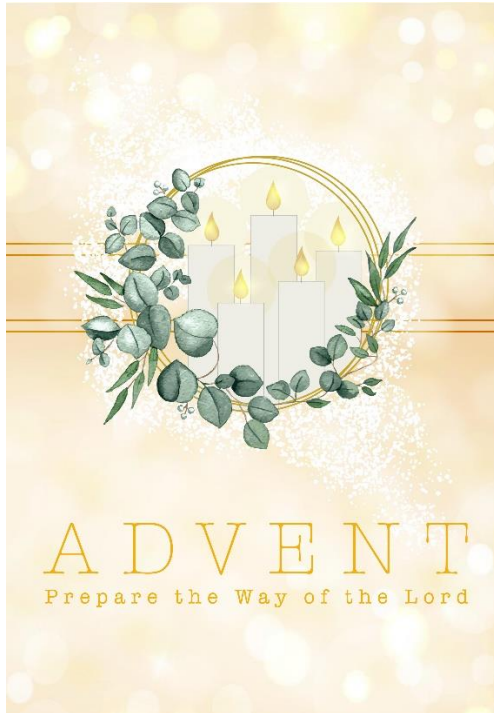


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, December 1, 2024 9:00 AM
First Sunday of Advent

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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

MicheLe Larson, Pianist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet the Lord
When he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
Whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

CONFESSION / FORGIVENESS

L: Let us come before God in confession.
Silence is kept for reflection.

C: To you, O God,

**We lift up our souls, you know us through and through; we confess
our sin to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your
steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us
in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen.**

L: Friends in Christ, come with joy and draw water from the well of
salvation. Remember the gift of baptism; your sin is washed away in the
name of † Jesus; You belong to Christ; You are anointed to serve. Stand
up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN *“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”*

ELW #251

KYRIE

ELW p.154

HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Are Waiting”

ACS #905 Vs. 1

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Sun of justice, shine upon us;

we are trusting in your promise.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ALC CHOIR ANTHEM

“We Want to Be Ready”

HOLY COMMUNION: (ELW p. 144)

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

MicheLe meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

PSALM 25:1-10

Pew Bible: p. 436

Reader: Aniessa Sebring

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C: You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

C: All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: Aniessa Sebring

Pew Bible: p. 960

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

Pew Bible: p. 856-7

L: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21st 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

“O Come, O come, Emmanuel”

ELW #257 vs. 1, 4, 6 & 7

APOSTLES CREED

ELW p. 127

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

“Create in Me”

ALC #14

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.

BENEDICTICION

CLOSING HYMN

“I Hear a Sound”

ALC #25

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
We Will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Happy New Year! During this Advent season, we prepare for the birth of a baby who will lead nations.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Prepare the Way, Luke 3:1-6

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in loving memory of Robert Lange's December 4th Birthday, given by Marles and Robert A.L. Lange.

Attendance: Wednesday: 91; Saturday: 32; Sunday: 134,
Offering: \$11,332;
Needed to meet 2024 commitments: approx. \$100,000

Acolytes: Graham Miller

Reader: Anissa Sebring

Candle lighting: John & Melanie Shamp, and Erin Shamp

Communion Assistants: Melanie Shamp, Betty Olson, Sharon Thompson

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Tim Hiley, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



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Did you know that today marks the beginning of the new Church year, the season of Advent? Families gathered pine branches to create a wreath, often adding other items from nature. To Christians, this was a symbol of everlasting life, the crown of Christ. As candles were lit, it became a sign that

Christ leads us into the light. During the next 4 weeks, as we begin each service with the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath, His light will shine brighter. Today, we give praise for the evergreen crown. Thanks to John, Melanie, and Erin Shamp, for participating. John has been the congregational president for the past two years. Melanie is our Administrative Assistant in the office. Erin attends Windom Area High School and participates in the ALC Praise Band.

QUILTING FOR GRADUATES will be meeting **TODAY from 3pm-6pm**. All help is appreciated, even if you are not a sewing kind of person! Come when you can, leave when you need to.

