



# Peace

ADVENT 2022

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DECEMBER

SUNDAY

04

10:00AM

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

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2nd Sunday in Advent ~ December 4th, 2022  
10:00 AM Worship Service

**PRELUDE**

Janelle Schauer

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE—CANDLE OF PEACE**

*Light One Candle for Hope*

**Light one candle for Hope. Hope that the whole world needs.**

**Light one candle for Hope. Hope that the Savior will bring.**

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

**The Dickson Family: Matt, Christina, Elin & Svea**

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**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*{Silence is kept for reflection}*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins – those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** From the house of David, God raised up a mighty Savior.

**C Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.**

**P** Remembering the covenant, God delivered us from our enemies.

**C Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.**

**P** Before God we are holy and righteous, free to worship without fear.

**C Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.**

**P** With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all from our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

**All Amen.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

ELW 264, verses 1 & 4

**Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!**

**Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!**

**Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:**

*Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!*

**His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.**

**So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *Refrain***

### **\*APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** From the one who was, who is, and who is to come: Grace and peace be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**All Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Patty Mesenbring

### **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, during the sermon. Children will return to their families after the sermon.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

ELW #239

**Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.**

**\*GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:1-12

**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**      *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

ELW 256, all verses

**"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.  
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.**

**For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,  
calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.**

**Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.  
Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills, bow down in humble favor.**

**Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.**

**Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.**

**For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.**

**\*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.**

*(The pastors and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord with Peace be with you)*

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

*Ushers will come around and collect your offering. 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**

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

By William Rowan

**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** **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **\*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. 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 by Dr. Mary Larew & Janelle Schauer

## **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

*As You Go On Your Way*

**As you go on your way, may Christ go with you.**

**May Christ go before you to show you the way.**

**May Christ go behind you to encourage you,**

**Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over,**

**within you to give you Peace.**

**As you go on your way, may Christ go with you (repeat). Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

ELW #249, verses 1, 2 & 5

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

Janelle Schauer

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*Thank you to all who made worship possible today*

**ACOLYTES:** Ava Corbo, Tony Corbo, Nick Corbo

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Adult Choir

**SOUND BOOTH TECH:** Gary Engen (G2)

**VIDEO:** Connie Clausen

**POWERPOINT:** Ryan Clausen

**USHERS:** Mark Pothen, Mark & Linda Radtke, Gary Engen, Paul Schweppe and  
Scott Quarberg

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SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT



*God of judgement, mercy, and peace.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 3:1-12</b>	<b>Prepare the way of the Lord</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:1-10</b>	<b>The peaceful kingdom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 15:4-13</b>	<b>Good news for Jews and Gentiles</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalms 96</b>	<b>Praise to God who comes in judgment</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 149</b>	<b>Praise for God's goodness to Israel</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>James 3:13-18</b>	<b>Two kinds of wisdom</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19</b>	<b>A prayer for guidance for the king</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 11:2-11</b>	<b>Jesus and John the Baptist</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, help us to see in your judgment the cleansing power that frees us to bear the fruit of the new life in Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God of peace and love, we thank you for this food and ask that all people have food on their tables and a roof over their heads. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. (Romans 15:13)





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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Come Now, O Prince of  
Peace*



taking  
faith  
home

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you think of God as judge, what do you imagine?
- Have you ever felt judged because of your faith in God? Explain.

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Matthew 3:1-12.

In the Gospel of Matthew, no one gets a free pass. Pharisees and Sadducees are severely chastised. The masses are shown following almost anyone at any given moment. The disciples display their own shortcomings throughout the Gospel. John the Baptist questions if Jesus really is the anticipated Messiah (Matthew 11:2-3). Jesus' own righteousness gets betrayed, even by those closest to him. It is clear that God's rule needs divine judgment. It's not a judgment that desires punishment but one that brings truth to misunderstanding and cleansing and humility to offset self-righteousness. God's judgment is about correction and new beginnings, not threats. God's judgment finds all of us coming up short and in need of a Savior, in the need of Jesus. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and baptized him. Jesus' baptism with the Holy Spirit cleanses to create a changed life. The result is a people set free to bear fruit in Jesus' name.

*Discuss:* In what ways have you been set free to bear fruit in Jesus' name?

