



THANKS GIVING EVE

Worship

A celebration of Thanksgiving and Praise!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 22 | 6:30 PM | ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 22nd, 2023 | 7:00 pm Worship

*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

My Tribute by Couch

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***A LITANY FOR THANKSGIVING**

P Welcome to the Celebration. Welcome to the worship. We have come together to give thanks and offer praise.

C We are the people of God — gathered here in this place to give thanks for the many blessings that we enjoy every day.

P We have come together to worship God, our Creator, the giver of every gift, the source of every blessing.

C We will lift our voices in song, we will listen to the good news, and we will respond to the love of God.

P Welcome to the celebration.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW #693, verses 1 & 2

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

***CONFESSION**

P Let us confess our sin:

C We confess that we have not loved our God or our neighbor as ourselves. We have not given thanks with our hearts, our minds, and our voices. We have failed to recognize the great things that God has done through countless gifts of love. We have come to give thanks, but we first need to confess our sin. Lord, God of all of us, forgive our sin. See through our failures and disappointments to the hearts of people who desire only to serve You in a troubled world.

***FORGIVENESS**

P God hears our prayer for forgiveness and has forgiven our sin in the person of Jesus Christ. Where we have failed, God has triumphed. Where we have fallen short, God has won the prize. Our sin is forgiven and this is the Good News...that we are no longer slaves to our former selves but have been freed up to be the real people of God. We can worship our God with a new sense of what Thanksgiving really means. Praise God for wonderful love.

C Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW #689, verses 1 & 2

**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C This evening, Lord, we come together to give you thanks. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we pray that you will open our hearts to you and to one another, and that we may be truly grateful for the many gifts you have given us. Bless our time together with your presence. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

ANTHEM

Give Thanks

By Henry Smith; arr. by Lisa Schlotterback

Adult Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ryan Brodin

PSALM: Psalm 100 *(Read Responsively)*

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

C **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

P Know that the Lord is God.

C **It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.**

P Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

C **Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

P For the Lord is good;

C **His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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***HYMN OF THE DAY**

We Praise You, O God

ELW #870, all verses

**We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.**

**With you, Lord, beside us,
your strong arm will guide us.**

To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord for the people he has given us. For parents and grandparents, for sons and daughters, for brothers and sisters, for husband and wife— for all those who reflect to us the human dimension of your love,

C We give you thanks, O Lord.

P For neighbors and colleagues, for friends both far away and nearby—for all those who share the joys and sorrows of our daily lives,

C **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P For those who serve us in restaurants, in repair shops, in stores, in schools, in hospitals—for all those who make our lives more comfortable,

C **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P For the family of God, for the church universal, and for those who worship with us and minister to us in this church,

C **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

P For those who are weak and destitute, for those who need protection and support, for those who need healing and nurturing, for all those to whom we minister,

C **We give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.**

***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.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

GENEROSITY

During this time you are invited take a moment and reflect on God’s abundance in your life and to give thanks all you have to be grateful for as you offer your gifts in support of God’s mission and ministry.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Ushers will come around to collect your offering today. During the offering, 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 offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania. Adults are encouraged to give spare change to the children around them to be brought forward.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Give Thanks and Praise

By George Frideric Handel

Adult Choir

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840, verse 1

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

***THANKSGIVING EVE PRAYER**

Loving God, open our eyes to see the thousand blessings you shower upon us each and every day, that we also may live lives of gratitude and grace. Fill us with that attitude of gratitude that leads to joy. As we think about all the many ways you bless us we silently thank you now for those that come to mind...

P Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

This evening, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Thanksgiving, we thank you for those people in our lives who have taught us about thankfulness who we spoke about earlier. Thank you for the positive influence they had on our lives. Use us to also inspire others to lives of thankfulness and faith.

P Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

O God, we pray for those who are alone this Thanksgiving and all who struggle to get enough food. Inspire your people to notice those in need and to reach out in love and service to our neighbors.

P Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else is in our hearts and minds we lift up to you, so grateful that you hear us and that you respond to our prayers in wisdom, love, and grace. In Jesus' name we pray,

C Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you.

C Amen

P May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and your loved ones with peace.

C Amen

P May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.

C Amen

P May almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

***SENDING HYMN**

Let All Things Now Living

ELW #881, all verses

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.**

**God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.**

**God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.**

**We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** Reprise

Let All Things Now Living

Mary Larew & Janelle Schauer

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Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

ACOLYTES | Jackson Matthews, Tristan Overby

MUSIC LEADERS | Mary Larew, Janelle Schauer & the Adult Choir

USHERS: Larry Thill, Curt Johnson, Kaethe Bisek, Bob Wirtz & Debby Nelson

A/V CREW: The Brouillard Family and Katrina Streeter



Christmas Choir Opportunity

PRACTICE DATES: NOVEMBER 19 & 26
AND DECEMBER 3 & 10
PRACTICE TIME: 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNINGS PRIOR TO WORSHIP!

JOIN US AS WE PREPARE FOR ADVENT AND TAKE
PART IN A SHORT-TERM SPECIAL CHOIR
OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE CONTACT MARY LAREW
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.





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 | 11/19

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
December 12 special choir practice // 9am
Worship with Holy communion // 10am
Preschool wreath fundraiser pick-up // All morning

MONDAY | 11/20

Women's gathering // 5:30pm

THURSDAY | 11/23

Thanksgiving Day

OFFICE CLOSED

"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."

TUESDAY | 11/21

Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am
Quilting // 9am
Staff meeting // 10m
Council meeting // 6:30pm

FRIDAY | 11/24

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY | 11/22

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am
Thanksgiving Eve worship // 6:30pm
Pie social // following worship

SATURDAY | 11/25

SUNDAY | 11/26

Christ the King Sunday—Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

Fellowship (NO Sunday School) // 9am
December 12 special choir practice // 9am
Worship // 10am
Volunteer appreciation reception // following worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

PIE SOCIAL TODAY

FOLLOWING THE THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Get a jump start on your Thanksgiving feast by staying after worship TODAY for a time of fellowship and an opportunity to enjoy some pie!

THANKSGIVING DAY

God's blessings to each of you this Thanksgiving. Enjoy the day! As a reminder, the church office will be closed on both Thursday and Friday.

SPECIAL CHOIR OPPORTUNITY

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, November 19 & 26 and December 3 & 10. We plan to sing one piece from Handel's *Messiah* and *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Please contact Mary Larew with any questions at mary@abidingsavior.org. We look forward to making music together!

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 for your support of our congregation's ministries!

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!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Our congregation is fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers! And, it's time to thank everyone who shares of their time and talents! Please join us next Sunday as we show our appreciation to all who volunteer in any capacity at Abiding Savior. And, if you know of an extra special volunteer (or two or three!), take a moment to tell them how much you appreciate them!



SUSTAIN AND SOAR

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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.

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

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Patty Mesenbring

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Abiding Savior Worship Schedule:

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Casual Family Friendly Worship | Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Mod #2

Women's Bible Study | Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Coffee House

Men's Bible Study* | Every other Tuesday | 8:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Sunday School | Sundays | 9:00 AM | Mod #1 & Mod #2



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