

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Dec 10 2023



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Advent | December 10th, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship



*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Overture for the Messiah Kendra Brodin - Piano | Janelle Schauer - Organ - Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | CANDLE OF PEACE

He Came Down

He came down that we may have peace, He came down that we may have peace He came down that we may have peace, hallelujah forevermore

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

The Bankston Family: Jamie, Annika, Freddy and Jacob

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LESSON Isaiah 40:1-5

SOLO Comfort Ye My People - Handel

Pastor Ryan Brodin

LESSON Isaiah 40:6-11

SPECIAL MUSIC Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - Delancy

Jubilation Ringers

*DIALOGUE

- P At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,
- C Wake us up to your coming.
- P We wait for the day when God will create a prevailing peace on the earth, and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends. O Emmanuel.

- C Prepare us for your coming.
- P We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is no longer shaped by our fear. O Emmanuel.
- C Open us up to your coming.
- P We wait for the day when all the world will see the sign the God is with us. O Emmanuel,
- C Surprise us by your coming.
- P Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, as we light the Advent candles, wake us from sleep that we may watch for your coming among us. Prepare our hearts to welcome you, fill us with your grace so that we may serve our neighbor in need and sing of your Advent among us. Stir up your power Lord Jesus and come. O come, Emmanuel, come.
- C Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW #257, verses 1, 4 & 6

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 Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *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*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Incarnate God, on this day we give you thanks for sending your Son to bring light to our darkness. Grant that we, like the angels over Bethlehem, may sing your praises in our hearts and lives.
- C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Delaney Flint

*DIALOGUE

- P Who are these angels who come to earth,
- C bearing the news of the Christ child's birth?

- P Who are these shepherds who run to see,
- C and worship the babe on bended knee?
- P Who is this child, so small, so slight,
- C of whom the angels sang that night?
- P Who is this king, a manger his throne,
- C who humbles himself to make us his own?
- P Who is this God who sends a Son
- C into our midst, the promised one?

Who Are These Angels Who Come to Earth?

CAROL

From Heaven Above LBW #51, verses 1-2

From heav'n above to earth I come, to bring good news to ev'ryone! Glad tidings of great joy I bring, to all the world, and gladly sing.

To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild; This newborn child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.

LESSON Luke 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

Breath of Heaven
Alex Ertz & Gary Peterson

Who Are These Shepherds Who Run to See?

CAROL

From Heaven Above LBW #51, verses 5-6

These are the signs which you will see, to let you know that it is he: In manger-bed, in swaddling clothes, the child who all the earth upholds

How glad we'll be to find it so! Then with the shepherds let us go To see what God for us has done in sending us his own dear Son.

LESSON Luke 2:8-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rise Up Shepherd & Follow Tenors & Basses Choir

- Arr. Schrader

Who Is This Child, So Small, So Slight?

CAROL

From Heaven Above LBW #51, verses 7 & 9

Look, look dear friends, look over there! What lies within that manger bare? Who is that lovely little one? The baby Jesus, God's dear Son.

O Lord, you have created all! How did you come to be so small, To sweetly sleep in manger-bed where lowing cattle lately fed?

LESSON Luke 2:15-20

SPECIAL MUSIC Carols Around - Nygard

Advent Choir

LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

SPECIAL MUSIC For Unto Us a Child is Born - Handel

Advent Choir

Who Is This God, Who Sends a Son?

LESSON John 1:1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC Words of Love - Fettke
Lisa Schlotterback

PRAYER

P Jesus, you are the Word of God made flesh. As we anticipate the celebration your birth, enter into our hearts so that we may see the world with your compassion and forgiveness. Use us to bring light into the darkness, hope to the hopeless, and love to those in despair. With angels and shepherds and all of creation, we praise your name and proclaim you Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
ELW #275, verses 1, 2 & 4

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

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.

Kit Steven Wolter

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

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

{Please pass the Friendship Pads}

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

I Remember Christmas
Pastor Dave Rogge

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

*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.

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

Hallelujah Chorus

- Handel

Kendra Brodin - Piano | Janelle Schauer - Organ

Please join in singing if you know the Hallelujah Chorus

{Sheet music available from ushers}

*SENDING

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High Kendra Brodin - Piano | Janelle Schauer - Organ - Smith & Hustad

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Thank you to all of our special musical guests today.
What a wonderful way to share your gifts!!

Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

ACOLYTES | Tristan Overby and Molly Burgers

READER | Cheryl Bornhorst

SPECIAL MUSIC | Pastor Ryan Brodin, Kendra Brodin, Alex Ertz, Delaney
Flint, Gary Peterson, Lisa Schlotterback, Pastor Dave Rogge
MUSIC LEADERS | Mary Larew, Janelle Schauer & the Advent Choir
USHERS | Mark Pothen, Mark Radtke, Linda Radtke, Gary Engen, Paul
Schweppe and Scott Quarberg

A/V CREW | Jack Brouillard, Katrina Streeter, Dylan Brouillard and Taylor Brouillard



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! Our last practice will be on the following day & time.

• Sat., Dec. 16th: 9:80-11am | All children









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 | 12/10 2nd Sunday in Advent

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

MONDAY 12/11
Women's Gathering at Julie Engen's //
6pm

THURSDAY | 12/14

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

TUESDAY | 12/12 Staff meeting // 10m Lydia circle // 5:30pm

FRIDAY | 12/15 OFFICE CLOSED

Cookie making // 6 - 9pm Youth Lock-in

WEDNESDAY | 12/13

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Wednesday night activities // see next pg. (Last evening of most Wed. activities for 2023)

SATURDAY | 12/16

Cookie making // 8 - 11am Christmas prgrm practice // 9:30 -11am (All participants)

SUNDAY | 12/17 3rd Sunday in Advent

Fellowship // 9am Worship with Children's Christmas Program // 10am Brunch // 11am

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

GET YOUR COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS!

ORDERS DUE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Want a break from baking (or looking for a special gift for a friend, neighbor, or relative)? Help support those attending the upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering and order a tray of delicious cookies! Place your order by December 13th! Order forms are at church.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 // 9:30-11AM

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

NEXT SUNDAY DURING WORSHIP

Our Sunday school students will be sharing their Christmas Program during worship on 12/17. Thank you to the children, their families, Patty and all the Sunday school staff and helpers for sharing the message of Christ's birth with us!

BRUNCH

NEXT SUNDAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please stay after worship next week and join us for a delicious brunch in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy this special time of fellowship together!

ACOLYTES NEEDED!

We are still looking for acolytes on various dates this December, **including Christmas Eve**! Please see the sign-up outside the sacristy or sign up by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30-6:15pm Dinner served

12/13: Hamburger Gravy w/ Potatoes

(See you again for dinner in 2024!)

5:30—6:30pm POWER Up Party

Holiday Pajama Party

6:30—7:00pm Wednesday Worship

6:30—8:00pm Confirmation Party

Ugly Sweater Contest &

White Elephant Exchange

7:00-8:00pm Adult Choir

8:00—9:00pm Reigning Grace

JOIN 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 ASLC!



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 Birator

Patty Mesenbring

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Organis Janelle Schauer

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24th | 2023

Christmas Eve Morning Worship | 10:00 AM | 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Worship | 2 PM & 3:30 PM | Worship with Live Animals Christmas Eve Candlelight | 10:00 PM | Worship with Holy Communion



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