

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



December 18th, 2022 9:00 AM
Fourth 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

BRASS CHOIR

Page Kern, Dana Wallace, Ramona Harper, Jamie Pohlmann, and Irene Swanson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Volunteers are needed to put candles together for our Christmas Eve Candlelight services. Please meet in the skylight court if you're able to help!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WEEK 4: THE CANDLE OF TRUST

P: *(light candle 1)* With the prophet Habakkuk, we light this first candle as a beacon of hope for those who wait.

C: *(light candle 2)* With Esther, we light this second candle as the fire of courage that we might bear witness to your justice.

P: (*light candle 3*) With the prophet Isaiah, we light this third candle as a light to the nations, a promise of redemption for the whole human family.

C: (*light candle 4*) **Now with Joseph, we light this fourth candle as a declaration of trust that your promise is sure, O God, and that your son's birth among us is imminent.**

ADVENT SONG ***"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"***
(vs. 4) 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: Even though we walk in the darkest valley,

C: We will not be afraid.

L: God is present with us.

C: God's staff is our comfort.

OPENING HYMN ***"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"***
(with brass) ELW #251

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"*** (vs 1 &3) (with brass) ALC #2

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Immanuel, Immanuel”

(with brass)

ALC #18

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: With Joseph, we live in fear of being humiliated or cast out. As we wait for your promised savior, give us hope that all will be made right in you. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Who’s the Little Baby?”

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bible p 783

Reader: Bill Tjentland

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

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

ELW #282

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

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #184

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, you guide and protect us, showering us with generosity. Accept now the gifts we offer in gratitude to you, for the sake of your promised savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Once in Royal David’s City”

(with brass)

ELW #269

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

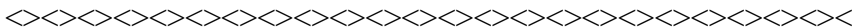
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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today marks the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The candles on the wreath burn brightly. Mary and Joseph are nearing the completion of their journey to Bethlehem.

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND for Christmas Eve: Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:1-20 and Christmas Day: The Word was God, John 1:1-14

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of the December 22nd birthday of Janice Ewing, sister of Carol Arndt & Leann Johnson.

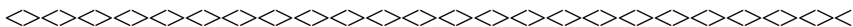
A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in memory of Cheryl Brugman and Ronnie Vought.



Attendance last Wednesday 93; Saturday: 25; Sunday: 125;

SS/WS Children's Christmas Program: 223;

Children's Program Offering: \$515.90; Offering: \$10,523



FINANCIAL UPDATE: We are in need of approximately **\$53,000** 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: Jordan Hacker, Jacob Winters

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters: Natalie and Teigen Burmeister

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



VOLUNTEERS are needed to put candles together for our Christmas Eve Candlelight services following service today. Please meet in the skylight court if you're able to help!

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



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.

1ST-3RD GRADE AFTER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY - THIS Wednesday, December 21st from 2:45 PM- 4:30 PM! The Church minibus will pick up the students at the Elementary School and transport them to church. Parents can pick up their kids at the church (parking lot doors) at 4:30pm. Please contact Tera asap to sign up your child!



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!

There will be **NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES** including worship on Dec. 21st and Dec. 28th due to the Holiday Break.

ALC CHURCH/OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED at 12 Noon on Friday, December 23rd and closed all day Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.

There will be **NO 5:30PM Chapel Service on Christmas Eve**, Saturday December 24th BUT there **WILL BE 5:30PM Chapel Service on New Year's Eve**, Saturday, December 31st.

9:00 AM WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25: Join us for a fun & joyous Christmas Day celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus, with a children's sermon and Holy Communion.



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!

New Year's Worship will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31st at 5:30 PM in the chapel, and on Sunday, January 1 at 9:00 AM. Gather to pray, praise and renew friendships as the 2023 opens!

JR HIGH/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP WINTER FUN DAY Monday, January 2nd from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM! Join us for open skating and/or learn how to play racquetball/racquetball games! Put on by the Youth & Family Board! Cost is Free!



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 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



Monday, December 19

No Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 20

Messenger Deadline

No Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, December 21

First Day of Winter

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

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

2:45 PM- 4:30 PM 1st-3rd Grade After School Christmas Party

Thursday, December 22

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

3:00 PM Mikkelsen Manor

4:00 PM Remick Ridge

Friday, December 23

Church/Office Closes at 12 Noon

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

No Chapel service

3:00 PM Candlelight Worship

5:00 PM Candlelight Worship

10:00 PM Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

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

