



*A Child is Born*

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

**2:00 PM & 3:30 PM**

**WORSHIP WITH LIVE ANIMALS**

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church  
Christmas Eve Worship | Sunday, December 24th, 2023  
2:00 pm & 3:30 pm

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**  
P In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.  
C **Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.**  
P We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.  
C **To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.**

**\*CAROL**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

ELW #283, vs. 1 & 3

**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!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain***

**\*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Let us pray.  
C **Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

2:00 PM | *Mary Did You Know?* | Ally, Anna and Kendra Brodin

3:30 PM | *The First Noel* | Delaney & Emerson Flint

CAROL

*Away in a Manger*  
ELW #277, all verses

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

**The Manger Story**

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
ELW #276, all verses

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!**

## **The Shepherd's Story**

Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

**CAROL**

### ***Angels We Have Heard On High***

ELW #289, verses 1 & 3

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.**

*Refrain:* **Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain***

## **The Shepherd's Visit to Mary, Joseph and the Child**

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**CAROL**

### ***What Child Is This?***

ELW #296, verses 1 & 3

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

## **PRAYER**

**P** O Lord our God, with Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and the animals in the stable, we gather around your Son, born for us. Bless us with your holy presence and inspire us to help those who have no place to dwell. Be with us that we might share Christ's love with all the world, for he is our light and salvation. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Pastor Ryan Brodin

### **\*CAROL**

#### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW #279, vs. 1, 2 & 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.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.**

**O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!**

**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!**

### **\*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 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. Adults are encouraged to give their spare change to the children around them to be brought forward.*

**OFFERTORY**     *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* | Emerson & Delaney Flint

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Hark! The Herald 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!"**

**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***

### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### \*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.**

#### \*CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**P**     God of peace, on this Christmas Eve, we carry the light, which is the sign of Christ's love in our lives. In that love, the desolate find comfort; the broken, healing; the hungry and thirsty, sustenance. Jesus comes to us whatever our need, and pours God's power and love into our hearts. As we prepare to leave this place of worship, may we carry the light of Christ in our hearts now and always.

**C**     **Amen.**

**\*PEACE BENEDICTION**

Pastor Dave Rogge

**Peace, I give to you, not as the world knows peace.**

**Peace, I give to you, God grant us peace.**

*As we begin to sing Silent Night and the lights are dimmed, please turn on the candle you received when entering worship today. This candle represents the light of Christ in all of us, a light no darkness can overcome. All candles can be returned to the boxes provided at the exits.*

**\*CAROL**

***Silent Night, Holy Night***

ELW #281

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** May Jesus, who was born in a stable for you, bring you love that never ends. May Jesus, who comes down from heaven above, be born in your hearts and lives this day and always. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**\*SENDING**

**P** Now go into the world and share the hope, peace, joy and love of Christmas.

**C** Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

**\*CAROL**

***Joy to the World***

ELW #267, verses 1, 2 & 4

**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.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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.**



*Thank you to all who made worship possible this afternoon!*

**GREETERS** | 2:00 PM | Peter & Ellen Zimmerman

| 3:30 PM | Lori Wagner & Morgan Syverson

**ACOLYTES** | 2:00 PM | Amelia Weller & Laura Syverson

| 3:30 PM | Molly Burgers

**READER** | 2:00 PM | Taylor Brouillard

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

| Ally, Anna & Kendra Brodin, Delaney & Emerson Flint and  
Pastor Dave Rogge

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

**A/V CREW** | 2:00 PM | Jack Brouillard, Katrina Streeter, Dylan Brouillard,  
Taylor Brouillard & Katie Brouillard

| 3:30 PM | Gary Engen (G2)

*Welcome Visitors!*

If you are visiting and would like to be on our mailing list or would like more information about Abiding Savior, please scan the QR code and share your info with us!







# 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 | 12/24—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

### MONDAY | 12/25

Have a blessed Christmas!

