



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

January 2, 2022

10:00 AM Worship

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
2nd Sunday of Christmas ~ January 2, 2022
10:00 AM Worship Service

*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

L We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; + Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

C **Amen.**

P In this season of light, let us go before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the darkness instead of adding to the light.

{Silence for reflection and self-examination}

P God of Love and Light,

C **We confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be. We shine a spotlight on the transgressions of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in the dark. We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated and judgmental. Forgive us Jesus, the Everlasting Light. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Teach us to walk as children of light, surrounded by your love, forgiveness and healing. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

P God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

C **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
(verse 1 & 2)

ELW #288

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

***KYRIE**

{to the tune of: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*}

**Lord, have mercy on your people. Christ have mercy on us.
Shine your light into our darkness. Fill us with your holy love.
Show us how to love our neighbor. Run to those who cry for help.
Word made flesh who lives among us. Christ, our Lord, Emmanuel.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God

{to the tune of: *Angels We Have Heard on High*}

**Glory be to God on high, peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Let us sing a joyful song to the Christ, the Living Word.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on everyone.
Hope has lifted up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
C **Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word.
By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON/CHILDREN'S TIME

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

ELW #239

**Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.**

***GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9], 10-18**

C **Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)***

P **The Gospel of the Lord.**

C **Praise to you, O Christ. *(spoken)***

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Christ, Be Our Light
(verses 1 & 2)

ELW #715

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of
the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was cruci-
fied, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He as-
cended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P **Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The pastors and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord with Peace be with you)

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe in the front of the church. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania. Adults are encouraged to give their spare change to the children around them to be brought forward.

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Prepare the Royal Highway*

ELW #264, vs. 1

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C God of Light, our world can be a very dark place. Therefore, we offer the gifts of ourselves, our time and our resources, trusting you will use them to set the world aglow with your loving presence. May our offerings continue to shine brightly before others so they may see our good works and give glory to you. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW pg.145

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain in your seats and Communion will be brought to you. Communion servers will come around and hand you cups that contain the wafer and the wine. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. After you receive your cup you are welcome to eat the bread and drink the wine/juice. Ushers will come around to collect any waste.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Mary Larew & Janelle Schauer

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Jesus, our bright Morning Star, we give you thanks that you have fed us well through the bread and wine of your Supper. May it enable us to shine brightly in all the dark places of our world with your hope, love, joy and peace. We ask this in your holy name.

C Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

The Bells of Christmas
(verses 1 & 4)

ELW #298

**The bells of Christmas chime once more; the heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.**

**Oh, join with me, in gladness sing, to keep our Christmas with our king,
until our song, from loving souls, like rushing mighty water rolls!**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Special Thanks to Pastor David Eck for granting us the privilege to
use his Liturgy 'Everlasting Light'.

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Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

MUSICAL CANTOR: Mary Larew

SOUND BOOTH OPERATOR: Jack Brouillard

POWER POINT OPERATOR: Taylor Brouillard

VIDEO: Katie Brouillard

USHERS: Dean & Cheri Wagner, Lori Wagner,

Gary Cox, Jack Canfield





WELCOME

Living in **God's love**, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
is a **welcoming** and **caring** family
that **nurtures** spiritual growth, **shares** our Christian faith,

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY | 1/2

2nd Sunday of Christmas

No Sunday School

Worship with Holy Communion (In person & online) // 10am

MONDAY | 1/3

THURSDAY | 1/6

Women's Bible Study // 10:00 am

TUESDAY | 1/4

Men's Bible study // 8:30 am

Staff meeting // 10:00 am

Committee meetings (as needed) // 6:30 pm

FRIDAY | 1/7

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY | 1/5

Wednesday evening dinner & activities
resume! (See schedule on the next page)

SATURDAY | 1/8

'Undecorating' the church // 9:00 am
(Many hands make light work!)

SUNDAY | 1/9

Sunday School // 9:00 am

Worship Service (In person & online) // 10:00 am

Sunday Brunch // 11:00 am // Following Worship

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING & YOUTH CHILI FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting. Sunday, January 30th @ 11:30am. The youth will be organizing a chili lunch as a fundraiser for the ELCA 2022 Youth Gathering.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

If you or your committee have a report to be submitted for the 2021 Annual Report, please submit those to Katie by January 15th. You can email them to office@abidingsavior.org. We understand that many committees or groups did not meet as normal in 2021, but a summary of activities or items from the past year is still important for documentation purposes. Thank you!

WEDNESDAY MEALS RESUME

We hope that our kitchen crew has had a wonderful holiday break! We look forward to Wednesday night supper, which will resume this week. This week's menu is Tacos & Spanish Rice and dinner is served from 4:30—6:15pm.

BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, JAN. 20 @ 1:30PM—6:30PM

Join us Thursday, January 20th for our Red Cross blood drive. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter: Abiding to schedule an appointment! If you are available to volunteer with check-in or treats, please see the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, JAN 4 @ 8:30AM, Fellowship Hall

All men are invited to Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Ryan. Coffee and doughnuts OR breakfast will be available. This Bible study is non-threatening, enjoyable, and informative (we may even talk about sports). Come and join us!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY, JAN 19 @ 7:00PM

Abiding Savior has reserved 85 spots to pack food at Feed My Starving Children on Wed. January 19th from 7-8:30pm. All ages are welcome, though those under 12 must be supervised by an adult. Please sign up outside the church office. We look forward to a fun evening!

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:30pm	Dinner served
5:00—5:30pm	Celebration Ringers
5:30—6:00pm	King's Msgrs Choir
5:30—6:00pm	POWER Up
6:00—6:30pm	WWJD Choir
6:00—6:30pm	POWER Up
6:00—7:00pm	Reigning Grace
6:30—7:00pm	Wednesday Worship
6:30—8:00pm	Confirmation
6:30—8:00pm	High School Youth Grp
7:00—8:00pm	Adult Choir

VOLUNTEERS

It takes many hands to provide the ministries our congregations does. To each of you who share of your time and talents, *THANK YOU!* Here are some of the more urgent needs we have right now for volunteers. If you are able to help please speak with Pastor Ryan or Pastor Lisa!

- Video recording the Sunday service on Facebook Live (training provided);
- PowerPoint operators for worship;
- Sound Booth operators (training provided);
- Computer and Software Help;
- Mailing preparation and more.

Thank you!

PASTORAL STAFF

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**JANUARY 2, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS**



God lives among us with grace and truth.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh
Monday	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Israel will return to its own land
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Spiritual blessings in Christ
Wednesday	2 Timothy 1:8-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Thursday	Zechariah 8:14-17	God's promises to Zion
Friday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Visions from the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 147:12-20	Sing and praise the Lord
Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, our hearts sing with gladness for your grace and truth that blesses us each day through Jesus, the Word that became flesh and lives among us now. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of this food, a reminder of your care for us each and every day through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you every day and in every way.
(Ephesians 1:3)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Silent Night, Holy Night!



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about the people that support you in your daily life.
- Who has mentored you in the Christian faith? How has that person mentored you?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 1:1-18.

As beautiful as the birth story in Luke is, there is something very powerful about John's account. It is the message of Jesus' entry into our world and lives that is not connected with specific moments. John's account has a timeless and cosmic quality to it that captures the imagination. Not everything about us is marked in time and in a location like Bethlehem. It might be the death of a loved one or an enduring crisis. During such moments, what we need most is God's grace that accepts us, God's light that shatters darkness, and God's truth that heals relationships. What we need to know is that God's Word has entered our lives and world [become flesh] and lives among us now, during our highs and lows and everything in between. This light, grace, and truth stands with us in Christ Jesus, not just as individuals, but as God's whole people.

Discuss: Where do you hope for God's healing power in the world? In your life?

Pray: **Gracious God, you turn our sadness into joy; may we remember that you are present in our lives and world to give us hope, peace, and compassion for others through Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how can you share God's grace with someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



During the twelve days of Christmas, we remember that St. Francis of Assisi is credited with making the first nativity scene on Christmas Eve in the year 1223. He was devoted to the Christ child. During these twelve days, we remember the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. If you have a nativity scene set up in your house, consider leaving it out until Epiphany on January 6. Place the white Christ candle (from the Advent wreath) near the scene. Light the candle and take a moment to meditate on the birth of Jesus.

Pray: **Lord Jesus, you are the light that shines on everyone. Help us to shine your light on others that they may know of your glory. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

Pastoral and Musical Staff

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Rev. Elisa Richardson Engen

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Janelle Schauer

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Deacon & Youth Director

Brad Mills

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Abiding Savior Worship Service Schedule:

Traditional/Blended Worship ~ Sundays at 10:00 AM

Casual Worship ~ Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Bible Study ~ Thursdays at 10:00 AM



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