

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



December 4th, 2022 9:00 AM
Second 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

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WEEK 2: THE CANDLE OF COURAGE

P: With Esther we see plainly the injustice at work in our world,
O God.

**C: And with Esther we know it is our call to stand up to
injustice whatever the cost.**

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

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

ADVENT SONG

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

(vs. 1-2)

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: Let your light shine before others

C: That they may see our good works

L: And give glory to our God.

C: Alleluia! Amen.

OPENING HYMN *“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”*

ELW #436

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 Esther we fear for the future of our people and all the earth. As we wait for your promised savior, give us hope that all will be made right in you. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Waiting for Bethlehem’s Light”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be aware of illness. Greet one another with a wave of your hand or an elbow bump.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Priscilla meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING Esther 4:1-17 Pew Bible p 388

Reader: Keith Bloomgren

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY ***"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"***

ELW #817

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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 call us to bold action on behalf of the world. Accept now these gifts for the good of all your beloved creation. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"***

ELW #256

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. Traditionally, this candle represents peace. As we prepare our hearts during this Advent season, may we support one another through acts of kindness and concern, as we work toward justice and peace.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Bob Brodin given by his wife and family.

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.

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Nolan Tjentland, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett

NEXT WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING is designated to ALC's Helping Hands Fund. Please bring your spare change!

AUGUSTANA ASSOCIATION MEETING at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD was held on Friday, December 2nd with Lindsey and Jane Cartwright representing the Shetek Conference. Augustana University is a college of the ELCA. American Lutheran provides scholarships to member students attending colleges of the ELCA.

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.

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 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.



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.



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!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Monday, December 5

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:00 PM Altar Guild Christmas Luncheon

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

5:15 PM Church in Society Board Meeting

6:00 PM Budget & Finance 2023 Budget Meeting

Wednesday, December 7

11:00 AM Sogge

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

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

Thursday, December 8

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

11:30 AM ALC Day at Senior Dining

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

9:00 AM Christian Education Board Meeting

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

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

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

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

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

