# The American Lutheran Church of Windom



Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, December 24, 2024 10:00 pm

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Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

The American Lutheran Church of Windom Pastor Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10:00 pm

<u>WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS EVENING!</u> The 7:00 PM broadcast was sponsored in memory of Ruth Berge, given by her grandchildren Niko, Logan, and Sierra Berge, and Mackenzie and Marissa Meier. A radio gift was given in loving memory of Shelby Woizeschke's December 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, by her sons William and Charles Woizeschke.

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

CHRISTMAS VIDEO

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

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.

OPENING CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW #283 (v. 1-4)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS-screens

CAROL "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW #270

(vs 1, 2, & 3)

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CAROL "Away in a Manger" ELW #278

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2-7 Pew Bible p.555

Reader: Xavier Roberts

The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God!

VOCAL SOLO "Oh Holy Night" Miriam Ofori

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2: 1-7 Pew Bible: 832

CAROL "What Child Is This" ELW #296

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2: 8-20 Pew Bible: 833

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW #279(vs 1&2)

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah Tadé

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW #279(vs 3&4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. / Your mercy is great.

VOCAL DUET "Let There be Peace on Earth"

Penelope Roberts and Morgan Roskamp

**OFFERING** 

RESPONSE "The First Noel" ELW #300(vs 1&5)

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

### HOLY COMMUNION

Words of institution

Lord's prayer

Distribution

Rozanne meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

DISTRIBUTION OF CANDLES (see notes on back)

CANDLELIGHT CAROL "Silent Night" ELW #281

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from your holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING (Extinguish candles)

CLOSING CAROL

"Joy to the World"

ELW #267

**SENDING** 

Christ is born! Go in peace! We will! Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

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CANDLELIGHT NOTES: Candles and holders are in front of you under each pew on the center aisle. After the offering, pass the candles down the pew for each person to receive their candle. When lighting the candles, hold the candle upright when giving light to the one next to you. Try not to spill wax. When candles are extinguished, return them to the holder, pass the holder to the center aisle and place it back under the pew, so they are ready for the next service. Battery operated candles for small children are in the Narthex.

\*\*Following the service, we ask if 1 person from each pew could please bring the candle block to the chapel. Thank you!\*\*
Thank you to our worship participants this evening: Rozanne, Xavier, Penelope, Morgan, Gina, Autumn, Lindsey, and Jane.