

One Night in Bethlehem

Sunday | December 15 | 2024

10:00 AM | Children's Christmas Program

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Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
3rd Sunday in Advent | December 15th, 2024
10:00 AM Worship | Children's Christmas Program



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!

PRELUDE

Special Music

Tristan Overby | Piano
Ava Corbo | Trombone and Tony Corbo | Trumpet
Amelia Weller | Violin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | CANDLE OF JOY

**Joy is flowing like a river. Flowing out of you and me.
Flowing out into the desert. Setting all the captive free.**

Advent Reading, Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer

The Neumann Family: Ellie, Kyle and Tatum

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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**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW #279, vs. 1 & 4

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!**

***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 Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Processional (All):

Oh, Come All Ye Faithful

ELW #283, verses 1, 2 & 4

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, Born the king of angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

Reading: Micah 5:2-5a, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Song: *God Loves Me Dearly*

Reading: Luke 2:1-3

A Lowly Birth

Reading: Luke 2:7

Song: *Once in Bethlehem*

Poem: *Little Baby Jesus*

Song: *Away in a Manger*

Reading: Luke 2:9-14

Hymn (All):

Hark! the Harold Angels Sing

ELW #270, verse 1: children, **verse 3: Congregation/All**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain***

Reading: Luke 2:17-20

Song: How Glad I Am Each Christmas Eve

Rejoice!

All Children: *One Night in Bethlehem*

Hymn (All):

Joy to the World

ELW #267, verse 1: children, **verses 2 & 3: Congregation/All**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

**No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

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***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.

***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

During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe in the front of the church. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Delaney Flint

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***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 HYMN**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW #290, vs. 1 & 3

Refrain: **Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.** *Refrain*

**Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.** *Refrain*

***SENDING**

P May the love and light of the Christ child fill our hearts as we go into the world.

ALL Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Children's Christmas Program—Special Parts

Mary: Rachel Clausen, Joseph: Will Heiden

Readers: Hailey Heiden, Samantha Kacures, Mace Matkin,

Tristan Overby, Rhua Schwartz and Amelia Weller

Special Music: Tristan Overby, Ava Corbo, Tony Corbo, Amelia Weller

We want to offer a sincere + heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the children and families that participated in our Children's Christmas Program today. We also give a big THANKS to Patty Mesenbring, our Children's Ministry Director, and to her team!

Thank you!!

Thank you to all those who made this worship service possible!

GREETERS | Tonya & Gary Cox

ACOLYTES | Oliver Majkozak, Tristan Overby

SPECIAL MUSIC | Delaney Flint, Tristan Overby, Amelia Weller, Ava Corbo and Tony Corbo

USHERS | Mark Pothen, Mark Radtke, Linda Radtke, Gary Engen, Scott Quarberg and Tom Brown

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





CHRISTMAS

brunch



STAY AFTER WORSHIP
TO CELEBRATE THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON
WITH SOME GOOD
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!



WISHING YOU & YOUR FAMILY

Merry Christmas!

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT ABIDING SAVIOR

*You're invited to
Christmas Eve worship!*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00 & 3:30PM

Family-friendly worship with live animals

10:00PM

Candlelight worship



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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

<p>SUNDAY 12/15 3rd Sunday in Advent Dec. 22 special choir practice // 9am Fellowship // 9:30am Worship with Children's Christmas Program // 10am Brunch // Following worship</p>	
<p>MONDAY 12/16 Preschool Christmas program // 6pm</p>	<p>THURSDAY 12/19 Women's Bible study // 10am Jubilation ringers // 7pm</p>
<p>TUESDAY 12/17 Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30m Quilting // 9am Staff meeting // 10am Council meeting // 6:30pm // @ Moe's</p>	<p>FRIDAY 12/20 OFFICE CLOSED Youth cookie making // 4—10pm</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 12/18 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:30am Wednesday night dinner // 4:30pm POWER Up // 5:30pm Confirmation & Christmas party // 6:30pm Adult choir // 7:00pm</p>	<p>SATURDAY 12/21 Youth cookie making // 8—11am</p>
<p>SUNDAY 12/22 4th Sunday in Advent Dec. 22 special choir practice // 9am Fellowship // 9:30am Advent Lessons and Carols worship with Holy Communion // 10am</p>	

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

TODAY DURING WORSHIP

Our Sunday school students will be sharing their Christmas Program during worship today. 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

TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 // 8:30AM

Come enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship with other men during a very informal Bible study. All are welcome!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! SPECIAL ADVENT CHOIR

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 15 & 22. Please contact Mary Larew with any questions at mary@abidingsavior.org. We look forward to making music together!

CONSIDER JOINING A COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL!

We are currently seeking volunteers to fill upcoming vacancies for 2025. There will be two general member positions available on the Church Council, as well as two to three positions on the Nominating Committee. Each of these positions is for a 2-year term. Additionally, we are looking to fill a 3-year term on the Finance Committee.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please reach out to Karn Matthews, ASLC Vice President, at karn.matthews2004@gmail.com or 612-483-0871 or one of the office staff. Once we have a list of volunteers, the Nominating Committee will meet and add your name to the ballot to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in February. Thank you for considering serving in these important roles!

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

12/18: Hamburger Gravy & Potatoes

5:30—6:30pm POWER Up Xmas Party

6:30—8:00pm Confirmation Xmas Party

7:00—8:00pm Adult choir

COOKIE MAKING & COOKIE TRAYS

FRI. & SAT., DEC. 20 & 21

Come help make Christmas cookies to help raise funds for our Youth! Spend the evening making/decorating cookies and watching Christmas movies Friday 4-10 PM and Saturday 8-11AM. Check your inserts if you'd like to order a tray!

CHRISTMAS EVE AT ABIDING SAVIOR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

You're invited to worship as we celebrate Jesus' birth! Bring your family and friends!

2:00 and 3:30pm

Family-friendly worship with live animals

10:00pm

Candlelight worship with Holy Communion

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 10/31/24

2024 YTD Income: \$472,640

2024 YTD Expenses: \$493,400

2024 YTD Net Income: (\$20,760)

WANTED: CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS!

Our December usher team is looking for additional help for the 2:00 Christmas Eve worship services. If you are available to help or if you have questions, please speak with Mark Pothen or Mark Radtke.

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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

Children's Time/Sunday School | Sundays 9:30 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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