

**Abiding Savior Lutheran Church**  
**December 14, 2025 | 10:00 am Worship**  
**3rd Sunday in Advent**



Welcome to our worship service this morning. We are so glad you are here! If you are in need of a church home, you are always welcome at Abiding Savior! God bless your worship today.

*\*When you see this mark in the bulletin, please stand as you are able*

*Joy*

**PRELUDE** | Tristan Overby | *Deck the Halls*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | CANDLE OF JOY**

**Kindle this flame of joy. May it burn bright and true.**  
**Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.**

*Advent Reading, Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer*  
The Brouillard Family: Dan & Katie, Taylor, and Elaine Silpala

- L Today the candle representing Joy joins the candles of Hope and Peace. As we light this third candle, let the joy of the season fill our hearts. May we find joy in simple moments, and may that joy bring a sense of peace and well being into our lives.
- L When we think of the countless blessings that fill our lives
- C Our hearts are filled with joy.**
- L For the warmth of relationships and the bonds we share with family and friends
- C Our hearts are filled with joy.**

L When we pause to appreciate the beauty and wonder of nature

C **Our hearts are filled with joy.**

L For the giving and receiving of simple acts of kindness

C **Our hearts are filled with joy.**

L Gracious Creator, teach us to find joy not only in triumphs but also in the simple moments of everyday grace. Fill us with joy that surpasses circumstance, anchored in the unchanging truth of your love. Help us share this joy with others and may joy and laughter be a constant companion on our journey through life. Amen.

**God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.  
Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.**

### **\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; + Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

C **Amen.**

P In this season of light, let us go before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the darkness instead of adding to the light.

*{Silence for reflection and self-examination}*

P God of Love and Light,

C **We confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be. We shine a spotlight on the transgressions of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in the dark. We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated and judgmental. Forgive us Jesus, the Everlasting Light. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Teach us to walk as children of light, surrounded by your love, forgiveness and healing. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

P God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

C **Amen.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*All Earth Is Hopeful*  
ELW 266 | verses 1 & 4

**All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!  
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
this, the labor of people who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.**

**We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live  
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see  
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.**

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** And also with you.

**\*KYRIE** | {to the tune of: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*}

**Lord, have mercy on your people. Christ have mercy on us.  
Shine your light into our darkness. Fill us with your holy love.  
Show us how to love our neighbor. Run to those who cry for help.  
Word made flesh who lives among us. Christ, our Lord, Emmanuel.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** | *Glory to God* {to the tune of: *Angels We Have Heard on High*}

**Glory be to God on high, peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Let us sing a joyful song to the Christ, the Living Word.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on everyone.  
Hope has lifted up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*GOSPEL** | **Luke 2:1-20** | Josh Ertz

**C** Glory to you, O Lord. (*spoken*)

ASLC'S

# ABCs of Christmas



*{Congregation: Please join in on singing the carols}*

## Letters A-I

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

ELW 290 | all verses

***Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

***While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain***

***The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain***

***Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain***

## Letters J-M

*Away in a Manger*

ELW 277 | verse 1

***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. Repeat***

## Letters N-S

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283 | verses 1, 2 & refrain

**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!**

**The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

## Letters T-Z

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

### C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

#### Solo

When I was but a young-ster Christ-mas meant one thing, That I'd be get-ting lots of toys that

day. I learned a whole lot dif-frent when moth-er sat me down And

taught me to spell Christ-mas this way: "C" is for the Christ child

born up - on this day, "H" for her - ald an - gels in the night.

C F G7

"R" means our Re - deem - er, "I" means Is - ra - el, "S" is for the star that shone so

C G7 C

bright. "T" is for three wise men, They who trav - eled far,

D7 G7 C

"M" is for the man - ger where He lay. "A"'s for all He stands for,

F G7 C F C

"S" means shep - herds came and that's why there's a Christ - mas day.

*Repeat Chorus*

**\*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**

*Ushers will come around and collect your offering. Children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe. 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.*

**OFFERING MUSIC | Janelle Schauer**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*He Came Down* | ELW 253

**He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore. *Repeat***

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** God of Light, our world can be a very dark place. Therefore, we offer the gifts of ourselves, our time and our resources, trusting you will use them to set the world aglow with your loving presence. May our offerings continue to shine brightly before others so they may see our good works and give glory to you. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy.

**C** Hear our prayer.

**\*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**

**\*CHIMES**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW 279 | verses 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!**

Special Thanks to Pastor David Eck for granting us the privilege to use his Liturgy 'Everlasting Light'.

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE WORSHIP POSSIBLE TODAY!

**GREETERS** | MOLLY, ANDRE, HAILEY, TRISTAN

**ACOLYTES** | SAMMI KACURES, OLIVER MAJKOZAK

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM READERS** | MOLLY BURGERS, HAILEY HEIDEN, SAMMI KACURES, SEBASTIAN MAJKOZAK, OLIVER MAJKOZAK, CHARLOTTE MARINELLO, JACKSON MATTHEWS AND TRISTAN OVERBY ALONG WITH **CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHORUS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** | TRISTAN OVERBY, JANELLE SCHAUER **SONG LEADER** | CINDY COVINGTON

**USHERS** | MARK POTHEN, MARK & LINDA RADTKE, GARY ENGEN, SCOTT QUARBERG AND TOM BROWN

**A/V CREW** | GARY ENGEN (G2), KATIE BROUILLARD, MELISSA HOLMQUIST



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL  
**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
DECEMBER 17, 2025 - 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS TREATS AND GAMES! WEAR AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

PLEASE BRING A WRAPPED GIFT OF NO MORE THAN \$5 (OR SOMETHING YOU ALREADY HAVE AROUND THE HOUSE) FOR A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE!

The poster features a collection of colorful, festive sweaters with various holiday-themed patterns and characters like Santa Claus, snow globes, and reindeer.



**Christmas Cookie Baking AND MOVIE NIGHT**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Come bake and decorate cookies for our El Salvador trip fundraiser!

FRIDAY 5 - 10 PM

BRING A FRIEND!

The poster is decorated with festive icons including a snowman, a Christmas tree, a gingerbread house, a mitten, and pine branches. At the bottom, Santa Claus is shown holding a clapperboard and a bucket of popcorn.

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

### SUNDAY | 12/14—3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Christmas program practice // 9am  
 Worship with *ABC's of Christmas* program // 10am  
 Brunch // 11am  
 Worship planning // 11:30am

### MONDAY | 12/15

*Meals on Wheels* delivery  
 Preschool Christmas program // 6pm

### THURSDAY | 12/18

*Meals on Wheels* delivery  
 Women's Bible study // 10am  
 Jubilation Ringers // 7pm

### TUESDAY | 12/16

**Christmas cookie order forms due!**  
*Meals on Wheels* delivery  
 Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am  
 Staff meeting // 10am  
 Council meeting // 6:30pm

### FRIDAY | 12/19

*Meals on Wheels* delivery  
**OFFICE CLOSED**  
 Christmas cookie making // 5—10pm  
*(El Salvador trip fundraiser)*

### WEDNESDAY | 12/17

*Meals on Wheels* delivery  
 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:15am  
 Wednesday night supper // 4:30pm  
*(see schedule on next page)*

### SATURDAY | 12/20

Christmas cookie making // TBD

### SUNDAY | 12/21—4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Advent Lessons & Carols worship with Holy Communion // 10am  
 Reception honoring Janelle Schauer's & Paul Weller's work anniversaries // 11am

## NOTES & REFLECTIONS

*Please use this space to take notes and reflect on the worship service and the sermon.*

Questions for possible reflection:

- What message of faith did you hear today in worship today?
- How can you live out that message of faith in your daily life this week?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TODAY DURING WORSHIP**

Our young people will be sharing their Christmas Program during worship today. Thank you to the children, their families, Pastor Katie and Alex for sharing the message of Christ's birth with us!

### **BRUNCH**

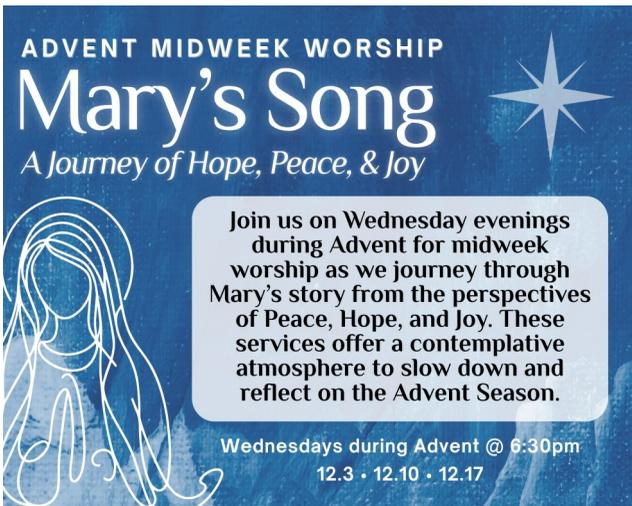
#### **TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Please stay after worship and join us for a delicious brunch in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy this special time of fellowship together!

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY**

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 // 8:30AM**

Come enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship with other men during a very informal Bible study. All are welcome!



ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP  
**Mary's Song**  
*A Journey of Hope, Peace, & Joy*

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Advent for midweek worship as we journey through Mary's story from the perspectives of Peace, Hope, and Joy. These services offer a contemplative atmosphere to slow down and reflect on the Advent Season.

Wednesdays during Advent @ 6:30pm  
12.3 · 12.10 · 12.17

### **COOKIE MAKING & COOKIE TRAYS**

#### **FRI. & SAT., DEC. 19 & 20**

Come help make Christmas cookies to help raise funds for our upcoming mission trip to El Salvador! Spend the evening making/decorating cookies and watching Christmas movies Friday 5-10PM and possibly Saturday 8-11AM (we will let you know if we need to meet on Saturday to finish up). Check your inserts if you'd like to order a tray! Orders are due this Tuesday 12/16!

### **Wednesday Night Schedule**

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

12/17: Hamburger gravy & potatoes

6:30—7:00pm Advent worship

7:00—8:00pm Youth Christmas Party

7:00—8:00pm Adult choir

8:00—9:00pm Reigning Grace practice

### **CHRISTMAS EVE AT ABIDING SAVIOR**

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

You're invited to worship as we celebrate Jesus' birth! Bring your family and friends!

**2:00 and 3:30pm**

*Family-friendly worship with live animals*

**10:00pm**

*Candlelight worship with Communion*

### **THANK YOU KATIE BROUILLARD! RECEPTION & BRUNCH**

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

Come and say thank you to Katie for her years of service to Abiding Savior at a brunch held after service that day in her honor. Katie will be greatly missed, and we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors. Fortunately, Katie and her family will still be active members here at Abiding Savior so this is not "goodbye", but a chance to show our appreciation.

### **GIVING TREE**

Check out the Giving Tree in the narthex if you'd like to brighten the holidays for some of our neighbors. Take an ornament, buy the requested items (mainly gift cards), and return them to church, the earlier the better. There are several organizations/ causes we'll be helping, including Crescent Cove this year, Minnesota's only residential respite and hospice care facility for children, Thanks for your generosity & caring hearts!

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 10/31/25**

2025 YTD Income:	\$534,160
2025 YTD Expenses:	<u>\$537,277</u>
2025 YTD Net Income:	(\$3,117)



## WELCOME

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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.

### Abiding Savior Pastoral and Musical Staff

#### Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

#### Associate Pastor

Rev. Katie Hendrikson

#### Youth Directors

Alex & Josh Ertz

#### Organist

Janelle Schauer

#### Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

#### Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

### Abiding Savior Advent & Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Advent Mid-week Worship | Wednesdays | 6:30 PM

Advent Lessons & Carols | Sunday, December 21 | 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Family Friendly Worship | Wednesday, December 24

2:00 PM & 3:30 PM with Live Animals!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship | 10:00 PM

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