

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*



**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:00 AM**  
*Second Sunday after Christmas*

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Wednesdays: 6:30pm Worship  
Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship  
Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts  
Ministers: Everyone

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Vought, Organist

BELL CHOIR PRELUDE

*“We Three Kings”*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

**Amen.**

CONFESSION / FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God-with-us,

**C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”*

ELW #270

KYRIE

Setting 4 ELW p.147

HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”*

TUNE: ELW #301 (LBW 75)

As a star, God’s holy word  
leads us to our King and Lord;  
brightly from its sacred pages  
shall this light throughout the ages  
shine upon our path of life,  
shine upon our path of life.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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                    *“And the Glory of the Lord”*

HOLY COMMUNION: (ELW p. 144)

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Carol Vought meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

FIRST READING                    **Jeremiah 31:7-14**                    Pew Bible: p.641

*Please read responsively*

Reader: Nick Trotter

L: Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

**C: proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”**

L: See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

**C: among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.**

L: With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

**C: for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.**

L: Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away;

**C: say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”**

L: For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,

**C: and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.**

L: They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd;

**C: their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.**

L: Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

**C: I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.**

L: I will give the priests their fill of fatness,

**C: and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.**

SECOND READING

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

Pew Bible: p.949

Reader: Nick Trotter

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia.* All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

*Alleluia.* (Ps. 98:3)

GOSPEL READING

**John 1:1-9 10-18**

Pew Bible: p. 862

L: The holy gospel according to John the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter

**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

*“What Feast of Love”*

ELW #487

APOSTLES CREED

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 *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

ELW #302 (Vs.3)

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* ELW# 288

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News!  
**We Will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

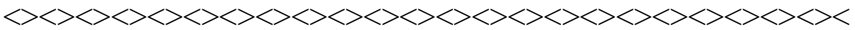
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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church on the 12th day of Christmas! In the gospel reading, we learn of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh, God come down among us, a light no darkness can overcome. What a gift we have in Jesus, the Savior!

January 01/06 in the church calendar is the Epiphany of our Lord where we remember the arrival of the Magi/Kings/Wise Men who followed the star in the east which led them to the new king. An epiphany is an eye opening experience. Jesus came so that the whole world can see and know God!

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Baptism of Our Lord, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

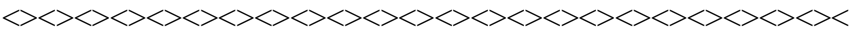
**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in loving memory of the January 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mary Johnson, mother of Carol Arndt & Leann Johnson.



Attendance: Christmas Eve: 3pm-294; 5pm-206; 10pm-90

Saturday: 25; Sunday: 83;

Christmas Offering: \$12,358; Offering: \$19,629



**Acolytes:** Penelope Roberts, Melinda Schunk

**Reader:** Nick Trotter

**Holy Communion:** Kleven Family

**Technology:** Daron Friesen, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett



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**FINANCIAL UPDATE: We have WONDERFUL NEWS! We ended 2024 in the black! OUR BIGGEST THANKS AND APPRECIATION to this congregation who made it possible!**

**REMINDER: WEDNESDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION** Will resume on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will resume on Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>.

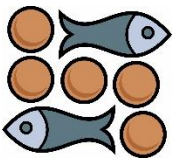


**QUILTING FOR GRADUATES** will be **THIS EVENING** from 3pm-6pm. Come when you can, leave when you need to. As a reminder, you do not need to have quilting experience to join in this ministry! There is something for everyone to do!

**AGAINST ALL ODDS Bible Study** w/Tera will be held **TOMORROW EVENING** at 5:30pm. **ALL WOMEN** ages 18-118 are invited! Please bring an appetizer to share if you are able.



**GLOW** will be starting up their **quilting days starting on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**. They meet from 9am-2pm! Bring a sack lunch and stay all day or you can just stay as long as you can!



**LUTEFISK SUPPER** will be on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. There are sign-up sheets for food donations and helpers on the bulletin board across from the office! If you are able to help with lefse making, that will be happening on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am and meatball making will be Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am! Your help is greatly appreciated!

**ALC DAY AT LSS MEALS** will be on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. On the menu is oven roasted turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, wheat bread and dessert. Please call 507-831-6161 to reserve your spot at least one day in advance.

**Q&A W/ PASTOR A** will be on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Jack Slade's. Come when you can, leave when you need to. There is good discussion about many topics!

**NOISY OFFERING** will be collected next week! Please remember to bring your spare change! This month it is designated for “GLOW Quilting Ministry”. GLOW makes quilts during the months of January through April for the Sharing Center, Christmas Cheer Box, Lutheran World Relief and anyone in need. This is one mission in action activity that the women of ALC do year after year. Please consider donating to this important Ministry. Thank You!

**RADIO SPONSORSHIPS** are available for the last Sunday in January and the whole month of February. To sponsor a Sunday broadcast, the cost is \$57. Please contact the church office if you would like to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast.



**SAVE THE DATE** for the Annual Meeting **on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. There will be coffee and donuts! Packets will be available to review 1 week before the meeting. Treasurer, Kevin Heggseth will be giving a budget presentation on **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** during the coffee hour.

### New Year's blessing

The eighth day of Christmas,  
the eighth day of Creation,  
the Next New Day,  
New Year's Day.

May every day be a new year's day for you:  
a chance to forgive and be forgiven,  
to start again.  
May you take courage to begin anew. ...

As you let go of the year past,  
may you ... in your free fall find yourself held  
by an eternal love that has come ages to be with you,  
and will carry you all the way to the end. ...

Every day may you trust your belovedness,  
your freedom from having to prove yourself,  
and receive the grace that is given to you.

May this year be a year of grace and hope.

## THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

### **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Skylight Court-Coffee Hour  
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM  
3:00 PM-6:00 PM Quilting for Graduates

### **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Women's Bible Study w/Tera  
6:00 PM Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship Bd

### **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
9:00 AM Glow Sewing  
5:15 PM CIS Board

### **Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Ministerial Association  
5:00 PM Wednesday Supper-Tator tot hotdish, corn, bread  
5:15 PM Praise Band Practice  
5:30 PM Wednesday School  
6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering  
7:30 PM Confirmation

### **Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline  
9:00 AM Lefse Making for Lutefisk Supper  
11:30 AM ALC Day at LSS Meals  
10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22  
6:00 PM Q&A w/Pastor A @ Jack Slade's  
6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

### **Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Meatball Making for Lutefisk Supper

### **Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Baptism of our Lord**

9:00 AM Worship w/ Noisy Offering  
10:00 AM Skylight Court-Coffee Hour  
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM