

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 10, 2023 9:00 AM
Second Sunday of Advent

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship & Wednesdays 6:30 pm 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

PRELUDE

Bell Choir

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy offering for Helping Hands Fund

Temple Talk: Jay Mickelson

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES-

Donnie Pabst & Babe Crowell

L: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light

C: That marks our days of preparation for Christ's coming.

L: As we light the candles on this wreath,

C: Kindle within us the fire of your Spirit that we may be light shining in the darkness.

L: Enlighten us with your grace,

C: That we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.

L: Grant this through Christ our Lord,

C: Whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

ELW #257 v3

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

L: Faithful God,

C: We confess that we have been unfaithful to you.

Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

L: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. May God free you from all that imprisons you. May God heal your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN *“Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”*

ELW #242

KYRIE

p. 138

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Christmastime”* M. W. Smith

READING: **2 Peter 3:8-15a** Pew Bible p.988-989

Reader: Karen Wickie

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *“Wait For the Lord”* ELW #262

GOSPEL READING **Mark 1:1-8** Pew Bible p. 812
Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY *“We are Called”* ELW #720

HOLY BAPTISM p.227

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE
*Please be aware of sickness. 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 *“Create in Me”* ALC 14

OFFERTORY PRAYER
**God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up
from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts from your own bounty.
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all
people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER p. 154

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *“Prepare the Royal Highway”* ELW #264

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Prepare the way!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE ++++++

WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the reading,
the Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus’ birth but with
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the
Lord.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for A Witness to the Light, John 1:6-8,19-28

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in honor of Sharon and Mark Hanson's 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Attendance Last Wednesday: 77; Saturday: 36; Sunday: 135;
Offering: \$9,032; Borrowed: \$44,000

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Acolytes: Henry Visker, Corbin Anderson

Reader: Karen Wickie

Technology: John Shamp, Lindsey Cartwright, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



BROUGHT TO CHRIST THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM

TODAY is Bridger Gheralt Pohlmann, son of Jamie and William Pohlmann. Bridger's baptismal sponsors are Joe Bruno and Rose Kopecky. May God bless Bridger and his family.

JOIN US immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall for a breakfast of **fresh baked cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee** for a free will donation. This is a fundraiser that will benefit the 5 youth going to the National Youth Gathering in July. After breakfast you can stay and enjoy the **Sun/Wed School Christmas Program at 11am!**

TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING is going to the Helping Hands Fund. Helping Hands is a fund here at the American Lutheran Church that allows us to provide help for individuals in need. Thank you for your support!

TONIGHT the Jr./Sr. High youth(7th-12th Grade) will have their Christmas party at the Garage/Springfield Lanes in Springfield. We will take the church bus, plus other vehicles. We will leave at 4:15pm.



WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING SUNDAY IS THIS EVENING 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.

ALTAR GUILD will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 12th at 12pm(note this time change)** for a Christmas luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.



LIVING NATIVITY is 3 days away! On Wednesday, **December 13th**, come and support our youth at the soup and chili supper, suggested donation is \$7. There is also a bake sale, live music, cider, and popcorn in the Skylight Court!

Walk or drive by the live Nativity scene outside, enjoy a carriage ride and see the live animals-inside and outside! If you signed up to donate food, please have it to the church kitchen by 4pm on Tuesday, December 12th. Bars and milk can be brought in Wednesday before 4pm. We are also taking food and monetary donations for the Sharing Center. Any help is greatly appreciated! Supper is 5pm-7pm, other activities 5:30pm-7:30pm.



ZOOM ONLY ADVENT STUDY: That's right! You don't even have to get out of your PJs! Join Tera on **Thursday, December 14th from 7:30-8:30** for an Advent study done only on Zoom! Please contact Tera or the church office to get the Zoom meeting information.

ALC DAY AT SENIOR DINING is **Thursday, December 14th**. On the menu is BBQ chicken, au gratin potatoes, peas, bread, and dessert. Call Kelly at 831-6161 to reserve your spot!

