

Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 24th | 10:00 PM | 2024
Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

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*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

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, verses 1, 3 & 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!*

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

**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***

***SALUTATION & 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.**

ANTHEM

Song of the Manger
- by Sherman
Jubilation Ringers Bell Choir

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

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.**

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 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 & 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!**

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.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Ryan Brodin

SPECIAL MUSIC

Oh Holy Night

Mary Larew & Pascal Southgate-Larew

PRAYER

P On this holy night we gather to celebrate the birth of your son Jesus Christ. Jesus is our thrill of hope in the weariness of this world. In the midst of darkness, Jesus brings a new and glorious morn. Tonight, we fall on our knees before you, praising your name and asking that you teach us to love one another, for your law is love and your gospel is peace.

C Amen.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW #279, verses 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(The pastors and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord with Peace be with you)

OFFERING

Were You There On That Christmas Night?

- Natalie Sleeth

Adult Choir

***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***

***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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P We are Christmas people. As Jesus was born in the stable, we are born again to everlasting life.

C **We come to worship and bow down, to kneel and give thanks.**

P In this meal we celebrate the gift God has given to us.

C **In the sharing of the bread and wine, we find forgiveness of sin and God's presence in our lives.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*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.

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

Still, Still, Still

- by Thygerson

Janelle Schauer

*BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **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. Jesus is the light of the world, a light no darkness can overcome.

C **Amen.**

P Jesus is the light of the world, a light no darkness can overcome. Watch the light grow as each of us receives the light of Christ.

*As we begin **Silent Night**, candles will be distributed. Please turn on the candle when you receive one. This candle represents the light of Christ, a light that shines in us all.*

*Please join in singing **Silent Night** when instructed by the Director.*

Candles can remain on until Joy to the World begins.

***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 night 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!**

As Joy to the World begins please turn off your candles and as you exit after the service ends, place them in the baskets.

***CAROL**

Joy to the World

ELW #267

**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.**

POSTLUDE

Janelle Schauer

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN WORSHIP TODAY!

ACOLYTES | TONY, AVA & NICK CORBO

GREETERS | LEROY & EVONNE TAUER

READER | SHERYL ROGGE

SPECIAL MUSIC | TONY CORBO - TRUMPET | AVA CORBO - TROMBONE | MARY LAREW & PASCAL SOUTHGATE-LAREW | ADULT CHOIR | JANELLE SCHAUER | JUBILATION RINGERS BELL CHOIR

USHERS | MARK & LINDA RADTKE

COMMUNION SERVERS | PASTOR RYAN, JENNY BURGERS, ELAINE SILPALA

A/V CREW | JACK BROUILLARD, KATRINA STREETER, TAYLOR BROUILLARD





Christmas Memorial Garden 2024

In Loving Memory:

- Mark Akbari - Husband, Father & Grandfather
given by Karen, David, Colette & Clark
- Marcia & Marshall Anderson given by Jean & Dale Aukee
- Our loved ones that are no longer with us
given by Jamie, Annika, Freddy & Jacob Bankston
- Sue Baum given by MaKenna Schank & the Syverson Family
- Parents Walter & Gloria Bedard, Wally & Ardis Lavander
and sister Paulette Lavander Chatterji
given by Wayne & Glenda Bedard
- Bruce Bridenstine given by his loving wife, Amy
- Jerry Leone, Mauno Silpala and our beloved
grandparents given by the Brouillard family
- James & Ben Brown given by Sovitchea Brown
- Lillian & Elmer Brown given by Tom & Janine 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
and Mark & Linda Radtke
- Leah Clausen given by Andy & Connie,
Adam, Aaron, Ryan and Rachel Clausen
- Robert Cox, Michael Cox, Bonnie Crittenden and
Michael Spriggle given by Gary & Tonya Cox
- Samantha Suzanne, Al, Dick & Shirl
given by John & Katie 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
- Dick & Elizabeth Schafer, Evelyn Swenson, Krista Malmquist,
and Bob Malmquist given by Lisa Engen & family, MaeBeth
Malmquist & family and Deanna Tuomie & family
- Pastor Kenneth Schlueter and Mary Beth Engen
given by Julie Schlueter Engen
- Allen & Delores Engmark given by Gary Engmark,
Sarah & David Lynne, Ryan & Emily Engmark
and Grayson, Parker, Oaklynn & Hudson
- Susan Erickson given by Arden Erickson
- JJ Ertz given by Dad & Alex
- Arne Sr. & Gladys Espeseth, Jay Espeseth
and Marvin & Janet Lundin
given by Arne & Jeri Espeseth, Tanner & Noah
- Parents, Grandparents and Brother
given by Greg & Jacki Evenson
- Anjanette Florest given by Anita & George Florest
- John & Evalaine Fuller
given by Kaethe Bisek and Tom & Lynn Fuller
- LaVerne Gollnick given by Nancy & family
- Jennifer Gunderson given by the Heiden-Gunderson Family
- Eric Hansen given by Lois Hansen and Family
- Brian Hansen given by Lois Hansen and Family
- Catharine & Arthur Larson and Mabel & Clyde Hatch
given by Jill & Roger Hatch
- Arloene & James Stevens and Judy & Ray Hawkins
given by Greg & Maren Hawkins and Family
- Carl & Joann Hermanek
given by Steve Hermanek & Darin Hatch
- Bob Heroff given by Diane Heroff
- Gregory Holey given by Linka Holey
- Dean Holmquist given by Kathy, Melissa, Jason & Jaya
- Marvin & Vicki Johnson and Florence Johnson
given by Curt & Renee Johnson
- Marvin & Phyllis Bakke and
Vern & Corrine Keyon given by Jim & Rita Kenyon

