

A close-up photograph of a Christmas tree branch with a silver, ribbed ornament. The background is filled with warm, out-of-focus bokeh lights in shades of orange and yellow. A white circular graphic is centered over the image, containing the word 'Love' in a white cursive font and 'Advent | Week 4' in a white sans-serif font below it.

Love

Advent | Week 4

Sunday | December 22 | 2024

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Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

8211 Red Oak Drive

Mounds View | Minnesota

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Advent | December 22nd, 2024 | 10:00 am Worship

Love

*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Birthday of a King
- by Neidlinger

Janelle Schauer & Kendra Brodin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | CANDLE OF LOVE

**Love 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 Cooper Family: Janelle, KayLeigh and BriLeigh Cooper & MaChella Hiatt

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*ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP

P We see in our world great divisions between people

C Awaken our hearts to heal those divisions

P We see in our world deep injustice

C Awaken our hearts to work for what is right

P We see in our lives indifference toward the needs of others

C Awaken our hearts to live in service to our neighbors

P We see in our world a need for the love God provides

C Awaken our hearts to bring this love and comfort to the world

P We see in our world a need for a Savior

C Awaken our hearts to the coming of Jesus. Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel, Amen.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW #257, vs. 1

**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.**

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

{Silence for reflection & self-examination}

P God of all time,

C **We confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

P Awake and greet the new morn! Through the coming of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

C **Amen.**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW #257, vs. 6

**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 **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

***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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By His coming, transform us by your grace that we may sing your praises and walk in your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

by Rutter

Adult Choir

***HYMN**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW #242, vs. 1 & 4

**Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.**

***DIALOGUE**

P At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.

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.

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.

C **Open us up to your coming.**

P We wait for the day when all the world will see the sign that God is with us.

C **Surprise us by your coming.**

P Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, 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.

C **Amen.**

JESUS BIRTH FORETOLD | LIGHT INTO DARKNESS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Will We Know Him?

-by Don Besig

Adult Choir

ISAIAH 9:2-7

***HYMN**

Christ, Be Our Light
ELW #715, vs. 1 & 2

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS | THE SERVANT OF THE LORD

LUKE 1:26-38

SPECIAL MUSIC

Breath of Heaven
Alex Ertz & Gary Peterson

LUKE 1:46-55

SPECIAL MUSIC

Magnificat
Anna Brodin & Taylor Brouillard

LUKE 2:1-5

SPECIAL MUSIC

Almost There
Allison Brodin & Pastor Ryan Brodin

LUKE 2:6-7

***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!**

***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

I Wonder as I Wander

- by Niles

Janelle Schauer & Mary Larew

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

He Came Down

**He came down that we may have love, He came down that we may have love
He came down that we may have love, hallelujah forevermore (repeat)**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray,

C God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

***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

What Child is This?

There's a Song in the Air

Kendra Brodin & Janelle Schauer

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW 239, all verses

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

**He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.**

***DISMISSAL**

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

How Great Our Joy

- arr. by Mickelson

Kendra Brodin & Janelle Schauer

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*Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and
to all those who help to make worship happen!*

GREETER | Gloria Pettis

SPECIAL MUSIC | Adult Choir, Allison Brodin, Anna Brodin, Kendra Brodin, Ryan Brodin, Taylor Brouillard, Alex Ertz, Mary Larew, Gary Peterson and Janelle Schauer

READER | Tom Majkozak

COMMUNION SERVERS | Pastor Ryan, Amy Bridenstine, Laurie Middendorf, Elaine Silpala, Lori Wagner, Ellen Zimmerman.

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

A/V CREW | Dylan Brouillard, Taylor Brouillard and Katie Brouillard

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

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

MONDAY | 12/23

THURSDAY | 12/26

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY | 12/24

Christmas Eve worship with live animals
2pm & 3:30pm

Candlelight worship with Holy Communion
10pm

FRIDAY | 12/27

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY | 12/25

Have a blessed Christmas!

SATURDAY | 12/28

SUNDAY | 12/29
Fellowship // 9:30am
Worship // 10am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

COOKIE TRAYS READY FOR PICK-UP!

Thank you to those who supported our Youth and purchased Christmas cookie trays! They are available for pick-up in the Narthex. We hope you enjoy the yummy treats. Special thanks to Katie and Alex & Josh for their efforts in coordinating and baking for this fundraiser!

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

WANTED: CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS!

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

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!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be CLOSED Wednesday, December 25 through Friday, December 27. Happy holidays!

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 11/30/24

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| 2024 YTD Income: | \$524,393 |
| 2024 YTD Expenses: | <u>\$539,537</u> |
| 2024 YTD Net Income: | (\$15,144) |

YEAR END GIVING

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!

SCAN HERE TO DONATE TO ASLC!



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



Pastoral and Musical Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Youth Directors

Alex & Josh Ertz

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

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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