



PRELUDE	"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"
CALL TO WORSHIP	"Arise, Your Light is Come" ELW 314
WELCOME	
SONG OF CELEBRATION	"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" ELW 656
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY	
THE READINGS	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Sing Loudly"
THE GOSPEL	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
SERMON	
LIGHTING OF THE LANTERNS	
SONG OF THE DAY	"Christ When for Us You Were Baptized" ELW 304
PROFESSION OF FAITH	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
SPECIAL MUSIC	(8:30) "Manger Medley" (11:00) "Mary Had A Baby"
OFFERING PRAYER	
COMMUNION	"Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW p. 173 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW 461 "When Jesus Came to Jordan" ELW 305
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BLESSING	
SENDING SONG	"Wade In The Water" ELW 459
MISSION AND PEACE	"Traveling Mercies"
POSTLUDE	"Wade In The Water"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creating God, in the waters of baptism you claim us as your own. Help us each day to renew and refresh ourselves in the water of life. Set us free to live as your people and to proclaim in all the world the gift of life that is your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ISAIAH 43: 1-7

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—" <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



Come, God, light of our hearts!

PSALM 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.  
<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.  
<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Antiphon

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.  
<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

Antiphon

<sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.  
<sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace

Antiphon

ACTS 8: 14-17

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

LUKE 3: 15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Baptism of our Lord — January 7, 2024

- "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child", arr. