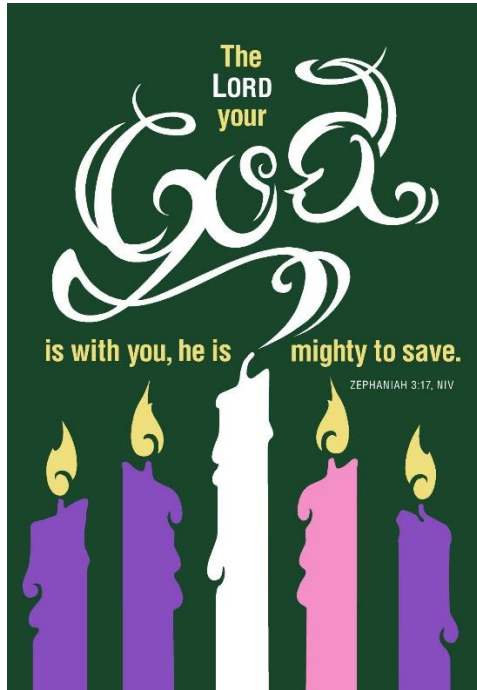


The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, December 15, 2024 9:00 AM

Third 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

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:

We praise you, O God, for **this** victory wreath
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the candles on this wreath,
strengthen our hearts
as we await the Lord's coming in glory.
Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may serve our neighbors in need.
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

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;
You belong to Christ.
Your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus;
Amen.

OPENING HYMN *“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”*

ELW #242

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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING **Zephaniah 3:14-20** Pew Bible: p.767

READING **Isaiah 12:2-6** Pew Bible: p. 558
(Please read responsively)

L: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

C: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

L: And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God’s name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

C: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

L: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

READING **Philippians 4:4-9** Pew Bible: p. 955

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING **Luke 3:7-18** Pew Bible: p. 834

L: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 3rd Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

L: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!”*

ELW #246

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

ELW #244

DISMISSAL

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

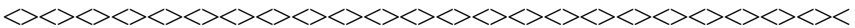
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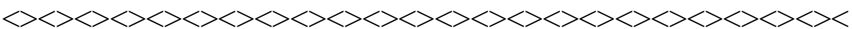
WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today we light three candles on the Third Sunday of Advent. May Christ’s light shine through us.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Magnificat, Luke 1:39-45.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in loving memory of the December 23rd Birthday of Shelby Woizeschke, given by grandmother Marvel Woizeschke.



Attendance: Wednesday: 88; Saturday: 31; Sunday: 129,
Offering: \$20,840;
Needed to meet 2024 commitments: approx. \$75,000



Acolytes: Carter Knutson and Ruby Heggseth

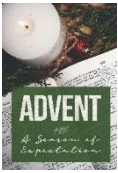
Readers: Sandi Bartosh

Candle lighting: Greg & Sheryl Hanefeld

Technology: Jake Voth, Bob Johnson, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



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We continue our Advent journey with the lighting of three candles. The Advent wreaths were made from pine boughs and 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. His light will shine brighter. Today, we give praise for this circle of light. Thanks to Sheryl and Greg Hanefeld for lighting the candles this morning. Sheryl is the Vice-President of our church council and Greg is an usher for Sunday morning services.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be at **11:00 AM TODAY**. Come listen to our kiddos and take in the Christmas spirit! *BUT FIRST, JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST* starting at 9:30am until 12pm. 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.

JR. HIGH/SR. HIGH youth Christmas Party at Springfield Bowl/The Garage is TODAY! We will leave the church parking lot by 4:15 and should return around 7pm!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ALC! We are seeking a part-time custodian. This position will be 15hrs a week. Applicants must be able to work flexible hours. You can find an application on our website www.alcofwindom.com under the Job Openings tab, or you can stop in the church office.

THANK YOU for your generosity of food donations for the Sharing Center at Living Nativity! The Church and Society Board brought **157lbs of food** to the Sharing Center that evening!

HERE WE GO A CAROLLING for Christmas by Candlelight around the Square, Thursday, 12/19/24. Meet in front of Hammers Furniture at 6:00 PM. Caroling books will be provided. We will sing the holiday favorites to brighten the spirits of townspeople and merchants. Dress warm, bring your singing voice and your Christmas cheer!

