

A watercolor illustration of a night sky. A large, bright yellow star with a long vertical tail is the central focus, surrounded by a soft, glowing aura. The sky is painted in shades of deep blue, purple, and indigo. In the lower center, a simple stable with a gabled roof is visible. Inside the stable, the silhouettes of a man holding a staff and a woman are visible, along with a small animal. The ground is a dark, textured brown.

*A Child is Born*

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

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

**WORSHIP WITH LIVE ANIMALS**

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church  
Christmas Eve Worship | Tuesday, December 24th, 2024  
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, verses 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**

*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

*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!**

### **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**

#### *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

ELW #282, verses 1, 3 & 4

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:  
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;  
Oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

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

**C Amen.**

*As we begin Silent Night, please turn on the candle you received.*

*This candle represents the light of Christ that shines in us all.*

**\*CAROL**

***Silent Night, Holy Night***

ELW #281, all verses

**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!**

*Please turn off your candles and place them in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary.*

**\*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.

POSTLUDE

Janelle Schauer

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

**GREETERS** | 2:00 PM | Carole Widner, Amy Bridenstine  
| 3:30 PM |

**ACOLYTES** | 2:00 PM |  
| 3:30 PM |

**READERS** | 2:00 PM | Taylor Brouillard | 3:30 PM | Brad Delfs

**SPECIAL MUSIC** | Delaney & Emerson Flint

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

**A/V CREW** | 2:00 PM | Gary Engen (G2), Katie Brouillard, Taylor 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

<p><b>TUESDAY   12/24—CHRISTMAS EVE</b></p> <p>Christmas Eve worship with live animals 2pm &amp; 3:30pm</p> <p>Candlelight worship with Holy Communion 10pm</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY   12/27</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY   12/25</b> Have a blessed Christmas!</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY   12/28</b></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY   12/26</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY   12/29</b> Fellowship // 9am Worship // 10am</p>

### 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 postmarked or in the church office by Tuesday, December 31st!**

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be **CLOSED** Wednesday, December 25 through Friday, December 27. Happy holidays from the staff at Abiding Savior!!



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





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Christ  
the  
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is  
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Please join us this evening  
for our Candlelight worship

10:00 PM ~ Candlelight Service  
with Holy Communion

### Abiding Savior Worship Schedule:

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Children's Time/Sunday School | Sundays 9:30 AM | Mod #1

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

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



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