

Epiphany of Our Lord



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Sunday | January 5 | 2025

10 AM Worship with Holy Communion

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Welcome to our worship service this morning. We are so glad you are here! Please list your name and address on the friendship pad as it is passed to you during the offering. If you are in need of a church home, you are always welcome at Abiding Savior! God bless your worship today.

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**

The First Noel
ELW #300, all verses

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain***

**And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain***

**This star drew near to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain***

**Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain***

***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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesenbring

CHILDREN'S TIME

Following the Children's Sermon, Children's Time is an opportunity for young children to participate in activities with our Children's Ministry Team. Children will rejoin the service during the Hymn of the Day.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW #715, Refrain only

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

***GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Brodin

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815, all verses

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *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 crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended 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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Ushers will come around and collect your offering today. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe on the front of the altar area. 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.

OFFERING MUSIC

Follow That Star

Adult Choir

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW # 310, (verses 1)

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P 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.

C Amen.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

All Children of God are welcomed for Communion. Ushers will come around and guide each row. As you come forward, please proceed down your aisle to the Communion servers and kneel at the railing to receive Communion. You will also be offered grape juice and/or wine (the wine red, the grape juice is white).

- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request*
- *Please alert a communion server if you need grape juice and there is none available on the tray. They will grab an additional tray for you*
- *If you prefer to remain in your seat to receive communion, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you*
- *Children are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

What Songs Were Sung

by Niles

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**

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

ELW #301, verses 1, 2 & 6

**Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining. All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav'n above, beckon us to heav'n above.**

**On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light;
all the stars above were paling. all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh, as the wondrous star drew nigh..**

**And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Janelle Schauer

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Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

ACOLYTES |

GREETERS |

COMMUNION SERVERS | PASTOR RYAN, LINKA HOLEY, ELLEN ZIMMERMAN

USHERS | DEAN & CHERI WAGNER, GARY COX, LORI WAGNER, JACK CANFIELD, STEPHEN HERMANEK & DARIN HATCH,

AND KATHIE ANDERSON

A/V CREW | JACKSON BROUILLARD, KATRINA STREETER, KATIE BROUILLARD, AND TAYLOR BROUILLARD

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO:

**YOUTH
ACTIVITIES**

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Thank You

to everyone who participated in our worship services this holiday season! We are so very thankful for all of our wonderful volunteers. Whether it is reading scripture, serving communion, being an acolyte or an usher, or providing special music, you are appreciated. Thank you!



**RED CROSS
BLOOD
DRIVE**

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, 1/9

1:30—6:30 PM

Blood donors needed!!

See next page for instructions on how to sign up.



WELCOME

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

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY 01/05 2nd Sunday in Christmas Epiphany Sunday School and Fellowship // 9am Worship with Holy Communion // 10am Cinnamon Roll Sale // 11am	
MONDAY 01/06	THURSDAY 01/09 Women's Bible study // 10am BLOOD DRIVE // 1:30—6:30pm Jubilation ringers // 7pm
TUESDAY 01/07 Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am Staff meeting // 10m Committee meetings* // 6:30pm <i>*Please check with your committee leader</i>	FRIDAY 01/10 OFFICE CLOSED "Undecorating" the church // 9am
WEDNESDAY 01/08 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Wednesday night activities // see next pg.	SATURDAY 01/11
SUNDAY 01/12 Baptism of our Lord Sunday School and Fellowship // 9am Worship // 10am	

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OFFICE HOURS Monday—Thursday: 9am—4pm; Friday CLOSED

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL—UPDATE

RESUMES THIS SUNDAY // 9AM

Beginning January 5th, we will return to our previous Sunday school format, meeting from 9:00-9:50 and including music/worship in each session. Worship services will still include Children's Time during the sermon. Although this time will no longer be our worship/music component for our Sunday children's programming, it will potentially include music on an occasional basis. We hope this change will enhance the quality of the time we spend with the children and are excited to welcome everyone back.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 // 8:30 AM

Come enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship with other men during a very informal Bible study. All are welcome!

ACOLYTES NEEDED!

We are always looking for youth to Acolyte during our worship services. This is a great way for Confirmation youth to earn some service hours. Please see the sign-up outside the sacristy or sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER RESUMES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 // 4:30 PM

After a much-needed break for our wonderful kitchen crew, Wednesday night suppers will resume this week! This week's meal: Spaghetti.

BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 // 1:30-6:30PM

Join us this Thursday from 1:30pm—6:30pm for our blood drive! Please call 1-800 -RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Abiding to schedule an appointment. If you are available to help check people in or serve treats to donors, please let the office know.

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

1/08: Spaghetti

1/15: Meatloaf

1/22: Chicken ala King

1/29: Turkey Dinner

5:30—6:30pm POWER Up

6:30—8:00pm Confirmation

7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 // 7PM

Abiding Savior has reserved 85 spots to pack food at Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday, January 15. We will pack food from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. All ages are welcome (under 12 must be supervised by an adult). Please sign up outside the church office. Absolutely NO experience necessary. Come and experience the joy of sharing!

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 // 11:30AM

All members of Abiding Savior are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

We will soon be preparing materials for the Annual Meeting which will be held on February 9. All committees should submit a Year End report to Katie, our Office Manager (office@abidingsavior.org) by January 10.

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Pastoral and Musical Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Youth Directors

Alex & Josh Ertz

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Abiding Savior Worship Schedule:

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Sunday School | Sundays 9:00 AM | Mod #1

Power Up | Wednesdays | 5:30—6:30 PM | Mod #1

Youth Activities | Wednesdays | 6:30—8:00 PM

Women's Bible Study | Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Coffee House

Men's Bible Study | Tuesdays | 8:30 AM | Fellowship Hall*

*every other Tuesday of the month



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