

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

*All Are Welcome!*



**Sunday, December 29, 2024 9:00 AM**

*First Sunday after Christmas*

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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

Priscilla Jacobson, Pianist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

**Amen.**

CONFESSION / FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God-with-us,

**C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

ELW # 294

KYRIE

ELW p.203

HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

ELW #270

vs.1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Pew Bible: p.229

PSALM

Psalm 148

Pew Bible: p. 508

*(Please read responsively)*

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**C: Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

L: Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**C: Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

**C: who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

L: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**C: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

L: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**C: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

L: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**C: young men and maidens, old and young together.**

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**C: The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-54

Pew Bible: p. 833-4

L: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Go Tell It On the Mountain”*

ELW #290

APOSTLES CREED

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 **“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

ELW #275 vs.4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

**“Love Has Come”**

ELW #292

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

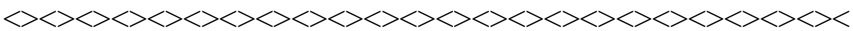
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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran Church. As we celebrate the end of 2024, we also hear of the Light of the world, that shines in the darkness. In the reading, even Jesus’s parents felt a great deal of anxiety when they had traveled from Jerusalem.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Incarnation of the Word, John 1:1-18.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in loving memory of the December 27th Birthday of Bob Boomgarden, given by sisters Carolyn & Family.

**A RADIO GIFT** was given in celebration of Helen Evers’ 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 30<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday Helen!

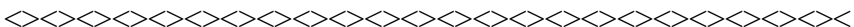


Attendance: Community Christmas Event: 200;

Saturday: 51; Sunday: 120;

Offering: \$18,096;

Needed to meet 2024 commitments: approx. \$45,000



**Technology:** Linsey Cartwright, John Shamp, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE**

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

**QUILTING FOR GRADATES** will be meeting on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-6pm. Come when you can, leave when you need to. As a reminder, you do not need to have quilting experience to join in this ministry! There is something for everyone to do!

**AGAINST ALL ODDS** Bible Study w/Tera will be held on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. **ALL WOMEN** ages 18-118 are invited! Please bring an appetizer to share if you are able.

**GLOW** will be meeting next Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am. **ALL WOMEN** of ALC are part of GLOW! Please come and join us and see what it's all about! They will also be starting up their **quilting days starting on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**. They meet from 9am-2pm! Bring a sack lunch and stay all day or you can just stay as long as you can!

**LUTEFISK SUPPER** will be on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am and meatball making will be Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am! Your help is greatly appreciated!

**CHURCH IN SOCIETY**, Sogge, and Mikkelson Manor would like to say **THANK YOU** to all who participated in buying gifts for residents off of the tree in the Skylight Court. The residents enjoy the gifts so much and all that bought gifts said they enjoy shopping for their gifts!

**OFFICE AND BUILDING HOURS** for the holidays:

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**- Church office closing at noon

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Church building and office closed

## TIBITS TO PONDER

### **GOD'S CONSTANT NEW WORK**

From the beginning of time, God's pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the New Year's season is especially fitting to pause and recognize God's work of renewal. Consider the following scriptures (all NIV) and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

- [God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair ... (Ezra 9:9)
- If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (Job 14:7)
- He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)
- See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)
- You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (Isaiah 62:2)
- [God's] compassions ... are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (Ezekiel 36:26)
- [Jesus] took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)
- Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

## THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Skylight Court-Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

**Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Church office closing at NOON**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Church building/office closed**



**Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

**Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Chapel Service

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court-Coffee Hour

10:15 AM GLOW Meeting

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

3:00 PM-6:00 PM Quilting for Graduates