



Sunday  
January 7, 2024



10:00am



Abiding Savior  
Lutheran Church



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January 7th, 2024 | 10:00 am Worship  
Epiphany of our Lord Sunday | Worship with Holy Communion

\*Stand as you are able

**PRELUDE**

Janelle Schauer

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P 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 SONG**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

WOV #646, verses 1 & 5

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

*Refrain: Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. *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**

ELW pg. 184-185

*Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy  
house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may  
live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for  
love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**\*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 TIME

*Following the Children's Sermon, Children's Time is an opportunity for young children to have a bible story, music or activity time with our Children's Ministry Director, Patty Mesenbring.*

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia*

ELW pg. 188

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### \*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

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW #715, verses 1, 2 & 5

**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***

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *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.*

**OFFERTORY** Special Music

*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

**Delaney Flint & Emerson Flint**

## **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*THE 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**

*All Children of God are welcomed for Communion. As you come forward, please kneel at the railing. There you will receive a wafer. You will also be offered grape juice and/or wine (the wine red, the grape juice is white). Communion cups can be placed in the white baskets as you return to your seats.*

- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request*
- *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**

Janelle Schauer

## **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*CLOSING SONG**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
ELW #793, all verses

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**\*SENDING**

P Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.  
C Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

Janelle Schauer

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*Thank you to all who made worship possible today!*

**ACOLYTES** | Amelia Weller

**GREETERS** | Laurie Middendorf, Evonne & LeRoy Tauer

**SPECIAL MUSIC** | Delaney Flint & Emerson Flint

**COMMUNION SERVERS** | Pastor Ryan, Elaine Silpala, Ellen Zimmerman, Lin-  
ka Holey

**USHERS:** Dean & Cheri Wagner, Gary Cox, Lori Wagner and Jack Canfield

**A/V CREW:** Jack Brouillard, Katrina Streeter, Taylor Brouillard and Katie  
Brouillard

*Thank you*



FOR SHARING YOUR TIME & TALENTS!



# 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 | 01/07

Happy New Year!  
Sunday school and fellowship // 9am  
Worship with Holy Communion // 10am  
Cinnamon roll sale // 11am

### MONDAY | 01/08

Women's gathering at Moe's // 5:30pm

### THURSDAY | 01/11

Work crew // 9am  
Women's Bible study // 10am  
Jubilation ringers // 7pm

### TUESDAY | 01/09

Lonnie Gullekson visitation // 10am  
Lonnie Gullekson funeral // 11am  
Caring Visitors training // 2—4pm  
Lydia circle // 5:30pm

### FRIDAY | 01/12

OFFICE CLOSED

### WEDNESDAY | 01/10

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am  
Wednesday night activities  
(see schedule on next page)

### SATURDAY | 01/13

### SUNDAY | 01/14

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am  
Worship // 10am  
Brunch // following worship

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **WOMEN'S GATHERING AT MOE'S**

*TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 // 5:30PM*

You are invited to join in on a monthly "meet-up" for the Women of ASLC at Moe's in their main dining room at 5:30pm on January 8 (come for as long as you're able). The purpose of this meet-up is simply to socialize and get to know our "Pew Sisters" better and may to discuss future activities and gatherings.

### **PHILIPPIANS: JOY IN THE JOURNEY STUDY**

*WEDNESDAYS STARTING JAN. 10 // 5:30-6:30PM*

Do you want to think about joy – what it means to have joy in faith? That is one of the themes of the Bible study that will be led by Pastor Marla in January. Paul's letter to the church at Philippi was written from prison. Yet, in these four chapters he talks about joy and rejoicing 16 times!

All are welcome – men and women, young and old! Come and immerse yourself in the joy of the Christian journey as shared by Paul. We will meet five times – each Wednesday between January 10 and February 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the coffee house.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

*THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 // 1:30—6:30PM*

Join us Thurs., Jan. 11 from 1:30pm—6:30pm for our blood drive! Please call 1-800 -RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://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.

### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN PACKING EVENT**

*WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 // 7PM*

Abiding Savior has reserved 85 spots to pack food at Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday, January 17. 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!

## Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

01/10: Hamburgers & Potato Salad

01/17: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

01/24: Turkey Dinner

01/31: Tator Tot Hot Dish

5:30—6:30pm *Philippians: Joy in the Journey* Bible Study

5:30—6:00pm POWER Up

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6:30—7:00pm Wednesday Worship

6:30—8:00pm Confirmation

7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

### **YOUTH—SIGN UP TO ACOLYTE!**

Our acolytes play such an important role in worship. Please check your calendars and sign up on the sheet outside the Sacristy or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ACAA2EA1FF2-acolyte1>

### **USHERS NEEDED!**

*USHER TRAINING-JANUARY 22 // 6:30PM*

You are invited to be an usher! Ushers are terribly important. They not only hand out bulletins and receive the offering, they also are often the first people to greet visitors to our church and are there to provide help in emergencies and to keep the building safe. Please considering becoming an usher and joining us for this training!

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 // 11:30AM*

All members of Abiding Savior are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting. Committee reports are due January 15!

### **SCAN HERE TO DONATE TO ASLC!**

Looking for an easy way to donate to Abiding Savior? Scan the QR code to make a contribution to Abiding Savior's General Fund.





Registration Opens January 15th!  
Sign Up Today!!  
<http://lwlbc.com/abidingsavior>



Registration opens Jan 15



[lakewapo.org](http://lakewapo.org)



<http://lwlbc.com/abidingsavior>

USHER TRAINING

See you there!

Monday January 22, 2024 | 6:30-8 PM

USHERS NEEDED!! You are invited to be an usher! Ushers not only hand out bulletins and receive the offering, they also are often the first people to greet visitors to our church and are there to provide help in emergencies and keep the building safe. Ushers are an essential part of worship and Abiding Savior is in need of more volunteers.

We'll cover the week-to-week tasks of ushering as well as an overview of the new Abiding Savior Safety Policy. Please consider becoming an usher and joining us for this important training!

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

CREATED

TO  
the table

BE

MYLE  
Young Adult  
Gathering

NEW ORLEANS

JULY 16-20, 2024

PLEASE REACH OUT TO JOSH & ALEX ASAP  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING!  
MORE FUNDRAISING COMING SOON.

Happy  
New Year

Please pick up your  
2024 Offering Envelopes!

If you do not see your name,  
please see Katie in the office.

newborn kits

FOR GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

Knitters & Crocheters wanted!  
Mission Outreach will be collecting  
items for newborn kits including  
Receiving blankets (30"x30") and  
newborn stocking hats (14" circ).

Yarn should be soft,  
breathable and washable.  
Blankets may also be made  
from cotton or light flannel.

more info  
coming soon!

# *Pastoral and Musical Staff*

## *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

## *Interim Pastor*

Pastor Marla Amborn

## *Interim Youth Directors*

Alex & Josh Ertz

## *Children's Ministry Director*

Patty Mesenbring

## *Choir Director*

Dr. Mary Larew

## *Bell Choir Director*

Paul Weller

## *Organist*

Janelle Schauer

## Abiding Savior Worship Schedule:

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Casual Family Friendly Worship | Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Mod #2

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

Men's Bible Study\* | Every other Tuesday | 8:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Sunday School | Sundays | 9:00 AM | Mod #1 & Mod #2



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