

The Light of the World



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday | December 29 | 2024
10 AM Worship

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1st Sunday after Christmas | 10:00 AM Worship Service | December 29, 2024



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!

God bless your worship today.

*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

Janelle Schauer

Tristan Overby | Violin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW #283 vs. 1 & 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!

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*

***DIALOGUE**

P Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C **By day and night he shines for all to see.**

P Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty,

C **That the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

P God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

C **So that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

P Jesus is the light of the world.

C **Jesus is the light of our lives.**

P Sing to God a new song!

C **A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Child of the Poor

-by Soper

Laura & Lisa Schlotterback

OPENING PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW #289 vs. 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***

READING | Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL

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!**

READING | Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW #257 vs. 1, 6 & 8

**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.

**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***

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain***

READING: Matthew 1:18-25

CAROL

What Child is This?

ELW #296 vs. 1 & 2

**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!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Did You Know?

Tait & Ben Schnabel

READING: Luke 2:1-7

CAROL

Silent 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.**

READING: Luke 2:8-14

CAROL

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW #275 vs. 1 & 2

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

READING: Luke 2:15-20

SPECIAL MUSIC

Winter's Carol

-by Porterfield

Julie Engen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesenbring

CAROL

Away in a Manger

ELW #277

**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.**

***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 Pad)

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

Birthday of a King
- by WH Neidlinger
Roger Steen

***OFFERING RESPONSE** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW #288 vs. 1

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say; Jesus Christ is born today;

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Loving God, you sent your only Son to live among us, bringing us your grace and truth. As we prepare to receive the gift of Christ's presence once again, all we have to offer is what you have given us. Receive all that we have and all that we are to your glory and for your service, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

At this time you are invited to proceed to the communion railing if you are in need of prayer where a pastor or a trained lay person will be there to pray with you and offer a blessing. You may come as an individual, couples, families or as a group. We are all invited to use this time for quiet prayer, reflection, and devotion whether we are at the altar or in our seats.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Janelle Schauer

***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**

Joy to the World

ELW #267 vs. 1-4

**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.**

**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.**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



Thank you to all who made worship possible this afternoon!

GREETERS | Dawson & Michelle Blanck

READER | Elaine Silpala

SPECIAL MUSIC | Tristan Overby, Janelle Schauer, Ben & Tait Schnabel, Lisa
& Laura Schlotterback, Julie Engen and Roger Steen

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

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





Happy

NEW YEAR

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May the new year bring light,
love & peace to you and your
loved ones.

From the staff of Abiding Savior
Lutheran Church



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 | 12/29 | 1st Sunday in Christmas

Fellowship // 9am

Worship of Lessons & Carols // 10am

MONDAY | 12/30

THURSDAY | 01/02

TUESDAY | 12/31

New Year's Eve

FRIDAY | 01/03

OFFICE CLOSED

"Undecorating" the church // 9am

WEDNESDAY | 01/01/2025

Happy New Year!

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY | 01/04

SUNDAY | 01/05

2nd Sunday in Christmas | Epiphany

Children's Time and Fellowship // 9:30am

Worship with Holy Communion // 10am

Youth Cinnamon Roll Sale // 11am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

PLEASE PICK UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

If you haven't done so already, please stop in and pick up your envelopes as soon as you are able. If you do not see your name, please see Katie in the office. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S TIME (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY!

Please note that Sunday School will resume at 9:30 am next Sunday. We are so excited to see the kids return to their classrooms and invite you to bring a friend or neighbor to join in the fun on Sunday mornings.

ACOLYTES NEEDED!

We are always looking for youth to Acolyte during our worship services. This is a great way for Confirmation youth to earn some service hours. Please see the sign-up outside the sacristy or sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

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 in the office or be postmarked by December 31 if mailing! You can also make a regular contribution by scanning the QR code above and make a gift online.



GENEROSITY JOURNEY 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 Wednesday, January 1st. Happy New Year's!

HELP NEEDED TO UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE NEW YEAR!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 // 9AM

As beautiful as the church looks in all of its Christmas glory, it is time to undecorate and clean up for a fresh slate in the new year! It may not be as fun as decorating for Christmas, but as always, many hands make light work.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 // 1:30-6:30 PM

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ABIDING>

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 // 11:30AM

All members of Abiding Savior are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting. Committee reports are due January 10!

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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