MEN'S GROUP CRIBBAGE & PIZZA will be on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm. Enjoy some fellowship with the guys,

cribbage, and pizza! Please let Pastor Adam know if you plan on attending so he knows how much pizza to get.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS! ALL Sunday and Wednesday School kiddos AND THE WHOLE CONGREGATION are invited to our Birthday Celebration for Jesus on **Wednesday, December 18th at 5pm!** *Please note, there *will not* be Wednesday School* We will have hot dogs, chips, baked beans, punch and even birthday cupcakes! There will also be fun activities to take part in! Stay after to enjoy the Sounds of Christmas: A Festive Community Christmas Event at 7pm. A community choir, the Chordhustlers, and other musical performances will be shared to get us into the spirit of Christmas!

CAROLING AT SOGGE: Wednesday and Sunday School Students are asked to come to the Sogge home NEXT SUNDAY, December 22nd at the regular Sunday School class time to sing for the residence! Parents, please bring your kids to the Sogge home and stick around as they will be able to leave as soon as they are done singing!

ADULT LEARNING with Pastor Adam will be next Sunday, December 22nd at 10:15. Grab your coffee and join him in the meeting room. This session will be discussing the ELCA Social Statement on Creation Care. There are copies available of the statement on the tables of the Narthex if you would like a copy.

REMINDER: There will be **NO WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CONFIRMATION** – Dec. 18th, Dec. 25th, 29th, Jan 1st, & Jan. 5th for Christmas/New Year's Break. There will also be no worship on these Wednesdays and no supper.

LUTEFISK SUPPER will be on Saturday, January 11th. There are sign-up sheets for food donations and helpers are on the bulletin board across from the office! If you are able to help with lefse making, that will be happening on Thursday, January 9th at 9am and meatball making will be Friday, January 10th at 9am! Your help is greatly appreciated!

GIFT WRAPPING HAVE YOU STRESSED? Don't worry! Our youth can do it for you! They will be offering gift wrapping for a free will donation on Saturday, December 21st from 10am-2pm! Let them take some of the stress out of your holiday gifting!



**HAPPY
Birthday
JESUS!!**

ALL WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND OUR ENTIRE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS SUPPER & PARTY ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH STARTING AT 5PM. THIS SPECIAL EVENT WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF OUR REGULAR WS TIME! PLAN TO STAY AND JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL "SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS" COMMUNITY EVENT IN OUR SANCTUARY AT 7PM!



Sounds of Christmas
A Festive Community Christmas Event

Singers and Musicians share the Christmas spirit through songs and congregation participation!

**December 18, 2024
7:00 PM**

American Lutheran Church of Windom
906 Prospect Ave.
Windom, Mn.

Bring a monetary gift or non-perishable item for the Food Shelf.

Refreshments will be served following program in the Fellowship Hall.




**WS/SS
Christmas
Singing at
Sogge!**

ALL WED & SUN SCHOOL STUDENTS! ♥

On Sunday, December 22nd, we ask that all Wednesday & Sunday School Students meet their teachers/music leaders at the Sogge Good Samaritan at 10:15am to sing their Christmas Program songs for the residents! ♥

10:15AM | **22** | DECEMBER

Sogge Good Samaritan of Windom

Parents, please plan to stay as children will be free to go right after singing their songs!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, December 15th

3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM BWCA Fundraiser Breakfast
- 10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM
- 11:00 AM Children's Christmas Program
- 4:15 PM Youth Group Christmas Party Departure
- 6:30 PM Community Christmas Choir Practice

Monday, December 16th

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 17th

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, December 18th

- 1:30 PM Hillside Manor
- 2:30 PM Pine View
- 5:00 PM Happy Birthday Jesus Supper & Party

Thursday, December 19th

- 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
- 9:00 AM Conference Pastors Meeting
- 10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22
- 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Technology Committee Meeting
- 6:30 PM Men's Group Cribbage & Pizza
- 6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, December 20th

Messenger Deadline

Saturday, December 21st

- 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
- 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 22nd

4th Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM Skylight Court-Coffee Hour
- 10:15 AM Adult Learning-ELCA Social Statement on Creation Care
- 10:15 AM WS/SS Kids sing at Sogge
- 10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM