

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 9:00 AM**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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Wednesdays 6:30 pm Worship  
Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship  
Pastor Adam Roberts & Pastor Steven Rye  
Ministers: Everyone

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES: Melissa Gravely, Mitchell Cordell, Brekyn and Brantley

ADVENT DIALOGUE

Reader: Karen Skarphol

L: In the darkness there is a dream.

**C: It is a dream of love and faithfulness.**

L: We light this candle to keep the dream alive.

**C: May we waken, and live out your dream.**

L: In our faithful love to this world,  
you appear, with saving grace.

**C: Come, O Jesus, and be born in us.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

L: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

*"What Child is This"*

ELW # 296

KYRIE (ELW p. 147) Setting 4

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Savior of the Nations, Come"*

ELW #263 (vs 6)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Stir up Your power, Lord Christ, and come. With Your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive Your promises, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 7:10-16**

Pew Bible: p.554

Reader: Sandi Bartosh

## PSALM

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

Pew Bible: p.470

Reader: Sandi Bartosh

Please read responsively

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

**C: before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your  
might, and come to save us!**

L: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**C: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your  
people's prayers?**

L: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to  
drink in full measure.

**C: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh  
among themselves.**

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be  
saved.

**C: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one  
whom you made strong for yourself.**

L: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call  
on your name.

**C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we  
may be saved.**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 1:1-7**

Pew Bible: p.913

Reader: Sandi Bartosh

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 1:18-25**

Pew Bible: p.783

The Gospel according to Mathhew the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O  
Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord .**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Savior of the Nations, Come”* ELW #263

NICENE CREED ELW p.126

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: God of Grace **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *“Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”*  
ELW #561 (vs 3)

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.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* ELW #270

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Bring good news to the poor!  
**We Will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE ++++++

**WELCOME** to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. Today marks the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We have heard prophets tell of things to come, and today, Joseph experiences a detailed dream. Emmanuel, God with us!

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Flee to Egypt, Matthew 2:13-23.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in memory of the December 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Janice Ewing, sister of Carol Arndt & Leann Johnson.

**A RADIO GIFT** was given in honor of LeRoy Larson’s 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 25<sup>th</sup> by Elaine Larson & Family.

Attendance: Saturday: 33; Sunday: 104; Christmas Program: 200  
Offering: \$13,134

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

**Acolytes:** Penelope Roberts, Brynn Mickelson

**Reader:** Sandi Bartosh

**Technology:** Daron Freisen, Bob Johnson, Eugene Hanchett



**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE**

**HELP IS NEEDED** to put together candles for Christmas Eve. If you could stay after worship today and help assemble candles it would be greatly appreciated! Many hands make it go quickly!

**Turn your required MINIMUM distribution into MAXIMUM impact for American Lutheran Church.** As many of you are eligible to take your annual RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) from your retirement savings, please consider a tax free gift to the church. Why Consider This Gift? • Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making. • If you are required to take minimum distributions, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your obligation. • You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions. • Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax. **Ask your financial adviser** about this RMD option. The general deadline for taking your 2025 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is December 31, 2025. Thank you for your consideration.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING!** The Call Committee has a candidate for Lead Pastor to recommend to the ALC congregation. The vote will be Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 10 am. No information can be shared about the candidate until that meeting. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn about the Lead Pastor candidate and vote. We must have a quorum of at least 50 confirmed parishioners for the vote. Arrangements are being made for those who can't attend the meeting in person to be able to participate and vote by Zoom. More information on this technology will be provided soon. If you have questions please call the church office.

**SAVE THE DATE for REMEMBRANCE OF RISING FROM THE ASHES** on **Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**! On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 20 years ago, we had a devastating fire. But we rose from the ashes and we flourished! To celebrate and remember, we will welcome back Pastor Steven Norby to give us a message at worship as well as have a time of remembrance with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

**THE LUTEFISK SUPPER IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!** This year's lutefisk supper will be on January 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available by calling the church office or by stopping in! Tell your friends! If you would like to help out, there is lefse making, meatball making, and there are sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board across from the office if you would like to donate any items for meatballs, rice, or lefse. Thank you for considering!

**LEFSE MAKING** for the Lutefisk supper will be on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30am. Any help is greatly appreciated! No experience necessary! We can show you what to do!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. This study will be out of the Dec/Jan/Feb Gather Magazine. If you need a copy of the study, one will be available in the office.

**MEATBALL MAKING** for the Lutefisk supper will be on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** sewing and kit making will begin on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month until May! We begin @ 9:00 am, Work for while, Break for coffee, put in some more work, Noon: Lunchtime! (bring a sack lunch or go home), Yup, work some more, Finish up by 2ish. No experience necessary!

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Church office closing at Noon

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Church building and office closed

**Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>:** Church building and office closed

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Church office closing at Noon *The American Lutheran Church financial books for 2025 will close at noon on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. The office will be closed in the afternoon. Please be sure to get all 2025 contributions in by this time.*

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>:** Church building and office closed

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Church office closed

JOY TO THE  
**WORLD**  
THE LORD IS COME!



*Join us for our Christmas Eve Services*

Wednesday, December 24th

3:00PM Candlelight Service

5:00PM Candlelight Service

10:00PM Candlelight Service

w/Holy Communion



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BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE. LUKE 2:10

# LUTEFISK SUPPER



**Saturday, January 10, 2025**

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Serving 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

906 Prospect Avenue

Windom, MN

(parking lot on the corner of Miller Ave. & 10th Street)

MENU INCLUDES: LUTEFISK, MEATBALLS, LEFSE AND MORE

SECONDS TABLE WILL BE OFFERED

RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED BY JANUARY 5TH

Limited tickets available at the door

**Adults \$15.00 --- Ages 12 and under \$8.00**

Tickets available following church services on Sunday's

or by calling the church office at 831-1794

## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

### **Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

3:00 PM Mikkelsen Manor

4:00 PM Pineview

### **Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Church office closing at NOON**

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion

### **Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Church Building and office closed**

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

### **Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Church building and office closed**

### **Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Cafe

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