### THURSDAY | 12/28

### TUESDAY | 12/26

OFFICE CLOSED

### FRIDAY | 12/29

OFFICE CLOSED

### WEDNESDAY | 12/27

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am

### SATURDAY | 12/30

### SUNDAY | 12/31

Fellowship // 9am

Worship // 10am

### SUSTAIN AND SOAR CAMPAIGN



Prayerfully consider donating to close our 2023 funding gap. 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 postmarked by December 31st or in the church office on or before January 2nd!**

### 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!



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



# Christmas Memorial Garden 2023

## In Loving Memory:

Jerry Anderson and Jack & Donna Krugen  
Given by Nancy Anderson

Marshall Anderson given by Jean Aukee

Ilene Bankston  
Given by Jamie, Annika, Freddy & Jacob Bankston

Our Parents given by Doug & Jan Becklin

Parents Walter & Gloria Bedard, Wally & Ardis Lavander and  
sister Paulette Lavander given by Wayne & Glenda Bedard

John & Evalaine Fuller given by Kaethe Bisek

Gordon Boen, Tracy Turner and Nicholas Turner  
Given by the Boen Family

Eleanor Boyer given by Elaine Boyer

Jerry Leone, Mauno Silpala and our beloved  
grandparents given by the Brouillard family

James & Ben given by Sovitchea Brown

Daughter & Sister: Bonnie (Nelson) Christensen  
& Husband, Father & Grandfather: Alvin Nelson  
Given by Beverly Nelson & the Akbari Family

John Carlson given by Jody & Jack Carlson

Leah Clausen given by Andy & Connie,  
Adam, Aaron, Ryan and Rachel Clausen

Robert Cox and Michael Cox given by Gary & Tonya Cox

Al Tofteland and Dick & Shirley Donovan  
Given by John, Katie & Samantha Donovan

Andy & Millie Davis given by Ron & Lu O'Connell  
and Donna & Amanda Cantele

All our loved ones by Jerry & Marikay Ebert

Brad Engen and Mary Engen given by Gary Engen, Andy  
Engen, Jodi, Bryan, Wilson, Nolan & Ada

Bob Malmquist, Krista Malmquist, Dick & Elizabeth Schafer  
and Evelyn Swanson given by Pastor Lisa Engen & family

Rev. Kenneth Schlueter given by Julie Schlueter Engen

Allen & Delores Engmark given by Gary Engmark,  
Sarah & David Lynne, Ryan & Emily Engmark  
and Parker, Oaklynn & Grayson

Susan Erickson given by Arden Erickson

JJ Ertz given by Dad & Alex

Arne Sr. & Gladys Espeseth and Marvin & Janet Lundin  
Given by Arne & Jeri Espeseth, Tanner & Noah

Glen & AnnaBelle Evenson, Dale & Bev Johnson and  
Peter Johnson given by Greg & Jacki Evenson

Our daughter, Anjanette Kay Florest  
given by Anita & George Florest

Loved Ones given by Joan & Joe Gibson

Harold & Vera Linderbaum  
Given by Gary & Kathy Gilsrud and Family

John Graham given by Janice Graham

LaVerne Gollnick given by Nancy, Paul, Amy & Grandchildren

Jennifer Gunderson given by the Heiden-Gunderson Family

In loving memory of Eric Hansen and Brian Hansen  
Given by Lois Hansen and Family

Frank & Priscilla Hasler given by Kirste Lundgren

Our parents: Catharine & Arthur Larson and  
Mabel & Clyde Hatch given by Jill & Roger Hatch

JoAnn Hatlestad given by Brad Hatlestad

Marlene Hass given by Duane Hass

James Stevens & Ray Hawkins  
Given by Greg & Maren Hawkins and Family

Gregory Holey given by his Loving Family

Dean Holmquist given by Kathy, Melissa, Jason & Jaya

Marvin & Vicki Johnson given by Curt & Renee Johnson

Marvin & Phyllis Bakke and  
Vern & Corrine Keyon given by Jim & Rita Kenyon

Our many loved ones given by Roy & Donna Kill

Kyree Shaw given by Helen Kriesel

Our loved ones given by the LaCroix Family

Arthur & Catharine Larson and Clyde & Mable Hatch  
given by Makena and Brett Bakeberg ~ Grandchildren

All loved ones given by Margaret Larson

Dennis Luoma given by Donna Luoma & Family

Kathryn & Clarence Drewes and Arlene & David Mattila  
given by Natalie & Fred Mattila

Jim Moinicken and loved ones given by LaVina Moinicken

Walter & Dorothy O'Connell given by Ron & Lu O'Connell

Parents Elvin & Florence Olson given by Lee Olson

Larry Olson and Eugene & Audrey Olson  
given by Michele Olson

Steven Onstad given by  
Lori, Katy, Kyle, Joanna, Grady and Everly

Bobby, Bernie, Lester, Jim and all who have gone before us  
given by Jay, Stacy and Tristan Overby

Les Petersen and parents: Leo & Irma Psyck  
Given by Joanne Peterson

Tom, Patty & Gregg Perry given by the Petty Family

Dick & Dorothy Peterson and Jack Perry, our  
parents, given by Gary & Jackie Peterson

Son-in-law John Carlson given by Mark & Linda Radtke

Brad Reiners given by Aggie Reiners

Donald Rost and Fillmore & Lucille Johnson  
Given by Arla Rost

Peter Rothstein and Richard & Norma Nehring  
Given by Cindy Rothstein

Anita Bartkey given by Tom & Nancy Sauerwein

Carol & Bill Schlotterback  
Given by Jim & Lisa Schlotterback and family

Bunice Heidtke and Rev. Ray Heidtke  
Given by Sonya & Ron Huesman & family  
and Jim & Lisa Schlotterback and family

Claude & Laura, Dwayne Stafford given by Karen Stafford

Shirley Strand given by Gloria Pettis & Jennifer Cox

Our loved ones always in our hearts & memory!  
Given by LeRoy & Evonne Tauer

All our loved ones in heaven given by Jack & Deanna Tuomie

Matthew Leigh Barthel given by Lori Wagner

Carol Maatz, Bernie, Leo & Myron Wagner  
given by Dean & Cheri Wagner

All those gone before us given by Ron & Vickie Wendel

Loved ones who have gone ahead and in honor of  
Angels here on earth given by Bob & Debby

Herman Whitfield III, Louise & Richard Larew, and  
Virginia & James Spalding given by Mary E. Larew

Glen Wikre, Pat Wikre, Linda (Wikre) Hanson  
& Dwain Wikre Given by Nancy Wikre

Karen and Parents: Jim & Mable given by Warren Woods

Gail, David Zantor & many loved ones given by Kathy Zantor

Stan and Loretta Zarambo  
Given by Julie, Dave, Sarina, Kyan & Andre

Gerald & Beulah Nichols given by Peter & Ellen Zimmerman

## In Loving Honor of:

Steven & Denise Elling given by Merle & Gale Elling

Grandchildren ~ Makena & Brett Bakeberg  
Given by Jill & Roger Hatch

Christ the Healer and our family given by Ken & Cindy Hill

Molly & Brooks Middendorf  
Given by Tim & Laurie Middendorf

Abby, Isaac, Grace & Hailey  
given by Grandma & Grandpa Quarberg

Grandchildren: Brenden, Jack & Payton  
given by Mark & Linda Radtke

Suzanne Tofteland given by John, Katie & Samantha Donovan

All of our "blessings" given by Jack & Deanna Tuomie

Sheila Anderson, Candi Kraemer & Cheri Wagner  
given by Dean & Cheri Wagner

Grandpa, Papa and all my veterans given by Amanda Wendel

Doris Wilson given by her Loving Family

## Pastoral and Musical Staff

### *Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

### *Interim Pastor*

Rev. Marla Amborn

### *Organist*

Janelle Schauer

### *Children's Ministry Director*

Patty Mesenbring

### *Choir Director*

Dr. Mary Larew

### *Bell Choir Director*

Paul Weller

### *Interim Youth Directors*

Josh & Alex Ertz



Please join us this evening  
for our Candlelight worship  
10:00 PM ~ Candlelight Service  
with Holy Communion

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