# The American Lutheran Church of Windom



Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2023 3:00pm & 5:00p,

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Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

The American Lutheran Church of Windom Pastor Sarah Tadé & Adam Roberts Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm

<u>WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS EVENING!</u> The 3:00 pm service will be aired on KDOM radio (103.1 FM) at 7:00 pm tonight. 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. A radio gift was also given in loving memory of Shelby Woizeschke's December 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, by her sons William and Charles Woizeschke.

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

Carol Vought, Organist (3:00pm) Linda Staples, Organist (5:00pm)

**CHRISTMAS VIDEO** 

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE-Jake Voth(5:00pm)

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

L: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

OPENING CAROL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW #283(vs 1,2,3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

#### 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 on 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.

CAROL "Away in a Manger" ELW #278

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

VOCAL SOLO (3:00) "Where's the Line to See Jesus" Danielle Evers

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2-7 Pew Bible: 555

Reader: (3:00) Kay Evers

(5:00) Addison Spielman

The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14 Pew Bible: 969

Reader: (5:00) Melanie Shamp

The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God!

VOCAL SOLO (3:00) "O Holy Night" Jordan Bussa VOCAL SOLO (5:00) "Noel" Erin Shamp

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-7 Pew Bible: 832

CAROL "What Child Is This" ELW #296

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:8-20 Pew Bible: 832

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

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah Tadé

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. / Your mercy is great.

**OFFERING** 

RESPONSE "The First Noel" ELW #300(vs 1, 5)

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 112

## DISTRIBUTION OF CANDLES (see notes below) (5:00) Terry Anderson, Flute and piano / organ during distribution

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 (Extinguish Candles)

CLOSING CAROL "Jov to the World" ELW #267

**SENDING** 

Christ is born! Go in peace! 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, please 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 in the pew. Try not to spill wax. When candles are extinguished, return them to the holder, pass the holder to the center aisle and put it back under the pew so they are ready for the next service. Battery operated candles for small children to use are in the Narthex.

Thank you to our worship participants this evening: 3pm-Carol Vought, Danielle Evers, Kay Evers, Jordan Bussa, Eugene Hanchett, Todd Armstrong, Tom Wickie, Lilly Derickson. 5pm-Linda Staples, Jake Voth, Erin Shamp, Terry Anderson, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett, Addison Spielman, Jack Elness, Theora Ahnupkana, Jane Cartwright.