

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 22, 2024 9:00 AM

Fourth 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

Angie Erickson, Pianist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

As we light the candles on this wreath,

open our eyes to see your presence
in the lowly ones of this earth.

Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may sing of your advent among us
in the word made flesh.

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: Siblings 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 *“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”* ELW #436

KYRIE

ELW #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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING **Micah 5:2-5a** Pew Bible: p.756

Reader: Karen Skarphol

PSALM **Psalm 80:1-7** Pew Bible: p. 470

(Please read responsively)

Reader: Karen Skarphol

L: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

C: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

L: Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

L: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

C: You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING **Luke 1:39-56** Pew Bible: p. 831

L: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 1st 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 *“Love Has Come”* ELW #292

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Words of Institution ELW p. 110-congregational responses

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Angie E. meditative music

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Angels We Have Heard on High”** ELW #289

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. Today we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath to mark the passage of time. In the reading, Zechariah and Elizabeth experience a miracle.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Wisdom of Boy Jesus, Luke 2:41-52

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in loving memory of the December 22nd Birthday of Janice Ewing, given by sisters Carol Arndt & Leann Johnson.

A RADIO GIFT was given in loving memory Ronnie Pabst by brother Donnie Pabst.

Attendance: Saturday: 24; Sunday: 106; Children's Program: 200
Offering: \$7,214;

Needed to meet 2024 commitments: approx. \$65,000

Acolytes: Penelope Roberts

Readers: Karen Skarphol

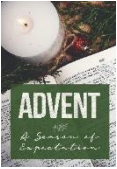
Communion Assistants: Dan and Tina Mesner, Braxton Pohlman

Candle lighting: Lilly Derickson, Jack Elness, Miranda Peterson, Braxton Pohlman, Addison Spielman

Technology: Todd Armstrong, Jake Voth, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



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We continue our Advent journey by lighting all four candles of the Advent wreath. 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 these lights burning brighter. Thanks to 2024 Confirmands for lighting the candles this morning.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME Joining our congregation today are Andrea Gullickson and her daughter Meadow Gullickson. Andrea and Meadow are transferring here from Glenwood Lutheran Church. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!

VOLUNTEERS are needed to put candles together for our Christmas Eve Candlelight services following service today. Please meet in the Skylight Court if you're able to help!

CAROLING AT SOGGE: Wednesday and Sunday School Students are asked to come to the Sogge home TODAY during the regular Sunday School class time to sing for the residents! 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 TODAY at 10:15am. 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. 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 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!

OFFICE AND BUILDING HOURS for the holidays:

Tuesday, December 24th- Church office closing at noon

Wednesday, December 25th – Church building and office closed

Thursday, December 26th -Church office closed

Tuesday, December 31st- Church office closing at noon

Wednesday, January 1st – Church building and office closed



JOY TO THE WORLD
THE LORD IS COME!

Join us for our Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24th

3:00PM Candlelight Service

5:00PM Candlelight Service

10:00PM Candlelight Service
w/Holy Communion

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BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE. LUKE 2:10



The Gift that Changed the World

The Incarnation

At the center of Christmas is Jesus, both fully God and fully man. “In Bethlehem, humility and glory in their extremes were joined,” wrote pastor R.G. Lee (1886-1978). When Jesus came to earth, Lee explained, he descended:

- from the heights of glory to the depths of shame,
- from the wonders of heaven to the wickedness of earth,
- from exaltation to humiliation,
- from the throne to the tree,
- from dignity to debasement,
- from worship to wrath,
- from the halls of heaven to the nails of earth,
- from the coronation to the curse,
- from the glory place to the gory place!

“Born in a stable! Cradled in a cattle trough! Wrapped in swaddling clothes of poverty!” Lee wrote. “No room for him who made all rooms! [No] place for him who made and knows all places! Oh, deep humiliation of the Creator — born of the creature, woman! But in his descent was the dawn of mercy. Because we cannot ascend to him, he descends to us.”

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

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

Monday, December 23rd

Tuesday, December 24th

Church office closing at NOON

3:00 PM Candlelight Service

5:00 PM Candlelight Service

10:00 PM Candlelight Service w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 25th

Church building/office closed



Thursday, December 26th

Church office closed

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, December 27th

Saturday, December 28th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, December 29th

1st Sunday of Christmas

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court-Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM