December 11th at 11:00 AM. Come listen to our kiddos and take in the Christmas spirit. Goodie bags for ALL children will be passed out following the program. There will be a Christmas program rehearsal at 10:15am for ALL Sunday/Wednesday school students on Sunday, December 11th! There will also be a **YOUTH FUNDRAISER CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** served that morning before **AND** after 9am Worship, serving 8-9am and 10-11am! \$5.00 suggested donation, and all funds will benefit our youth! **Plan to spend the entire morning of December 11th with us!**

JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY! Join us for pizza, pop, and bowling at the Garage in Springfield on Sunday, December 11th from 5pm-7pm. We'll leave the church parking lot at 4:30 PM and return at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$20.

THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES, BURNSVILLE, MN POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH! There are a few tickets available contact Caitlyn Gilbertson at Community Ed at 831-6910 ext. 533.



American Lutheran Church is gearing up for **LIVING NATIVITY**, held on **Wednesday, December 14th**. 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. Come join in the festivities. All are welcome!

The youth will once again be putting on the **SOUP SUPPER FOR LIVING NATIVITY**. Please help by donating food items for the supper. Sign-up on the bulletin board by the office. Thank you!

HOLIDAY MUSICAL SELECTIONS! Vocal and instrumental music is already in the air. It is time to sign up to share for either **LIVING NATIVITY, DECEMBER 14TH** or **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES on December 24th at 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 10:00 PM**. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the Worship bulletin board located in the office hallway. Thank you for sharing your talents at ALC!

ALC MEN'S GROUP: We have met twice, once to watch the Vikings on a Monday night, and once to play cribbage and eat pizza. At some point during each event we have someone talk about issues men may face and have a little discussion and then we get back to our activity. Because we had so much fun playing cribbage we will be playing it again at ALC at 6:30pm on December 15th and all adult men are invited.

ALL Sunday and Wednesday School students are invited to a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY** on Sunday, December 18th during the Sunday School time 10:15 AM- 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

1ST-3RD GRADE AFTER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Wednesday, December 21st from 2:45 PM- 4:30 PM! Transportation WILL be provided from the Elementary School. Please sign your child up with Tera by December 15th.



ALC Christmas Eve Services Saturday, Dec 24th, 2022

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.

ALC will also be worshipping at 9:00 AM on Christmas Day and New Year's Day! All are welcome!

ALC is participating in **SHETEK'S CONGREGATIONAL BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN**. Our goal is \$25,000 over the next 3 years, which will provide naming rights to a wing of sleeping rooms in the new lodge.



Shetek has been there for ALC with staff for VBS and programming for our children. Let us be there for them with funds to upgrade their water system and lodging. Please consider making a pledge to Shetek. Questions contact Steve or Jean Johnson. We are currently at \$17,930 in pledges!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

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

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM 4th-6th Grade Girls Night



Monday, November 28

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, November 30

5:00 PM Wednesday Supper

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

7:30 PM Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th Grade)

Thursday, December 1

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

5:30 PM GLOW Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, December 4

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