NEXT WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING is going to the Helping Hand's Fund. Helping Hands is a fund here at the American Lutheran Church that allows us to provide help for individuals in need. Thank you for your support! Remember to bring your spare change!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on **Sunday, December 15th at 11:00 AM**. Come listen to our kiddos and take in the Christmas spirit! A Breakfast will be served starting at 9:30am until 11am program start. Scrambled eggs, sausages, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, and coffee for a free will donation. All proceeds will go to the 7 youth going to the Boundary Waters in July of 2025. Your support to them is greatly appreciated! Stay for breakfast and spend the morning with us! Goodie bags for ALL children will be passed out following the program.

SEARCHING FOR A PIANIST for the Community Christmas Choir. If you or someone you know would be willing to come to practices and play at the concert, please email Lynn Liepold at lynn.liepold@gmail.com or call the church office. They practice each Sunday evening at 6:30pm from now until the concert on Wednesday, December 18th.



GLOW CHRISTMAS PARTY – Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m serving a potato bar, salad and cheesecake. Musical entertainment, beautifully decorated tables and fellowship! **TODAY is the last day to purchase tickets!** \$15. Join us!!

IT'S TIME! Living Nativity will be held on **Wednesday, December 11th**. Once again, the youth will be having a turkey noodle soup and chili supper! Sign-up sheets for food donations are posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Your donations help keep our costs down, which allows our youth to earn money for their youth accounts. Any help is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued support of our youth!



NEW THIS YEAR for Living Nativity will be *gift wrapping!* The 7 youth going to the Boundary Waters in July will wrap your gifts for you for a *free will donation!* Drop your gifts off with them in the meeting room, enjoy the other activities going on, and your gifts will be ready for you to pick up when you leave!



LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS for **Living Nativity!**

If you like to sing, play piano, or another instrument sign up to be part of the musical entertainment in the Skylight Court during Living Nativity. Time slots are about 15 minutes each. You can perform on your own or with a friend or family! A sign-up sheet is on the Worship and Music bulletin board! If you have any questions, please talk to Jane!



CANDY, CANDY, CANDY! The Christian Ed Board is asking for your help in filling the goodies bags that will be handed out after the Children's Christmas Program on December 15th. If you could donate a bag of individually wrapped candy, that would be fantastic! Please have donations to the church by Tuesday, December 10th!

THANK YOU for all the donations that have come in for Wednesday night suppers. We are good with soup and ham for now!

NLCA CHRISTMAS CONCERT-Join the National Lutheran Choir at the beautiful Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis for the Christmas Festival tradition. This year's program, titled *Healing: of the Nations*, seeks to bring a beacon of hope to all who open their hearts and listen. The festival will include the premiere of a new Christmas Suite by Taylor Scott Davis as well as works by James MacMillan, Galina Grigorjeva, Nancy Grundahl, Roland Carter, Anne Krentz Organ, and more. This year, singers from a newly-formed Children's Christmas Choir will sing alongside NLC during the concert and will be featured on our live-streamed performance. In-person performances: Friday, December 13th, - 4:30pm Saturday, December 14th - 1:30pm, Saturday, December 14th - 8:00pm, all at Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis. Adults and Seniors: \$35 | Students: Pay what you can | 18 and Under: Free Discounts for groups of 10+! Call the NLC office at 612-722-2301 for group tickets. Livestream performance: Saturday, December 14th - 1:30pm CT free to all - visit NLCA.com to watch. For tickets and more information, please visit NLCA.com.



WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th at 7PM around the globe! Light a candle for all children who have died so that their light may always shine! For parents and families of children who have died.



SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY WITH SOGGE

RESIDENTS: The Sogge Home and Mikkelsen Manor are asking Windom to remember their residents this Christmas season. Staff at these facilities have asked residents for a Christmas list and asked local congregations to buy each resident something from their list (items might be slippers, word finds, hand mirrors, etc.). Church in Society has a Christmas tree set up that has anonymous lists hung on it. If you'd like you could grab a list, buy an item, wrap it, and drop it off at the church and we'll make sure it gets to that resident. Let's spread some Christmas joy! Gifts need to be to the church office by Friday, December 13th.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, December 1st

1st Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 2nd

6:00 PM Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship Board
6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 3rd

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle
5:15 PM CIS Board

Wednesday, December 4th

11:00 AM Sogge
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper- Goulash, greens beans, 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, December 5th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22
6:00 PM GLOW Christmas Party
6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22
7:00 PM Nominating Committee

Friday, December 6th

Augustana Assoc. Meeting

Saturday, December 7th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, December 8th

2nd Sunday of Advent

2nd Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM
6:30 PM Community Christmas Choir Practice