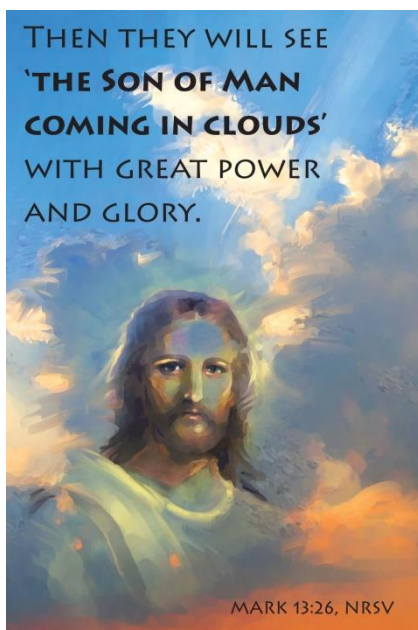


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



**Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:00 AM**  
*First 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.***

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***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](http://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

Linda Staples, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

L: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's coming. As we light the first candle on this wreath,

**C: wake us up, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels.**

L: Enlighten us with your grace,

**C: and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.**

L: Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN     *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*

ELW #257

V. 1, 4, 6

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**

KYRIE

ELW #157

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *“Now the Feast and Celebration”* ELW #167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

READING:                      **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Pew Bible p. 926

Reader: Milo Miller

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*“Wait For the Lord”*

ELW #262

GOSPEL READING

**Mark 13:24-37**

Pew Bible p. 826

**Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

HYMN OF THE DAY *"My Lord, What a Morning"*

ELW #438

CREED

p.152

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 of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Thanksgiving at the Table p. 144

The Great Thanksgiving p.144

Lord's Prayer p.145

Distribution

Linda meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

*"Christ, Be our Light"*

ELW #715

(vs, 1, 2 & 5)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way!

**We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for The Proclamation of John the Baptist,  
Mark 1:1-8.

**A RADIO GIFT** was given in honor of Robert Lange's December 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday, given by wife Marles and son Robert A.L. Lange.

Attendance Last Thanksgiving Eve: 272; Saturday: 31; Sunday: 91;  
Thanksgiving Offering: \$2462; Offering: \$3623; Borrowed: \$44,000

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Acolytes: Eli Muske, Kieran Anderson

Communion Assistants: Cindy Bloomgren

Technology: Daron Friesen, Lindsey Cartwright / Nolan Tjentland, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



**Adult Forum**

discuss how Thrivent benefits communities and churches with their multi-faceted programs. After an overview of Thrivent, he will open the forum for questions from those in attendance. **Please join us in the conference room with your coffee and treat.**

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



**LIVING NATIVITY** is coming soon! On Wednesday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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! Sign-ups for food donations for the supper are posted on the bulletin board outside the office. 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.



**LUTEFISK SUPPER** will be on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Tickets will be sold on select Saturday evenings and on Sunday mornings before and after worship starting today. You can also purchase your ticket at the church office.



**THE CHRISTIAN ED BOARD** is seeking bags of individually wrapped candy for our students' Christmas Goodie bags. The goodie bags will be passed out following our Christmas program on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please have your donations to the church no later than Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SAVE THE DATE: December 10<sup>th</sup>** is a big day! Our Wed/Sun School students will have their **Christmas Program at 11am**. Stay after church for a breakfast of fresh baked cinnamon rolls and fresh fruit for a free will donation. This is a fundraiser that will benefit the 5 youth going to the Nat'l Youth Gathering in July. After breakfast you can stay and enjoy the show! **ALSO** on this day the Jr./Sr. High youth(7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Tera to sign up.

**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 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](http://alcofwindom.com) (Scholarships under Ministries tab) or see Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam or Tera for more information and scholarship applications.



**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!

**NEXT WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING** is going to the Helping Hand's 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! Remember to bring your spare change!



**WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH** 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.

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



**CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME! 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls** are invited to a Christmas Party with Tera on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm!** **1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> graders** are invited to a Christmas Party with Tera on **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after school until 4:30pm.** The church mini bus will pick kiddos up from school. Please contact Tera to sign your kiddos up for these events!



**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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

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!



**SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY WITH SOGGE and PINEVIEW RESIDENTS:** Sogge Home and Pineview are asking Windom to remember their residents this Christmas season. Staff at these facilities have asked residents for a Christmas list and asked local congregations to buy each resident something from their list (items might be slippers, word finds, hand mirrors, etc.). Church in Society has a Christmas tree set up that has anonymous lists hung on it. If you'd like you could grab a list, buy an item, wrap it, and drop it off at the church and we'll make sure it gets to that resident. Let's spread some Christmas joy!

**A FEW NOTES** about office hours for December. The church office will be closing at noon on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be closed all day on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> and closing at noon on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING** taken for the Sharing Center was outstanding! Monetary donations totaled \$1,005 and there was 248 pounds of food donated. Thank you all so much for your generosity!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER** for December 6<sup>th</sup> is spaghetti hotdish, breadstick, green beans and dessert.



**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!

