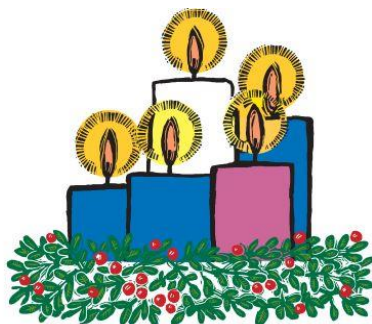


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



CHRISTMAS EVE

**Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2022 10:00 pm**

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship

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Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
The American Lutheran Church of Windom
Pastor Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
Saturday, December 24th, 2022 10:00 pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS EVENING! *The 7:00 PM broadcast was sponsored in memory of Ruth Berge, given by her grandchildren Niko, Logan, and Sierra Berge, and Mackenzie and Marissa Meier.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

CHRISTMAS VIDEO

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

P: The time has arrived, the time long promised, long awaited, long hoped for. The Word has been made flesh, and dwells among us, now and forever.

C: (*light the Christmas Candle*) With all the angels in the heavenly chorus, we light the Christmas Candle in remembrance of the one true light that cannot be overcome, and with the angels we proclaim, “He is born!”

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come to the stable!

C: Come quickly, come!

L: Christ Jesus is born!

C: Glory to God in the highest!

OPENING CAROL **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

(vs 1,2,3,4)

ELW #283

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible p.555

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

PIANO SOLO **“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”** Penelope Roberts

CAROL **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** (vs 1, 2&3) ELW #270

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

VOCAL SOLO *"What Child Is This"* Elizabeth Roberts

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 2: 1-7 Pew Bible: 832

CAROL *"Away in a Manger"* (vs 1) ELW #278

LUKE 2: 8-14

CAROL *"What Child Is This"* (vs 1) ELW #296

LUKE 2: 15-20

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

CAROL *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (vs 1&2) ELW #279

MESSAGE Pastor Adam Roberts

CAROL *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (vs 3&4) ELW #279

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING Rozanne Gronseth

RESPONSE *"First Noel"* (vs 1) ELW #300

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty God, you have given Jesus as a gift for the world. We return to you some of what you have given, so that the whole world may know God's grace, mercy, and love. Receive these gifts and use them to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION pg. 110

LORD'S PRAYER pg. 112

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF CANDLES (see notes on back)

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

“Silent Night”

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav’nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.*

BLESSING

In this Holy Season and through the year, may God quiet you with His peace, comfort you with His presence, and bless you with His love. **Amen.** (*Extinguish candles*)

CLOSING CAROL

“Joy to the World”

ELW #267

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

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CANDLELIGHT NOTES: Candles and holders are in front of you under each pew on the center aisle. After the offering, pass the candles down the pew for each person to receive their candle. When lighting the candles, hold the candle upright when giving light to the one next to you. Try not to spill wax. When candles are extinguished, return them to the holder, pass the holder to the center aisle and place it back under the pew, so they are ready for the next service. Battery operated candles for small children are in the Narthex.

****Following the service, we ask if 1 person from each pew could please bring the candle block to the chapel. Thank you!****

Join us tomorrow, Sunday, December 25th for our 9:00 AM Christmas Day Worship Service.