

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Advent | December 3rd, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship



*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers—by Knerr

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | CANDLE OF HOPE

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Advent Reading & Scripture, Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer

The Kacures/Medeiros Family: Angie, Chuck, Samantha & Abigail

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*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C Amen.
- P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

{Silence for reflection and self-examination}

- P Steadfast and faithful God,
- You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

- P Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
- C Amen.

*OPENING SONG

Draw Me Close

Reigning Grace Worship Band

Draw me close to You, never let me go
I'd lay it all down again, to hear you say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire, no one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way, lead me back to You

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*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 Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

*GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW #257, verses 1, 5, 6 & 8

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *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

Above All

Reigning Grace Worship Band

Above all powers above all kings Above all nature and all created things Above all wisdom and all the ways of man You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what you're worth
Crucified laid behind a stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

{Prayers of the Church}

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*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 MUSIC

A Canticle for Advent by Martin J. Schaefer Adult Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

People Look East ELW #248

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Guest, is on the way.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
- C God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg.191

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).

- 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 Special Music | Mary Larew & Janelle Schauer

POST COMMUNION BLESSING {*Please remain seated*}

POST COMMUNION PRAYER {Please remain seated}

P Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION SONG

Peace Benediction

Pastor Dave Rogge & Reigning Grace Worship Band

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

Jesus Messiah

Reigning Grace Worship Band

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, Love so amazing

Refrain: Jesus messiah, name above all names Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel, the rescue for sinners A ransom from heaven, Jesus messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn Love so amazing, love so amazing

Refrain

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You All the glory to You, God, the light of the world

Refrain: Jesus messiah, name above all names Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel, the rescue for sinners A ransom from heaven, Jesus messiah, Lord of all Jesus messiah, Lord of all

*SENDING

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

ALL Thanks be to God. Amen.

*POSTLUDE Reprise Jesus Messiah

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Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

GREETERS | Elaine Silpala & Jan Becklin

ACOLYTES | Laura Syverson & Abby Tomsich

COMMUNION SERVERS | Pastor Ryan, Pastor Marla, Sandra LaCroix, Laurie Middendorf, Michele Olson, Elaine Silpala, Lori Wagner, Ellen Zimmerman

MUSIC LEADERS | Mary Larew, Janelle Schauer & the Adult Choir

REIGNING GRACE WORSHIP BAND | Dawson Blanck, Landon Blanck, Alex & Josh Ertz, Gary Peterson, Tom Sauerwein, Tait Schnabel and Ben Schnabel

USHERS: Mark Pothen, Mark Radtke, Linda Radtke, Gary Engen, and Paul

Schweppe

A/V CREW: Jim Schlotterback, Connie Clausen and Ryan Clausen



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

All children are invited to join us, regardless of whether they participate in Sunday school or Wednesday evening programs. This is a great way for your kiddos to get involved, have some fun and use any musical and/or theatre gifts! Practice will be on the following dates & times.

• Scrt., Dec. 9th & 16th. 9:30-11cm | All children





Friday, December 8th | More information on the next page



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 | 12/03 1st Sunday in Advent

Sunday school & fellowship // 9am
December 10 special choir practice // 9am
Worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Cinnamon roll sale // 11am

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Bell Ringing & Singing // 11am-1pm Cub Foods off Silver Lake Road Council Planning Meeting // 6pm

THURSDAY | 12/07

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

TUESDAY | 12/05

Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am Staff meeting // 10m Santa parade viewing // 6:30pm Committee meetings // 6:30pm

FRIDAY | 12/08 OFFICE CLOSED

Outing to Sam's Christmas Village Meet at church at 6:30pm to carpool

WEDNESDAY | 12/06

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Wednesday night activities // see next pg.

SATURDAY | 12/09

Christmas prgrm practice // 9:30 -11am (All participants)

SUNDAY | 12/10 2nd Sunday in Advent

Sunday school & fellowship // 9am
December 10 special choir practice // 9am
Worship // 10am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL CHOIR OPPORTUNITY

Join us as we prepare for Advent and take part in a short-term special choir opportunity! We'll be practicing at 9:00am on Sundays, December 3 & 10. We plan to sing one piece from Handel's *Messiah* and *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Please contact Mary Larew with any questions at mary@abidingsavior.org. We look forward to making music together!

SLP-BLAINE-MOUNDS VIEW SANTA PARADE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 // 6:30PM

You're invited to come watch the Fire Department's Santa Parade in the Abiding Savior parking lot! Hot chocolate & treats provided! Bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

SAM'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE OUTING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 // 6:30PM

Come see an amazing display of lights in Somerset! Meet at church at 6:30 to carpool or meet us there! All are welcome! Cost: Age 10+ (\$20), Ages 3-10 (\$10), Under 3 (FREE), \$10 per vehicle parking fee.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

SATURDAYS, THRU DECEMBER 16 // 9:30-11AM

All children are invited to join us, regardless of whether they participate in Sunday school or Wednesday evening programs. Practice will be on the following dates/times:

- Sat., Dec. 9 & 16: 9:30—11am
 - All children

COOKIE MAKING ELCA YOUTH GATHERING & 8TH GRADE AND UP YOUTH LOCK-IN

FRI. & SAT., DEC. 15 & 16

Come help make Christmas cookies to help raise funds for the ELCA Youth Gathering! We'll be hosting a High School (including 8th Grade) Lock-In so students are encouraged to spend the night making/decorating cookies and watching Christmas movies. For adults/those who do not wish to spend the night, Friday 6-9 PM and Saturday 8-11AM. Click HERE if you're willing to bring breakfast items for the bakers!

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30-6:15pm Dinner served

12/06: Chicken Hot Dish

12/13: Hamburger Gravy w/ Potatoes (See you again for dinner in 2024!)

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

8:00-9:00pm Reigning Grace

IOIN REIGNING GRACE!

Looking to share your voice? Reigning Grace would love to have you join them! They typically practice Wednesday evenings at 8pm. If you are looking for a short-term commitment, they're open to that, too! Reach out to Alex or Josh if you have questions—youth@abidingsavior.org!

SCAN HERE TO DONATE TO ASLC!

Looking for an easy way to donate to Abiding Savior? Scan our new QR code to make a contribution to Abiding Savior's General Fund. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministries of ASI C!



SUSTAIN AND SOAR CAMPAIGN

Prayerfully consider donating to close our 2023 funding gap. Please return your donation in the green envelope mailed to you this week (extras are available in the office). Your generosity, combined with the generosity of your brothers and sisters here at Abiding Savior, will ensure that ASLC continues to be a welcoming and caring family that nurtures spiritual growth, shares our Christian faith, and serves all creation.

SPIRIT OF SHARING PLEDGE FORMS

It's not too late to turn in your pledge forms for our 2023 Stewardship Campaign. You can place them in the offering plate or drop them off/mail them to the office. Thank you!

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 Biretor

Dr. Mary Larew

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

OrganisJanelle 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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