

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



December 25th, 2022 9:00 AM
Christmas Day

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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

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

GATHERING

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

C: **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

P. Glory to God in the highest

C. and peace to God's people on earth!

P. We rejoice in the birth of Jesus

C. who came among the poor to bring the riches of God's grace.

OPENING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

ELW #267

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.

CAROL *“Angels From The Realms Of Glory”* ELW #275

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illuminate the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10 Pew Bible p 596

Reader: Tera Elness

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

SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-12 Pew Bible p 970

Reader: Jane Cartwright

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

CAROL *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* ELW #289

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL READING John 1:1-14 Pew Bible p 989

Reader: Pastor Adam

The Gospel according to John, the First Chapter / **Glory to you O Lord**
The Gospel of the Lord. / **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY ***“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”***

ELW #288

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 ***“First Noel”*** (vs 1) ELW #300

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who
came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you
have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessings for others.
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout
for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving p.144 (setting 3)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Rozanne meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

The Maker of all, the Word made flesh, the Giver of life, Father,
+Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

ELW #290

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 joyous Christmas Day. Christ is born!

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND for The Genealogy of Jesus,
Matthew 1:1-17

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Shelby Woizeschke, whose birthday was on December 23rd given by Marvel, Mark, William, and Charles Woizeschke.

Attendance last Wednesday Living Nativity; Saturday: 24;
Sunday: 119; Offering: \$12,834

FINANCIAL UPDATE: We are in need of approximately **\$40,000** 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

Technology: Tim Hiley, Lindsey Cartwright, Jen Anderson, Tom Wickie

REMINDER: There is NO Sunday School today, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st. There is also NO Wednesday School on December 28th! We'll see you all back on Wednesday, January 4th and Sunday, January 8th! Happy Holidays!

The **WINDOM COMMUNITY CENTER** invites all children 12 and under for **BOUNCY HOUSES CHRISTMAS FUN DAYS** on Thursday, December 29th from 8am-8pm and Friday, December 30th from 8am-6pm. Admission is \$5 per child per hour or a family pass is \$20. Reservations are encouraged, but not required. Parents or Guardians must be present.



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 EVENING ACTIVITIES** including worship on Dec. 28th due to the Holiday Break.

ALC CHURCH/OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED at 12 Noon on Friday, December 30th and closed all day Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's.

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! Join us in ringing in the New Year on New Year's Day!



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!

GLOW SEWING DAYS! Join us the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of January (3rd and 17th) from 9:00am-2ish! Come and sew or pack kits for Lutheran World Relief. Come for an hour or two or pack a sack lunch and stay for the day! ALL women are welcome! Bring a friend! Questions call Kathy Hiley 831-4109 or Jackie Turner 822-1633.

Just a reminder, **ALL BOARD AND COMMITTEE 2022 ANNUAL REPORTS** are due to the church office by **Tuesday, January 3rd!** Thank you ALL for serving on ALC boards and committees!

PAJAMA DAY at Wednesday and Sunday School on Wednesday, January 11th and Sunday, January 15th! ALL students and teachers are invited to wear their pajamas!!



4th-6th GRADE BOYS AFTERNOON Sunday, January 15th from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Windom Elementary Gym. Join Tera and Windom PE Teacher Travis Janssen for a fun afternoon of games, snacks, and an incredible lesson on God's awesome Word! Bring your Bible! Friends are welcome! This event is free, please sign up your son by **January 10th!**



Attention 6th-8th Graders! Lost & Found **AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY FAITH FEST 2023 OVERNIGHT TRIP February 11th-12th, 2023.** We'll leave Saturday at 8am and return around 5pm on Sunday. The **cost is \$75** and it includes the event, 3 meals, hotel and transportation. ALC student account money may be used! Students **MUST be signed up with Tera no later than Wednesday, January 25th!**

SAVE THE DATE: Join us for a **YOUTH FUNDRAISER BINGO NIGHT Sunday, January 22nd** from 4:00pm-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. \$1 per card or unlimited play for \$20. Concessions will be available for \$1 each and a sloppy joe supper will be available for just \$5!



Princess Poppy

4th-6th Grade
GIRLS NIGHT!



4th-6th GRADE PRINCESS POPPY GIRLS NIGHT Sunday, January 29th from 4:00pm-7:00pm (please note extended time), ALC Youth Room. Supper and snacks will be served and friends are welcome! **Please sign-up your girl with Tera no later than January 12th!**

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 \$18,160 in pledges!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

No Sunday School

9:00 AM Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café- Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM KDOM

Monday, December 26

Church/Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

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

Thursday, December 29

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

Friday, December 30

Church/Office Closes at 12 Noon

End of Year Giving Due at 12 Noon

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve

5:30 PM Chapel service

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day

First Sunday after Christmas

No Sunday School

9:00 AM New Year's Day Worship w/Holy Communion

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