

A painting of a stable with a bright star in a blue sky. The stable is a simple wooden structure with a gabled roof, illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The sky is a deep blue with a bright, multi-pointed star in the center. The overall style is painterly and evocative.

Epiphany of Our Lord

*Worship with Holy Communion
January 4, 2026 | 10:00 am*

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

January 4, 2026 | 10:00 am Worship

2nd Sunday of Christmas | Worship with Holy Communion



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*

Epiphany of Our Lord

PRELUDE | *March of the Kings* | Thygerson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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

The First Noel
ELW 300 | Verses 1, 2 & 5

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

**Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

*APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

P Let us pray.

C **O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON | Pastor Katie Hendrikson

CHILDREN'S TIME

Following the Children's Sermon, Children's Time is an opportunity for young children to participate in activities outside of the worship service with our Children's Ministry Team. Children will rejoin the service before the offering.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christ Be Our Light
ELW #715 | Refrain Only

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

***GOSPEL** | Matthew 2:1-12

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(spoken)*

SERMON | Pastor Katie Hendrikson

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

We Three Kings

WOV #646 | Verses 1 & 5

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies.
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

***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.**

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 | *In the Bleak Mid Winter* | Rouse

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

\ELW #310 | Verse 1.

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P 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.

C Amen.

***THE 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. Ushers will guide each row. As you come forward, please proceed down your aisle and kneel at the railing to receive Communion. You will be given a wafer and also be offered grape juice or wine (wine=red | grape juice=white).

- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request*

- *Please alert a communion server if you need grape juice and there is none available on the tray. They will grab an additional tray for you*
- *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 | *We Three Kings* | Larson

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Jesus, our bright Morning Star, we give you thanks that you have fed us well through the bread and wine of your Supper. May it enable us to shine brightly in all the dark places of our world with your hope, love, joy and peace. We ask this in your holy name.

C Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Bright and Glorious is the Sky

ELW #301 | Verses 1, 2 & 6

**Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining. All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav'n above, beckon us to heav'n above.**

**On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light;
all the stars above were paling. all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh, as the wondrous star drew nigh.**

**And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** | *As With Gladness Men of Old* | Traditional

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE WORSHIP POSSIBLE TODAY!

COMMUNION servers | ELAINE SILPALA, GARY & TONYA COX, LINKA HOLEY, ELLEN ZIMMERMAN, LAURIE MIDDENDORF

USHERS | DEAN & CHERI WAGNER, GARY COX, LORI WAGNER, STEPHEN HERMANEK, DARIN HATCH, KATHIE ANDERSON

A/V crew | COLIN OWENS



Thank You

to everyone who participated in our worship services this holiday season! We are so very thankful for all of our wonderful volunteers. Whether it is reading scripture, serving communion, being an acolyte or an usher, or providing special music, you are appreciated. Thank you!





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AT ABIDING SAVIOR



THURSDAY
JANUARY 8



1:30 - 6:30PM

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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.**

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!

**BIENVENIDO A
EL SALVADOR**
WELCOME TO EL SALVADOR

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

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

**YOUTH
Snow Tubing**
JANUARY 25TH
AFTER CHURCH

FREE!

Tubing at Elm Creek Park Reserve
Meet in the Youth Room after Service
Please sign up by 12/18 so we can reserve tubes!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY | 01/04 — 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Cinnamon roll sale // 11am

MONDAY | 01/05

TUESDAY | 01/06

Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am
Staff meeting // 12pm
Committee meetings // 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY | 01/07

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:15am
Wednesday night supper // 4:30pm
Chicken tetrazzini
ASK Kids activities // 6pm
Confirmation // 6:30pm
Adult choir // 7pm
Reigning Grace // 8pm

THURSDAY | 01/08

Work crew // 9am
Women's Bible study // 10am

BLOOD DRIVE 1:30—6:30PM

Jubilation Ringers // 7pm

FRIDAY | 01/09

OFFICE CLOSED
Un-decorate the church // 9am

SATURDAY | 01/10

SUNDAY | 01/11 — EPHIPHANY

Worship // 10am
Brunch and reception honoring Katie Brouillard // 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

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!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers in the Church Office to answer phones, help assemble bulletins and mailings, and other light office duties. This need is especially important during this interim time of office staffing. The need is greatest on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please talk to Pastor Ryan, Connie or Alex for more information or to volunteer.

OFFICE HOURS

During this time of interim church office staffing, we will try to keep our office hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday as consistent as possible. Unfortunately, due to staff schedules and meetings, there will be times when the office is not able to be staffed and open. This is especially true in the afternoon hours. We apologize ahead of time for any inconvenience.

WELCOME INTERIM OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR ALEX ERTZ

Welcome Alex Ertz as our Interim Office Administrator. You already know Alex as one of our Youth Directors and member of the Reigning Grace Worship Band. During the interim time Alex will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of more volunteers to help with the PowerPoint each Sunday. Please [sign up online](#), let the office know if you're available, or speak with Colin in the sound booth. Thank you!

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>

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.

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

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VOTE FOR
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Come try several types of chili and soup
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\$30 per family

MARK YOUR 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.



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
ASK (Abiding Savior Kids) | Wednesdays | 6:00—7:00 PM | Mod #1
Confirmation | Wednesdays | 6:30—8:00 PM | Youth Room
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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