*Pray:* **God of judgment and mercy, cleanse our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit that we may trust in you and bear the fruit of peace, joy, and love for all through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

## SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve the poor and needy with fairness and compassion rather than judgement?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus Christ. For this second week of Advent, light the first candle of hope and a second candle of peace on the Advent wreath. This week, we focus on the peace that Jesus brings us to set aside our differences and trust in God's promise.

*Say:* **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, the light of Christ that gives us hope and peace.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)



# 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 | 12/04**  
 2nd Sunday in Advent  
 Sunday school and fellowship // 9am  
 Worship with Holy Communion // 10am

**MONDAY | 12/05**

**THURSDAY | 12/08**

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

**TUESDAY | 12/06**

Men's breakfast and Bible study // 8:30am  
 Staff meeting // 10am  
 Santa parade along Ardan // 6:40pm

**FRIDAY | 12/09**

Office closed

**WEDNESDAY | 12/07**

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

**SATURDAY | 12/10**

Sunday school Christmas program practice  
*All children (Meet in the Chapel)*  
 9:30—11am  
 Bob Malmquist visitation // 10am  
 Bob Malmquist funeral // 11am

**SUNDAY | 12/11**

3rd Sunday in Advent  
 Sunday school and fellowship // 9am  
 Worship // 10am  
 Cinnamon roll sale benefiting youth activities // Following worship

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SLP-BLAINE-MOUNDS VIEW SANTA PARADE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 // 6:40PM

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.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

SATURDAYS, THRU DECEMBER 17 // 9:30-11AM

Sunday school students will be meeting for Christmas Program practice Saturday mornings from 9:30-11AM. The program will be during worship on Sunday, December 18.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 // 5:15PM

Join us as we share the joy of Christmas with those who are homebound in the neighborhood and the senior buildings in the area. Meet at church at 5:15 and we'll carpool. We will need some drivers for this event. Choir members will be done before practice starts.

### EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP

AUGUST 1—6, 2023

Pastor Ryan and Deacon Brad are leading an inter-generational mission trip to El Salvador. The trip will be both participating in active ministry as well as learning about the culture and people. The cost of the trip, before fundraising, is approx. \$1800. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Ryan.

### COOKIE MAKING FOR EL SALVADOR TRIP

FRI. & SAT., DEC. 16 & 17

Come help make Christmas cookies to help raise funds for the El Salvador Mission Trip. Check the insert in your bulletin to order your Christmas cookie trays today!

### YOUTH—SIGN UP TO ACOLYTE!

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

### Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

12/07: Tator Tot Hotdish

12/14: Tacos (last meal)

5:00—5:30pm Celebration Ringers

5:30—6:00pm King's Msgrs Choir

5:30—6:00pm POWER Up (grd 2-5)

6:00—6:30pm WWJD Choir (grd 2-5)

6:00—6:30pm POWERUp (4yrs-1st grd)

6:30—7:00pm Wednesday Worship

6:30—8:00pm Confirmation

7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

### LYDIA CIRCLE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 // 5:30PM

You're invited to the December gathering of Lydia Circle! The seasonal devotion published in *Gather* magazine will be shared. All are welcome!

### BE A MEMBER OF THE ALTAR GUILD!

We are still in need of more hands to help with Altar Guild duties. This is a flexible opportunity and perfect for families, couples, or friends. Altar Guild helps set up for Baptisms, Communion, changes banners during church seasons, and makes sure there's oil in the candles! Speak with the office, Tonya Cox or Gloria Pettis if you're available or have questions! Your help is appreciated!

### 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. Thanks for supporting the mission and ministries of ASLC!



### ABIDING SAVIOR IS... PLEDGE FORMS

It's not too late to turn in your pledge forms for our 2022 Stewardship Campaign. You can place them in the offering plate or drop them off/mail them to the office. Thank you for your support of our ministries.

## Pastoral and Musical Staff

*Pastor*

Rev. Elisa Engen

*Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

*Organist*

Janelle Schauer

*Choir Director*

Dr. Mary Larew

*Children's Ministry Director*

Patty Mesenbring



### Abiding Savior Worship Service Schedule:

Traditional/Blended Worship ~ Sundays at 10:00 AM

Casual/Family Worship ~ Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Women's Bible Study ~ Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast ~ Every other Tuesday at 8:30 AM



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