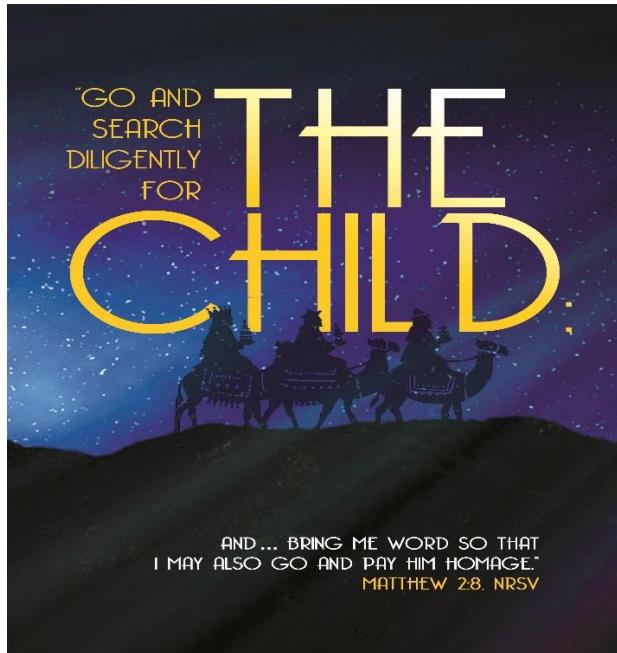


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, December 28th, 2025 9:00 AM

First Sunday of Christmas

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

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *“Once in Royal David’s City”* ELW # 269
(vs 1-4)

DIALOGUE

Reader: Kyla Derickson

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

L: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

**C: We have beheld Christ’s glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who
became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in
all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LESSONS & CAROLS

LESSON 1 **GOD PROMISES A KING** **Isaiah 9:2-7**

Reader: Angie Erickson

CAROL *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* ELW #279 vs.1

LESSON 2 **THE KING WILL COME FROM BETHLEHEM**

Reader: Jonah Lohse **Micah 5:2-5a**

CAROL *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* ELW #279 (v 4)

LESSON 3 **THE ANNUNCIATION TO MARY**

Reader: Angie Erickson **Luke 1:26-35, 38**

CAROL *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”* ELW #276 (vs 1-2)

LESSON 4**THE BIRTH OF JESUS****Luke 2: 1-7**

Reader: Harriet Lohse

CAROL***“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*** ELW #270 (vs1&3)**LESSON 5 THE SHEPHERDS GO TO SEE THE SAVIOR**Reader: Jonah Lohse **Luke 2: 8-16****CAROL*****“Go Tell It On The Mountain”*** ELW #290 (vs1&2)**LESSON 6****JESUS RECEIVES HIS NAME****Luke 2:21-38**

Reader: Harriet Lohse

CAROL***“The Bells Of Christmas”***

ELW #298 (vs1, 4, 5)

LESSON 7 THE MAGI FOLLOW THE STAR **Matthew 2:1-11**

Reader: Angie Erickson

CAROL***“What Child is This”***

ELW #296 (vs.1 &3)

LESSON 8 THE SLAUGHTER OF THE HOLY INNOCENTSReader: Jonah Lohse **Matthew 2: 13-18****CAROL*****“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”***

ELW #286 (vs1&4)

LESSON 9 THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATIONReader: Harriet Lohse **John 1:1-14****CAROL*****“Love Has Come”***

ELW #292 (vs1&3)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

Leader: Bella Borer

L: Glory to God in the highest,

C: **and peace to God’s people on earth.**

L: Blessed are you, Prince of peace.

You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

L: Blessed are you, Son of Mary.

You share our humanity.

C: **Have mercy on the sick, the dying,
and all who suffer this day.**

L: Blessed are you, Song of God.

You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: **Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament.
That we may bear your light to all the world.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***In the Bleak Midwinter*** ELW #294 (vs 3)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
Who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts,
Let them be blessing for others.**

With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN *“Joy to the World”* ELW #267

POSTLUDE ++++++

WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. As we continue to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas, joyfully sing carols and listen as the gospel stories are retold. May the light of the world shine brightly in your faith during 2026.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for God With Us, John 1: (1-9) 10-18.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in memory of Shelby Woizschke given by Marvel and Shelby's sons, William and Charles.

Attendance: Wednesday: 74; Saturday: 31; Sunday: 111

Offering: \$7,748

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Leader: Jane Cartwright

Readers: Kyla Derickson, Angie Erickson, Jonah Lohse, Harriet Lohse, Bella Borer

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



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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 4th! On January 4th, 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 10th 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 7th 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 8th 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 9th starting at 9am.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF sewing and kit making will begin on Tuesday, January 6th and will continue each 1st and 3rd 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 31st: 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 1st: Church building and office closed

Friday, January 2nd: Church office closed

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 28th

1st Sunday of Christmas

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court Cafe

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

Monday, December 29th

Tuesday, December 30th

Wednesday, December 31st

Church office closing at NOON

Thursday, January 1st

Church building and office closed

10:00 AM SW Stream

6:30 PM SW Stream

Friday, January 2nd

Church building and office closed

Saturday, January 3rd

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, January 4th

2nd Sunday of Christmas

9:00 AM Worship 20th Fire Anniversary

Remembrance

10:00 AM Gathering in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

