

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Third
Sunday of Advent

December 11th, 2022 9:00 AM
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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

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering

ALC Helping Hands Fund

End of Year Giving

Tim Herron from Budget and Finance

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WEEK 3: THE CANDLE OF LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

P: With Isaiah we anticipate God's doing a new thing in Jesus Christ, to proclaim healing and liberation to all who suffer.

C: (light candle 1) We light this first candle as a beacon of hope for those who wait.

P: (light candle 2) We light this second candle as the fire of courage that we might bear witness to your justice.

C: (light candle 3) We light this third candle as a light to the nations, a promise of redemption for the whole human family.

ADVENT SONG

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

(vs. 3)

ELW #240

GATHERING

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls us in righteousness,

C: To be a light to the nations,

L: To open the eyes of the blind,

C: And set the prisoner free.

OPENING HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW #264

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 the prophet Isaiah, we long for your justice to be done. As we wait for your promised savior, give us hope that all will be made right in you. Amen.

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“The Angels and the Shepherds”

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42:1-9 Pew Bible p 584
Reader: Irene Swanson

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

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

(vs. 1,2,5,6)

ELW #263

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.*

CHOIR/ HANDBELL ANTHEM ***"Ding Dong Merrily On High"***

OFFERING

We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's love.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #184

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God, you have created all there is, and given us life and all we
need to sustain it. With thankful hearts we offer now our gifts
for the care of all that you have made. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***"Christ Be Our Light"*** (vs 1,2,5) ELW #715

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

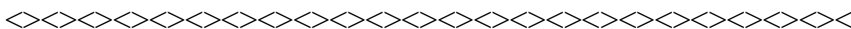
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. We light the third candle in the Advent wreath, the candle to represent the nations. May God's light shine brightly in your life for all the world to see.

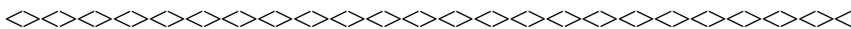
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Jesus as Immanuel, Matthew 1:18-25

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Basil Thompson given by Sharon and family.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given by Donnie Pabst in memory of his twin brother Ronnie Pabst.



Attendance last Wednesday 102; Saturday: 29; Sunday: 112;
Offering: \$7,116



FINANCIAL UPDATE: We are in need of approximately **\$63,000** to make our budget commitments for 2022. The American Lutheran Church books for 2022 will close at 12 noon on Friday, December 30, 2022. Please be sure to get all 2022 contributions in by this time. No gift is ever too small. Thank you for your support of ALC!



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: Jack Elness, Logan Hanson

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters: Ike and Megan Pohlman and Amelia

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Daron Friesen, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

Today's **NOISY OFFERING** is designated for ALC's Helping Hands Fund. Helping Hands is a fund that allows us to provide help for individuals in need. Thank you for your support of this Ministry!

Join us for our **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** TODAY 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 is also a **YOUTH FUNDRAISER CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** being served following worship at 10-11am! \$5.00 suggested donation, and all funds will benefit our youth!

JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY! Join us for pizza, pop, and bowling at the Garage in Springfield TODAY 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.



WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH at 7PM around the globe! Light a candle for all children who have died so that their light may always shine! For parents and families of children who have died. Join us for **FESTIVAL OF TREES GALLERY**,

Cottonwood County Historical Museum 812 4th Ave, Windom. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Materials will be provided to make a special ornament for your child or bring one to add to the Children's Tree. Time for sharing photos and memories of your child. All are welcome and refreshments will follow.



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 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.

There will be **NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** on Wednesday Dec. 14th due to Living Nativity and No Wednesday evening activities including worship on Dec. 21st and Dec. 28th due to the Holiday Break.

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!



GLOW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Thursday, December 15th at 2:00 PM. Please join us in the ALC Meeting Room across from the church

office. This month's study is from the November/December Gather Magazine page 38 "Advent Devotional". If able, please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share. See Gina in the church office for a copy of the Bible Study and join us! Invite a friend! Hope to see you there!

CAROLING FOR CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT around the Square beginning at 5:30, Dec. 15th. Individuals, children, youth, families are all welcome to join in, as we share the spirit of the season in song! Meet in front of Hammer's Furniture.

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.

HOLIDAY MUSICAL SELECTIONS! Vocal and instrumental music is already in the air. It is time to sign up to share for **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 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, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

10:00 AM Properties Board Meeting

10:15 AM Sunday/Wednesday School Christmas

Program Rehearsal

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

11:00 AM Sunday/Wednesday School Christmas Program

4:30 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth Group, Springfield Bowling Alley



Monday, December 12

7:00 PM Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board Meeting

7:00 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 13, Church Basement Ladies, Burnsville (GLOW)

No Worship & Music Board Meeting

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12 Noon Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

6:00 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting

7:00 PM Budget & Finance and Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship Board Meetings

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, December 14

No Wednesday School, Wednesday Worship, or Confirmation

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Soup & Chili Supper

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

Thursday, December 15

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

5:00 PM Technology Committee Meeting

6:30 PM Men's Group- Cribbage and Pizza, Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Happy Birthday Jesus Party for ALL Sunday/Wednesday School

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

7:00 PM SS/WS Zoom Teachers Meeting