

Joy

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Dec | 17 | 2023

10:00 AM Worship

Children's Christmas Program

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church



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PRELUDE

Amelia Weller | *The First Noel & Hark, the Herald Angels Sing Medley* | Violin
Pascal Southgate-Larew | *O Come Little Children* | Euphonium
Svea Dickson | *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* | Piano
Elin Dickson | *Jolly Old St. Nick* | Piano
Rhua Schwartz | *Silent Night* | Clarinet
Tristan Overby | *Jingle Bells* | Violin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | CANDLE OF JOY

He Came Down

**He came down that we may have joy, He came down that we may have joy
He came down that we may have joy, hallelujah forevermore**

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

The Quarberg/Tomsich Family: Jenny, Abby and Isaac

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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.

C **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW #279, vs. 1 & 3

**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.**

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

***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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

† † †

Children's Christmas Program 2023

Processional (All):

Oh Come, Little Children

**O come, little children, O come, one and all!
O come to the cradle in Bethlehem's stall!
Come, see what has happened this holiest night;
Come, gaze on the gift from the Father of Might.**

**How sweetly He lies in His bed made of straw,
As Mary and Joseph behold Him in awe!
The shepherds are kneeling before His poor bed,
While caroling angels are heard overhead.**

**O come, join the shepherds, and on bended knee.
Give thanks to the Father for Jesus, our King.
O lift up your voices and join in the praise,
That angels from Heav'n to the Father now raise.**

Reading | Micah 5:2, 5

Song | *Baby Is A-Coming* {Tune: *Train Is A-Coming* (traditional folk song)}

Reading | The Virgin Mary | Luke 1:26-38

Song | *Hey, Mary* | by Malcolm Gordon

Reading | Joseph | Matthew 1:19-24

Song | *Hey, Joseph*

Reading | The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-7)

Poem | Little Baby Jesus

Song | *Away In a Manger*

Reading | Some Shepherds Hear About Jesus | Luke 2:8-20

Song | *Hey, Shepherds*

Reading | *Reading from Luke 2 (continued)*

Hymn (All):

Hark! the Harold Angels Sing

ELW #270, verses 1-3

**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!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain***

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 | *Reading from Luke 2 (continued)*

Song | ***Salvation Is Born*** | by Gregory L Tulenk

Reading | Listen – Love Calls to You (*based on "Love Has Come" - lyrics by Ken Bible*)

Song | ***Hey, People***

Hymn (All):

Joy to the World

ELW #267, verses 1-3

**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.**

Narrators | Rhua Schwartz & Molly Burgers
Guitar | Delaney Flint

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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

{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

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
Janelle Schauer

- Pachelbel

***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.

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Janelle Schauer

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Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

GREETERS | Dawson & Michelle Blanck

ACOLYTES | Sarina Haas & Kyan Haas

SPECIAL MUSIC | All who participated in the Children's Christmas Program

USHERS | Mark Pothén, Mark Radtke, Linda Radtke, Gary Engen, Paul Schweppe and Scott Quarberg

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



*We want to offer a sincere & heartfelt
Thank You to all of the children and families that
participated in our Children's Christmas Program.*

*Special thanks to Patty Mesebring and the
Children's Ministry team for all their hard work.*

Thank you!!

PLEASE STAY AND ENJOY SUNDAY BRUNCH IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE THIS MORNING
IF YOU ORDERED CHRISTMAS COOKIE TRAYS PLEASE ALSO PICK THOSE UP IN THE
NARTHEX AFTER WORSHIP - THANK YOU





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 | 12/17 3rd Sunday in Advent

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

MONDAY | 12/18

Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm
Preschool Christmas program // 6pm

THURSDAY | 12/21

Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm
Jubilation ringers // 7pm

TUESDAY | 12/19

Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am
Quilting // 9am
Staff meeting // 10m
Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm
Council meeting // 6:30pm

FRIDAY | 12/22

Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY | 12/20

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am
Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm

SATURDAY | 12/23

SUNDAY | 12/24—CHRISTMAS EVE 4th Sunday in Advent

Fellowship // 9am
Lessons & Carols worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Christmas Eve worship with live animals // 2pm & 3:30pm
Candlelight worship with Holy Communion // 10pm

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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 19 // 8:30AM

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

QUILTING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 // 9AM

Do you quilt, or can you tie a knot? Then come to quilting this Tuesday for a wonderful time of fellowship and making quilts to give those in need.

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 [HERE](#).

CHRISTMAS EVE AT ABIDING SAVIOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00am

4th Sunday in Advent Worship
with Holy Communion

2:00 and 3:30pm

Family-friendly worship with live animals

10:00pm

Candlelight worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday Night Schedule

7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

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. Reminder that all contributions must be received by December 31!

SPIRIT OF SHARING PLEDGE FORMS

It's not too late to turn in your pledge forms for our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. You can place them in the offering plate or drop them off/mail them to the office. Thank you!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be CLOSED on Monday and Tuesday December 25 & 26. We will be open on Wednesday and Thursday. Happy holidays!

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 Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Organist

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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