



Luke 6:17-26

Sunday | February 16 | 2025

10:00 AM | Worship with Holy Communion

6th Sunday after Epiphany

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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**

Canticle of the Turning

ELW #723, verses 1 & 4

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

**Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *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 **Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: Luke 6:17-26**

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**

Blest Are They

ELW #728, verses 1 & 2

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. 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

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness

by Dvorak

Special Music | Roger Steen

***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 GREAT THANKSGIVING | HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW pg. 152-154

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary... and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg.154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

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 and kneel at the railing to receive Communion. You will also be offered grape juice and/or wine (wine =red, grape juice = 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

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**

***CHIMES**

***CLOSING HYMN**

How Great Thou Art

ELW #856, verses 1, 3 & 4

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain: **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain***

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain***

***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 | CAROLE WIDNER, AMY BRIDENSTINE

MUSIC LEADER & SPECIAL MUSIC | ROGER STEEN

COMMUNION SERVERS | PASTOR RYAN, AMY BRIDENSTINE, JENNY BURGERS, LINKA HOLEY, LAURIE MIDDENDORF,
LORI WAGNER, AND ELLEN ZIMMERMAN

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

A/V CREW | JACK BROUILLARD, KATRINA STREETER, AND DYLAN BROUILLARD



ASLC YOUTH/CONFIRMATION UPDATES:

Confirmation Retreat | Camp Wapo

TODAY—Sunday, Feb. 16—**TOMORROW**—Monday, Feb. 17

All Confirmation Students need to be sure to turn in the Retreat registration forms TODAY if they have not already done so! Forms need to be submitted to Josh & Alex or Pastor Ryan immediately. The group should plan to meet at church by 12:50 pm and we will depart around 1pm!

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. Lenten Mentor forms should be turned in within the next few weeks.

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! Watch for a sign-up sheet.

Youth Sunday Worship

Feb. 23 | 10:00 AM

Calling all youth!! We would love to have you participate with us on Youth Sunday. We are looking for anyone who would like to read scripture, be in a skit, provide special music or sing a few songs with the group. Please speak to Josh & Alex ASAP!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY 02/16 Sunday school and fellowship // 9am Worship with Holy Communion // 10am Confirmation retreat at WAPO departs // 1PM	
MONDAY 02/17 Presidents' Day—OFFICE CLOSED Confirmation retreat returns // 5pm	THURSDAY 02/20 Women's Bible study // 10am Jubilation ringers // 7pm
TUESDAY 02/18 Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am Quilting // 9am Staff meeting // 10am Council meeting // 6:30pm	FRIDAY 02/21 OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY 02/19 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Wednesday night activities // see next pg. Adult education series // 5:30pm	SATURDAY 02/22
SUNDAY 02/23—YOUTH SUNDAY Sunday school and fellowship // 9am Youth Sunday worship service // 10am	

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Please use this space to take notes and reflect on the worship service and the sermon.

Questions for possible reflection:

- What message of faith did you hear today in worship today?
- How can you live out that message of faith in your daily life this week?

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

TODAY—MONDAY

Please keep our Confirmation students and leaders in your prayers as they enjoy a retreat at Camp Wapo today through tomorrow!

HEGGIES PIZZA FUNDRAISER

ORDERS DUE TOMORROW!

The preschool is selling delicious pizzas that you can keep in your freezer for busy nights! Order forms are available in the Narthex.

Orders are due tomorrow, February 17 and will be delivered March 12.

FEB. ADULT ED: DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY // 5:30—6:30PM

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: WOMEN OF EASTER

STARTS THIS THURSDAY // 10AM

This Lenten season prepare your heard for Easter by participating in the Thursday morning Women's Bible Study. Pastor Marla will led us as we explore the Easter story through the eyes of three Marys—Mary the sister of Lazarus, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene the first women to meet the risen Jesus.

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.

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

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

SOUPER BOWL THANKS

Thank you caring and generous souls who donated \$415 for Meals on Wheels during the Souper Bowl collection! The Mission Outreach committee will add a little and gratefully send a \$500 donation to this important outreach program.

WANTED: HELP WITH LENTEN PROJECT

Mission Outreach is planning a Lenten project to collect specific items for Bridging that make a starter kitchen utensil bundle. One short-term volunteer is needed to co-chair this project with a member of the committee through completion on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Please let the office or a committee member know if you can help. Thank you!

TANZANIA TRIP—OCTOBER 2025

We are planning a trip to visit the water project and our companion congregation, the Makungu Parish, in October of 2025. The trip will include travelling to Makungu for a weekend of worship and learning, a stay in the provincial capital of Iringa, and a safari in the Ruaha Game Park. If you are interested in learning more about the Tanzania trip, please talk to Pastor Ryan.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

One spot remains for Lenten Soup Suppers. See the sign-up near the office!

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.





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.

Abiding Savior Pastoral and Musical Staff

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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