"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:22b

Sunday | January 12 | 2025 10:00 AM Baptism of Our Lord | Blended Worship 8211 Red Oak Drive | Mounds View | MN

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Abiding Savior Lutheran Church January 12, 2025 | 10:00 am Worship | Baptism of Our Lord



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

CALL TO WORSHIP One Body, One Spirit by Dave Rogge {Choir to sing first time through, congregation to join on 2nd & 3rd times through}

One body, one spirit, one song to sing. One voice, let's hear it praises to the King. Praises to the Father. Praises to the Son. Praises to the Spirit who makes us one.

***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**

All Are Welcome ELW #641, verses 1, 3 & 5

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

*APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.
- P Let us pray.
- C Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Delight Yourself in the Lord Words by J. Paul Williams & Music by Michael Barrett Adult Choir

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:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

- C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

A Child is Born

Pastor Dave Rogge

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Baptized in Water ELW #456, all verses

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM W/THE APOSTLES CREED

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

Dominic David-Hill Lang

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

***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

Testify

by Need to Breathe Reigning Grace Worship Band

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW # 310, (verse 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

How He Loves Reigning Grace Worship Band

He is jealous for me, love's like a hurricane. I am a tree, Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy. When all of a sudden I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory. And I realize just how beautiful You are and how great Your affections are for me.

> And, oh, how He loves us, oh. Oh, how He loves us, how He loves us, oh.

> > {*Prayers & 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.

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And we are His portion and He is our prize, Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes.

If grace is an ocean, we're all sinking. And Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss. And my heart turns violently inside of my chest. I don't have time to maintain these regrets, When I think about the way...

That He loves us, Oh, how He loves us. Oh, how He loves us, Oh, how He loves.

Yeah, He loves us, Oh, how He loves us. Oh, how He loves us, Oh, how He loves.

*CLOSING HYMN

Open Up the Heavens Reigning Grace Worship Band We've waited for this day, We're gathered in Your Name Calling out to You, Your glory like a fire Awakening desire, Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here, You're the reason we're singing Open up the heavens, we want to see You Open up the floodgates, a mighty river Flowing from Your heart, Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face We're looking to the sky, Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now, Lord unveil our eyes You're the reason we're here, You're the reason we're singing

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Show us, show us Your glory Show us, show us Your power Show us, show us Your glory, Lord *(repeat 2x)*

Open up the heavens, we want to see You Open up the floodgates, a mighty river Flowing from Your heart, Filling every part of our praise *(repeat)*

***SENDING**

- P Go in peace. Christ is with you.
- C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** | Reprise

Open Up the Heavens

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Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

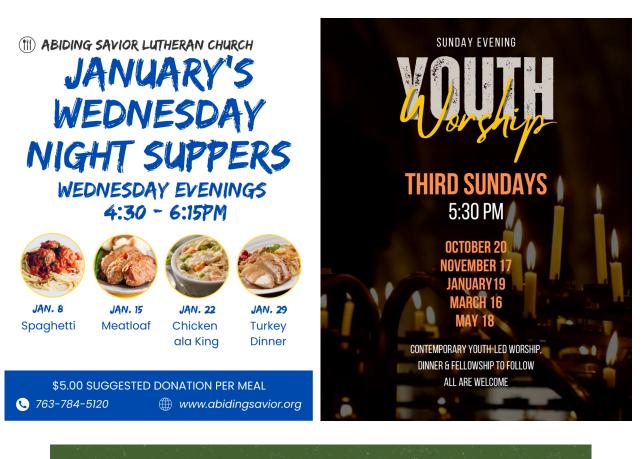
ACOLYTES | MOLLY BURGERS, TRISTAN OVERBY

Greeters | Jack & Chris Canfield

USHERS| DEAN & CHERI WABNER, GARY COX, LORI WABNER, JACK CANFIELD, STEPHEN HERMANEK & DARIN HATCH, AND KATHIE ANDERSON

A/V CREW | KATIE BROUILLARD, DYLAN BROUILLARD AND TAYLOR BROUILLARD

Today we give thanks and praise as we celebrate the newest member of the Body of Christ This morning we welcome the following Child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism! & NATHAN LANG OF OF REBECCA



SUNDAY BRUNCH following worship



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 01/12 Baptism of our Lord Sunday School and Fellowship // 9am Worship // 10am Brunch // 11am	
MONDAY 01/13 Larry Moinicken visitation // 10am Larry Moinicken funeral // 11am Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm Women's Gathering at Moe's // 5:30pm	THURSDAY 01/16 Women's Bible study // 10am Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm Jubilation ringers // 7pm
TUESDAY 01/14 Staff meeting // 10am Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm Caring Visitors meeting // 2pm	FRIDAY 01/17 OFFICE CLOSED Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm
WEDNESDAY 01/15 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm Wednesday night activities // see next pg. Feed My Starving Children // 7-8:30pm	SATURDAY 01/18
SUNDAY 01/19 Sunday School and Fellowship // 9am Worship with Holy Communion // 10am Youth-Led Worship and Dinner // 5:30pm	

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

BRUNCH

THIS SUNDAY // FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Special thanks to the amazing brunch crew for preparing a delicious meal for us to enjoy following today's worship. All are welcome to stay—just head down to the Fellowship Hall after the service concludes. Today's brunch proceeds will go toward the fundraising effort for this year's Tanzania trip!

WOMEN'S GATHERING AT MOE'S

MONDAY, JANUARY 13// 5:30PM

You are invited to join in on a monthly "meetup" for the Women of ASLC at Moe's in their main dining room at 5:30pm on January 13 (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.

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!

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 <u>HERE</u>.

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET? PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED!

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is an important outreach of Abiding Savior that helps remind people they are surrounded by God's love during difficult times. Our shawl supply is growing low, so if you can help make some new shawls, it would be appreciated!

Wednesday Night Schedule

- 4:30—6:15pm Dinner served
 - 1/15: Meatloaf
 - 1/22: Chicken ala King
 - 1/29: Turkey Dinner
- 5:00—6:00pm Church Executive Committee Meeting 5:30—6:30pm POWER Up 6:30—8:45pm FMSC Packing Event 7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 // 11:30AM All members of Abiding Savior are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting.

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 28

The Endowment Committee is thrilled to again be awarding grants for mission and ministry in 2025! The Mission Endowment Fund accepts applications from committees, staff, Council members, ministries of Abiding Savior, individual church members, and community nonprofit organizations.

Grant Applications are available in the church office or by contacting the office if you would prefer an electronic copy of the application. Applications must be received by February 28, 2025. The application process is simple and criteria for grant funding is explained further on the application form. If you have a new ministry idea or know of a worthy organization, please consider applying for a grant from Mission Endowment Fund of Abiding Savior.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE TO ASLC!

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



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Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Youth Directors Alex & Josh Ertz

Choir Director Dr. Mary Larew Children's Ministry Director Patty Mesenbring

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

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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