YOU'RE INVITED to Remick Ridge for a Christmas party on **Thursday, December 14th from 2pm-4pm**. Join them for a fun afternoon of Christmas music, treats, and fellowship.



LET'S GO CAROLING for **Christmas by Candlelight** on the square in Windom, **Thursday, Dec. 14th from 6:00 - 6:30**. ALC Carolers and friends (yes, invite your friends!) will meet in front of Hammer's Furniture. Dress warm and festive! Song sheets will be provided. Singers

of all ages (and abilities!) are welcome!

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS will be singing at the Sogge Home during the regular Sunday School hour (10:15am) on **Sunday, December 17th**. Parents, please bring your children to the Sogge Home.



CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME! 4th -6th grade boys and girls are invited to a Christmas Party with Tera on **Sunday, December 17th at 5pm!** **1st -3rd graders** are invited to a Christmas Party with Tera on **Monday, December 18th after school until 5pm**. The church mini bus will pick kiddos up from school. Please contact Tera to sign your kiddos up for these events!

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!



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Come and enjoy the sounds of the season and sing along too! This year's Christmas cantata includes audience participation!

There are over 35 members of the community that have joined together to bring this cantata to life, under the direction of Lynn Liepold. Come and enjoy this special evening of music on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00pm.



LUTEFISK SUPPER will be on Saturday, January 6th, 2024. Tickets are on sale now! Get them before or after church or in the church office.

A FEW NOTES:. The church office will be closed all day on Friday the 15th and closing at noon on Friday the 22nd. It will also be closed all day on Monday, December 25th. It will be closing at noon on Friday, December 29th and closed all day Monday, January 1st.



ALC Christmas Eve Services Sunday, Dec 24th, 2023

9:00 am ONLINE worship only, no in-person worship

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 New Year's Eve Day! All are welcome!

COLLEGE & SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE TRUST FUND

for members of American Lutheran Church. ELCA College Scholarship of \$2000/year, renewable up to four years whatever your major. College Scholarship for university or vocational school of \$1000 toward tuition for any ALC young adult who works a summer at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Funds to support seminary students are also available. Please go to alcofwindom.com or see Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, Tera, or a member of the Trust Fund for more information and scholarship applications.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: We are in need of approximately **\$76,000** to make our budget commitments for 2023. The American Lutheran Church books for 2023 will close at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 2nd. Please be sure to get all 2023 contributions in by this time. No gift is ever too small. Thank you for your support of ALC!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, December 10th

Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00am Worship w/ Noisy offering
- 10:00am Nat'l Youth Gathering Cinnamon Roll Breakfast Fundraiser
- 10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
- 11:00am Sunday/Wednesday School Christmas Program
- 4:15pm Jr/Sr. High Christmas Party at Springfield Bowling and Garage
- 6:30pm Community Cantata Practice

Monday, December 11th

- 6:30pm Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 12th

- 8:00am Men's Bible Study
- 1:15pm Staff Team Huddle
- 12:00pm Altar Guild Christmas luncheon
- 6:00pm Youth & Family Bd
- 7:00pm Budget & Finance Bd, Christian Ed Bd, Disc/Marketing & Stewardship Bd, Properties Bd, Spiritual Life & Fellowship Bd, Worship & Music Bd
- 8:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, December 13th

- 5:00-7:00pm Living Nativity Soup Supper Youth Fundraiser
- 5:30-7:30pm Living Nativity

Thursday, December 14th

- 9:00am Bulletin Deadline
- 10:00am Cable TV Ch 22
- 11:30am ALC Day at Senior Dining
- 2:00-4:00pm Remick Ridge Christmas party
- 6:30pm Cable TV, Ch 22
- 7:30pm Zoom Advent Study with Tera

Friday, December 15th

Church office closed

Saturday, December 16th

- 5:30pm Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 17th

Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Skylight Court Café/Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Sun/Wed School sing at Sogge home
- 10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM
- 5:00pm Christmas Party for 4th-6th graders
- 6:30pm Community Cantata Practice