

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

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

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, December 8, 2024 9:00 AM
Second 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

Linda Staples, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering

Children's Christmas Program next Sunday

Temple Talk-Kevin Heggeseth

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light.
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the candles on this wreath,
Kindle within us the fire of your spirit,
That we may be light shining in the darkness.
Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.
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

“Prepare The Royal Highway”

ELW #264

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“*Were You There on That Christmas Night?*”

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4 Pew Bible: p.778

SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-11 Pew Bible: p.953

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:1-6 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**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Tera Elness, DCYFM

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*”
ELW #358 (vs 1, 3-5)

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

“Hark, the Glad Sound”

ELW #239

DISMISSAL

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

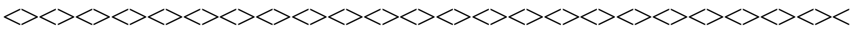
POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran Church. Today we light two candles on the second Sunday of Advent. Be a light that shines for others!

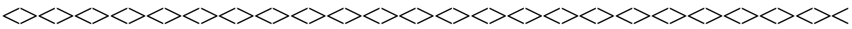
JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Powerful One is Coming, Luke 3:7-18

RADIO SPONSORSHIP is in loving memory of the December 8th Birthday of Basil Thompson given by Sharon Thompson.



Attendance: Wednesday: 295; Saturday: 41; Sunday: 119,
Offering: \$6,618;

Needed to meet 2024 commitments: approx. \$95,000



Acolytes: Corbin Anderson

Readers: Kristy Mickelson

Candle lighting: Colin, Amanda, Hannah, and Logan Wilson

Technology: Daron Freisen, John Shamp, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



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We continue our Advent journey with the lighting of another candle. 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 the Wilson family for lighting the candles this morning. Colin is a small group guide. Amanda leads the kids' music time. Their children, Hannah and Logan participate in Christian Ed. activities.

TODAY'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!

WE WELCOME two newly baptized members of ALC! On Saturday, November 30th, Camryn Eli Evers joined our church family through baptism. Camryn is the son of MaKayla Thomas, and Elijah Evers. And Macy Vollan was baptized into our family of faith and into the mission we share on Wednesday evening, December 4th! She is the daughter of Scott Vollan and Katie Elmer. Macy is currently attending 7th Grade Confirmation at ALC!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY with Tera will be **THIS EVENING** at 5:30pm. This month's theme is "Let's Talk About Stress, Baby". What a perfect thing to talk about during this time of year when things can get stressful! Open to ALL women ages 18-100! Bring an appetizer to share if you are able!

LIVING NATIVITY on Wednesday, December 11th! Join us for soup and chili supper served by the youth from 5pm-7pm, and from 5:30-7:30 you can enjoy the bake sale; cider, popcorn, and music in the Skylight Court; and of course the live nativity portrayed by our youth, with animals outside and inside! There will also be horse drawn carriage rides! Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food shelf if you are able and bring your gifts to be wrapped by the youth for a free-will donation!



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!

Q&A WITH PASTOR A at Jack Slade's will be on Thursday, December 12th at 6pm. Come when you can, stay as long as you want. Any and all questions are welcome. If you would like to ask a question anonymously, just email Pastor Adam.

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.



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!

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. . 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, Dec. 13th, - 4:30pm, Saturday, Dec. 14th - 1:30pm, Saturday, Dec. 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 THIS EVENING 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.

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 on Thanksgiving Eve! The Church and Society Board brought **240lbs 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!



American Lutheran Church of Windom presents a

Living Nativity

Wednesday, December 11th
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Soup & Chili Supper in the Fellowship Hall
[5pm-7pm](#)
\$8 Suggested Donation

NEW THIS YEAR!
Let the Youth do your gift wrapping!
The 7 youth going to BWCA this summer will wrap your gifts for a free will donation! Drop them off in the meeting room while you check out the other events and pick them up when you leave!

View the Living Nativity by foot or by car:
10th Street east
and turn south on Prospect Avenue

Ride the Horse Drawn Carriage
Pet the Animals (inside and outside)

In the Skylight Court:
Holiday Bake Sale
Listen to live Music of the Season
Enjoy Cider & Popcorn

Please bring Food or Cash Donations for the Windom Sharing Center

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday, December 8th

2nd Sunday in Advent

2nd Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy Offering

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

Monday, December 9th

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 10th

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

6:00 PM Youth & Family Board

7:00 PM Budget & Finance, Christian Ed, Properties, Spiritual Life & Fellowship, Worship & Music

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, December 11th

LIVING NATIVITY

5:00 PM -7:00 PM Soup and Chili Supper

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM All other activities

Thursday, December 12th

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

11:30 AM ALC Day at LSS Meals

6:00 PM Q&A w/Pastor A @ Jack Slades

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

Friday, December 13th

Augustana Assoc. Meeting

Saturday, December 14th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Sunday, December 15th

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Worship

9:30 AM-11:00 AM 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

6:30 PM Community Christmas Choir Practice