



Sunday | February 2 | 2025

10:00 AM

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

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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.

**When you see this mark in the bulletin, please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW #768

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way; For if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

P We come today to worship the God of light and salvation.

C **Lord, your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

P Jesus is the light of the world. A light no darkness can overcome.

C **Whoever follows Jesus will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**

P Let your light so shine before others,

C **So all the world can see our good works and glorify God the Father.**

P Come let us worship the Lord!

C **Praise be to God!**

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way; For if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW #631, verses 1 & 2

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;

let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

***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 and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Special Music

Jubilation Ringers Bell 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 4:21-30

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Lisa Engen

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord

ELW #574, verses 1 & 2

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *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

The Gift of Love

by Hal H Hopson

Special Music | Adult Choir

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815, verses 1 & 2

**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.**

***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

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Mary Larew & Janelle Schauer

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE WORSHIP POSSIBLE TODAY!

GREETERS | JAN & DOUG BECKLIN

SPECIAL MUSIC | JUBILATION RINGERS BELL CHOIR, ADULT CHOIR, MARY LAREW & JANELLE SCHAUER

COMMUNION SERVERS | PASTOR LISA, LINKA HOLEY, SANDRA LACROIX, MICHELE OLSON, LORI WAGNER
& ELLEN ZIMMERMAN

USHERS | ARDEN ERICKSON, ROGER & PEARL BOLDENOW, BARRY GIBELYOU, DALE AUKEE & PETER ZIMMERMAN

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

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO:

YOUTH
ACTIVITIES

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ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | 11:30AM



All members of Abiding Savior are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting. Lunch will be available after worship and there will be ample time for everyone to grab a bite to eat prior to the start of the meeting. The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DONATIONS GIVEN FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING LUNCH WILL GO TOWARDS THE TRIP TO TANZANIA THIS YEAR!

ASLC YOUTH/CONFIRMATION UPDATES:

Confirmation Retreat | Camp Wapo

Sunday, Feb. 16-Monday, Feb. 17

All Confirmation Students need to turn in the Retreat registration forms as soon as possible! Forms need to be submitted prior to the retreat.

Lenten Mentors | It is time to find a mentor for Lent! Please refer to the most recent mailing for more information or see Alex & Josh.

Soup Suppers | Make plans now to volunteer at our Lenten Soup Suppers. Each week there will be a soup supper and Confirmation students are encouraged to help work these suppers to fulfill their volunteer hours!

Youth Sunday Worship
Feb. 23 | 10:00 AM





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 | 02/02

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
Worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Youth cinnamon roll sale // following worship

MONDAY | 02/03

THURSDAY | 02/06

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

TUESDAY | 02/04

Men's breakfast and Bible study // 8:30m
Staff meeting // 10am
Committee meetings // 6:30pm

FRIDAY | 02/07

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY | 02/05

Cub Foods baked goods delivery //
9:45am
Wednesday night activities // see next pg.
Adult education series begins // 5:30pm

SATURDAY | 02/08

SUNDAY | 02/09—Annual Meeting & Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
Worship // 10am
Lunch (sloppy joes) // following worship
ANNUAL MEETING // 11:30am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 non-profit 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.

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!

HEGGIES PIZZA—PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

These are delicious pizzas that you can keep in your freezer for busy nights! Order forms are available in the Narthex. Orders are due February 17 and will be delivered March 12.

FEB. ADULT ED: DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

WED., FEB. 5, 12, 19 & 26 // 5:30—6:30PM

Mark your calendars and join us in the Coffee House for this exciting learning experience as we explore the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor & theologian.

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

2/5: Tator Tot Hotdish

2/12: Beef Stew

2/19: Scalloped Potatoes

2/26: Chow Mein

5:30—6:30pm Adult Ed—D. Bonhoeffer

5:30—6:30pm POWER Up

6:30—8:00pm Confirmation

7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

SUN., FEB. 16-MON., FEB. 17

Confirmation students: Remember to turn in your Confirmation Retreat registration forms as soon as possible! Also remember to find a mentor for Lent!

SILVERWARE FOR BRIDGING

If you have accumulated spare silverware, please consider bringing it to church for delivery to Bridging, the organization that helps people set up housekeeping in order to gain housing stability. Items need not be full sets or matching; anything goes. Thanks for sharing!

THANKS FROM GIVING TREE RECIPIENTS

Edgewood Middle School staff and students send their thanks for the Giving Tree donations to their school. The hats and toiletries are much needed items and the school supply items will come in handy throughout the school year. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated!

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](#).

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.



PASTORAL AND MUSICAL STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Patty Mesenbring

YOUTH DIRECTORS

Alex & Josh Ertz

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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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