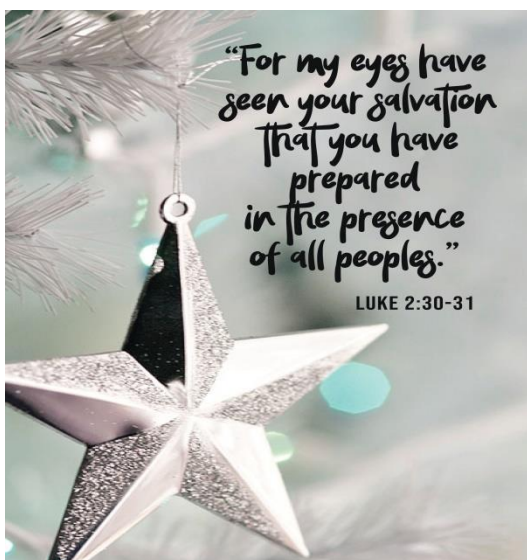


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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



Sunday, December 31, 2023 9:00 AM
First Sunday of Christmas
New Year's Eve Day

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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

WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____ *Address:* _____

Preferred Contact Method: ☐ Phone ☐ Email

☐ *I would like a call and/or visit from a pastor*

☐ *I have a prayer request:* _____

We'd love to be in touch with you.

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.

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS- Happy New Year!

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.

C: Amen

L: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God of life,

C: You promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

L: Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ✠ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* ELW #275

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

"The Bells of Christmas"

ELW #298

FIRST READING:

Psalm 148: 1-14

Pew Bible p.508

Reader: Karen Skarphol

SECOND READING:

Galatians 4:4-7

Pew Bible p. 947

Reader: Karen Skarphol

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"He Came Down"

ELW #253

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

Pew Bible p. 833

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke / **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

L: The Gospel of the Lord / **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming*” ELW #272

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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 CAROL “*Your Little Ones, Dear Lord*” ELW #286

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

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “*Go Tell It On the Mountain*” ELW #290

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go tell the good news!

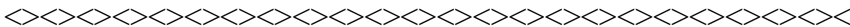
We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. In the reading, Luke’s narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus’ connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Baptism of our Lord, Mark 1:4-11.
RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in memory of Robert Lange and Jan Yonker.



Attendance; Community Cantata: 175; Saturday: 19; Christmas Eve:
3pm-302; 5pm-158; 10pm-73

Offering: \$22,803; Christmas offering: \$12,397

Needed to meet 2023 commitments \$25,000

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Assisting Minister: Karen Skarphol

Reader: Karen Skarphol

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

THANK YOU to Karen Skarphol for being the Assisting Minister today. Pastor Adam and his family are on vacation for a few days.



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.



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. There are sign-ups for food donations and helpers posted on the bulletin board across from the office, please take a look and see how you can help out. Any help is greatly appreciated!

LEFSE MAKING for the Lutefisk supper will be on **Wednesday, January 3rd at 8am!** Any help is appreciated! Please bring your lefse making equipment if you have it!

REMINDER:. The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 1st.

AS 2023 COMES TO A CLOSE the staff at The American Lutheran Church of Windom wishes our whole community God's richest blessing as we begin the new year of 2024! May we grow in faith and friendship, and may God light our paths toward peace.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gary and Betty Olson who celebrated 55 years of marriage on December 28th. Happy Anniversary to the Olsons!



GLOW SEWING DAYS will be starting on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9am until approximately 2pm. If you can thread a needle, cut fabric or tie a knot then you are needed! Sewing days will continue each 1st and 3rd

Tuesday at the same time, through April!

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS began on December 24th with Christmas Eve worship, and will continue through January 6th. The day of Epiphany (the revealing of God) is January 7th, marking the visit of Magi or the Wiseman from the East. Their visit shows us that everyone now has access to God.

REMINDER: There is NO Sunday School today, December 31st. We'll see you all back on Wednesday, January 3rd and Sunday, January 7th! Happy Holidays!



TACOS AND TRIVIA! 10th-12th Grade Sr. High are invited to a Tacos and Bible Trivia night with Tera on **Sunday, January 14th from 6pm-8pm!** There will be

prizes! Please let Tera know if you plan on attending!



JR HIGH/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP WINTER FUN DAY 7th-12th Grade are welcome to join us for open skating and/or learn how to play racquetball/racquetball games! This will be held on **Sunday, Jan 21st from 2:30PM – 4:30PM!** Put on by the Youth & Family Board! Cost is **FREE!**

ATTENTION 6th-8th Graders! AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY FAITH FEST “FOLLOW THE SIGN” 2024 OVERNIGHT TRIP February 10th-11th, 2024. 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 24th!**



SHARING CENTER DONATION UPDATE: The Living Nativity brought in 123 pounds of food and \$271.15 of monetary donations. The Community Christmas Cantata brought in 154 pounds of food and \$350 of monetary donations. Thank you so much for your generosity!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual meeting which will be held **on Sunday, January 28th** immediately following worship, refreshments will be served. The agenda for the meeting will be available to view 2 weeks before the meeting.



WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: As the weather gets colder and the chance of snow becomes greater, please remember to listen to KDOM or check the church Facebook page for weather related announcements! As far as Wednesday Evening activities, if school is canceled or gets out early that day due to weather, then all Wednesday evening activities are also canceled.



THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, December 31st

First Sunday of Christmas

New Year's Eve

9:00am Worship

10:00am Skylight Court Cafe

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM



Monday, January 1st

New Year's Day

Church office closed

Tuesday, January 2nd

8:00am Men's Bible Study

9:00am-2:00pm Glow Sewing

12:00pm End of Year giving due

Wednesday, January 3rd

8:00am Lefse making for Lutefisk supper

11:00am Sogge Home

1:15pm Staff Team Huddle

5:00pm Wednesday night supper- Scalloped potatoes w/ham

5:30pm Wednesday School

5:45pm Praise band practice

6:30pm Wednesday worship w/Holy Communion

7:30pm Confirmation (7th, 8th, 9th Grade)

Thursday, January 4th

18 year Anniversary of Fire

9:00am Bulletin Deadline

10:00am Cable TV Ch 22

5:15pm CIS Board

6:30pm Cable TV, Ch 22

Friday, January 5th

Saturday, January 6th

5:00pm-7:00pm Lutefisk Supper

5:30pm Chapel Service

Sunday, January 7th

Epiphany

9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00am Skylight Court Café

10:15am Sunday School

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM