



*Christmas Lessons & Carols
December 28, 2025 | 10:00 AM*

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
December 28, 2025 | 10:00 am Worship
1st Sunday after Christmas



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*

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PRELUDE | *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* | Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP | Tristan Overby, Pascal Southgate-Larew & Mary Larew

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

O Come All Ye Faithful
ELW 283 | Verses 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:

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:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

***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 | Landon & Dawson Blanck

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 | Verses 1 & 3

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

READING | Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL

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**

READING | Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL

O Come O Come Emmanuel

ELW #257 | Verses 1, 6 & 8

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

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.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

READING | Matthew 1:18-25

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!**

READING | Luke 1:26-35, 38

SPECIAL MUSIC | Roger Steen | *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*

READING | Luke 2:1-7

CAROL

Silent Night

ELW #281 | Verses 1 & 2

**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 | Verses 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 | Gary & Jackie Peterson | *Mary's Little Boy Child* | Hairston

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Pastor Ryan Brodin

*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.**

***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.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC | *Ding, Dong Merrily on High
Hark the Herald Angels Sing***

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Go Tell it on The Mountain

ELW #290 | Verses 1 & 3

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

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

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

***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.

***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**

Joy to the World
ELW 267 | All Verses

**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.**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** | *Who is Knocking?* | Austrian Christmas Carol

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE WORSHIP POSSIBLE TODAY!

SPECIAL MUSIC | Landon & Dawson Blanck, Roger Steen, Gary & Jackie Peterson

GREETERS | Dean & Cheri Wagner

READER | Laurie Middendorf

ACOLYTE | Oliver Majkczak

USHERS | Mark Pothén, Mark & Linda Radtke, Gary Engen, Scott Quarberg, Tom Brown

A/V CREW | Colin Owens

**Christ
the
Savior
is Born**



**2025
COMMITTEE REPORTS
DUE**

We will soon be preparing materials for the Annual Meeting which will be held on February 8. All committees should submit a Year End report to the Church Office (office@abidingsavior.org) **by January 10.**

BIENVENIDO A
EL SALVADOR
WELCOME TO EL SALVADOR

**EL SALVADOR
MISSION TRIP**
July 31 - August 5, 2026

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
AFTER WORSHIP**

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.
IT JUST TAKES TWO HOURS!**

VOLUNTEER AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
Packing Event Details

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 | 7 - 8:30PM
Sign up outside the office or on our website!

Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands
VOLUNTEER. DONATE. LEARN MORE. FMSC.ORG

RED CROSS

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

AT ABIDING SAVIOR

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 8**

1:30 - 6:30PM

SIGN UP NOW!

www.redcrossblood.org

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY | 12/28—1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Christmas Lessons & Carols worship // 10am

MONDAY | 12/29

TUESDAY | 12/30

WEDNESDAY | 12/31

New Years Eve

THURSDAY | 01/01/2026

Happy New Year!

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY | 01/02

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY | 01/03

SUNDAY | 01/04 —2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Worship with Holy Communion // 10am

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

2026 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 Alex in the office. Thank you!

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.



ROOTED IN GENEROSITY PLEDGE FORMS

It's not too late to turn in your pledge forms for our 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 Thursday, January 1st. Happy New Year's!

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 // 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 8 // 1:30-6:30 PM

Help save lives! Donate blood at our next blood drive! <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ABIDING>

THANK YOU KATIE BROUILLARD! BRUNCH AND RECEPTION

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.

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chili Cook-off

TO BENEFIT THE EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP

SUNDAY
JANUARY
18th 11:15AM-NOON

ENTER YOUR FAVORITE CHILI/SOUP OR VOTE FOR THE BEST CHILI/SOUP

More about the event:
Come try several types of chili and soup then vote on your favorite!
Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP:
763.784.5120
www.abidingsavior.org

All you can eat for just
\$6 per person
\$30 per family

MARK YOUR '26 CALENDARS FOR FMSC! WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

You're invited to come help volunteer at Feed My Starving Children! We will pack food from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. All ages are welcome (under 12 must be supervised by an adult). Please sign up outside the church office. Come and experience the joy of sharing!

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!



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.

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 Worship Schedule

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

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