Dennis Luoma given by Donna Luoma & Family
Kathryn & Clarence Drewes and Arlene & David Mattila
given by Natalie & Fred Mattila
Matthew Mueller given by the Mueller Family
Walter & Dorothy O'Connell given by Ron & Lu O'Connell
Elvin & Florence Olson given by Lee Olson
Larry Olson and Eugene & Audrey Olson
given by Michele Olson
Bonnie & John Oltman given by Tim & Laurie Middendorf
Steven Onstad given by Lori Onstad & Family
All those who have gone before us
given by Jay, Stacy and Tristan Overby
Father Jack Parry, Parents Dick & Dorothy Peterson and
brother Chris given by Gary & Jackie Peterson
Don Rost and Fillmore & Lucille Johnson given by Arla Rost
Gary Sangren & Uncle Roy Kill
given by Katelyn, Megan & Laurie Sangren
Parents & Grandparents
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

Lesley Schmid given by Byron Schmid
Kyree Shaw given by Helen Kriesel
Donald Stafford given by Arlene Stafford
Loves Ones given by Elaine Silpala
Ed & Val Dropps, Bob & Elaine Johnston,
Ed & Ella Dropps and Millie & Ed Tauer
given by LeRoy & Evonne Tauer
Friends & Family who who have gone before us
given by Jack & Deanna Tuomie
Thomas Pierce & Evelyn Johnson
given by Dion & Kris Wagner
All our loved ones given by Dean & Cheri Wagner
Lester Ziegler given by Ron & Vickie Wendel and Family
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
Our Parents & Loved Ones given by Bob & Debby
Paul, Tim & Steve given by Bob Wirtz
Our Parents given by Peter & Ellen Zimmerman
To comfort & bring hope to all who grieve!

In Loving Honor of:

Grandchildren ~ Makena & Brett Bakeberg
given by Jill & Roger Hatch
My son William and
Godchildren: Leif Holland & Grace Hedrix
given by Frida Etta
Our newest grandson Lars
given by Greg & Jacki Evenson
Clara, Ivy & Graham Anderson and Jeff & Joe Jukich
given by Anita & George Florest
The Adult Choir & Staff at Abiding Savior
given by Mary Larew
Molly & Brooks Middendorf
Given by Tim & Laurie Middendorf
The Brodin Family, Dr. Mary Larew and Paul Weller
given by Gary & Jackie Peterson

Grandchildren: Abby, Isaac, Grace & Hailey
given by Scott & Marilyn Quarberg
Our Lord given by Elaine Silpala
Grandchildren: Brenden, Jack & Payton
given by Mark & Linda Radtke
Wyatt, Heather, Vincent & Matt
given by Sharon Smith
My Mom, Suzanne Tofteland
given by Katie & John 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

Pastoral and Musical Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

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Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

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