

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



REMEMBERANCE OF RISING FROM THE ASHES

20th Anniversary
OF THE
2006 CHURCH FIRE

A Special Day of Worship, Reflection, and Fellowship

 Sunday
January 4th  9:00 AM

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING WORSHIP
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WINDOM

He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. 1 Samuel 2:8

Sunday, January 4th, 2026 9:00 AM

Second 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

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Vought, Organist

PRELUDE Slideshow

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Jay Mickelson - Restoration / Renovation Leader

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace. Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Reconciling God, we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

L: May God's grace upon grace flow over you.

† Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad! Amen.

OPENING HYMN ***“The Church’s One Foundation”***

ELW #654 (vs 1-4)

KYRIE (ELW #157)

HYMN OF PRAISE ***“Now the Feast and Celebration”***

ELW #167

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.

FIRST READING
Reader: Karen Skarphol

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Pew Bible: p.641

SECOND READING
Reader: Karen Skarphol

Ephesians 1:3-14

Pew Bible: p.949

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

Pew Bible: p.812

Reader: Pastor Stephen Norby

The holy gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1.

C: Glory to you, O Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen Norby

HYMN OF DAY ***“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”***

ELW #712

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Give Thanks”

ALC 15

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Carol V music / Congregational song: ***“I Love to Tell the Story”*** ELW #661

Post Communion Prayer

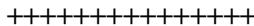
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus”*** ELW #501

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest! And peace to God's people on earth!
Go in joy! Embody God's grace! Thanks be to God.

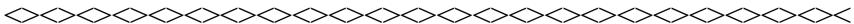
POSTLUDE



WELCOME to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom. Today we remember the fire that destroyed our sanctuary in 2006. We rejoice, as a congregation, that God has provided many blessings during the past 20 years. Following worship, everyone is invited to continue sharing stories of the fire and restoration, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR Baptism of Our Lord, Matthew 3:13-17.

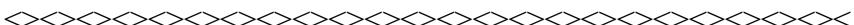
RADIO SPONSORSHIP is given today by Carol Arndt and Leann Johnson in memory of their mother Mary Johnson's January 8th Birthday.



Attendance: Christmas Eve: 3pm- 314; 5pm- 186; 10pm- 102;

Saturday: 28; Sunday: 31

Offering: \$24,825 Christmas: \$14,878



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Acolytes: Penelope Roberts, Brynn Mickelson

Communion Assistants: Kelly Kleven, Tera Elness, Natalie Burmeister

Reader: Karen Skarphol

Technology: Daron Friesen, Tim Hiley, Eugene Hanchett



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REMEMBERANCE OF RISING UP FROM THE ASHES Today marks the 20th Anniversary of the Fire which occurred at ALC. All are invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall following worship for coffee hour and time for remembering.

A SPECIAL OFFERING is being collected today for Lance Larson, a Westbrook resident who lost his life in a fire on November 29th. If you would like to give an offering to help his family, envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex. He leaves behind 2 teenage children and the money collected will go to help their future needs. Envelopes can be put in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office.



WE HAVE GREAT NEWS! We ended 2025 in the black! Thank you everyone for your support of the ministries at ALC throughout the year!

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.

HELP IS NEEDED to move the Christmas trees back into storage. If you have some spare time tomorrow morning at 10am, help is greatly appreciated!

QUILTING FOR GRADUATES will be meeting this afternoon at 1pm. No experience is necessary! If you would like to take part in this fulfilling and fun project, please join us!

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!

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 18th immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served! A link will be available to join the meeting remotely. Please email or call the church office for the link to join the ZOOM meeting. Kevin Heggeseth will be doing a budget presentation on Sunday, January 11th following the special meeting.

WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND CONFIRMATION will resume on Wednesday, January 7th and Sunday, January 11th.

DID YOU KNOW that A.C.E offers many programs for aging adults or those caring for aging adults? That's right! There are many great resources and programs available. Here are a few examples:

Caregiver Respite- Someone will come and be with the person you are caring for so you can run errands, spend time with friends, or for self-care.

Caregiver Support Groups- Held the last Tuesday of each month in Windom. Call for more information.

Telephone Reassurance- those with high risk of falling, sudden illness or social isolation will receive a daily phone call from trained volunteers.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program- A Free 35lb box of food for low income seniors(Age and income guidelines apply) call 1-800-365-0270 to enroll

Dementia Education, Services, and Consulting

Bone Builders-Meets weekly to help improve bone density, balance, energy, and well-being.

SAIL(Stay Active & Independent for Life)-similar to Bone Builders but may be a little more intense.

A Matter of Balance- An eight week series that helps participants learn to recognize that falling and fears of falls are controllable. Some exercise to help with strength and balance.

Many other tools for caregivers and for those living with chronic illness or diabetes. Please call Emily Bentson at 507-831-1803 if you have any questions about any of these programs!

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, 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
1:00 PM Quilting for Graduates
1:00 PM 7th-12th Grade Winter Fun Day at Arena

Monday, January 5th

Tuesday, January 6th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM GLOW Sewing
1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle
5:15 PM CIS Bd
6:00 PM Discipleship, Marketing, Stewardship Bd

Wednesday, January 7th

8:30 AM Lefse Making for Lutefisk Supper
11:00 AM Sogge
5:00 PM Wednesday Supper
5:15 PM Praise Band
5:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM Wednesday School
6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering
7:30 PM Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th Grade)

Thursday, January 8th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Worship played on SW Stream
2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Worship played on SW Stream

Friday, January 9th

9:00 AM Meatball making for Lutefisk Supper

Saturday, January 10th

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM Lutefisk Supper
5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Sunday, January 11th

3rd Sunday of Christmas

9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy Offering
10:00 AM Special Congregational Meeting
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM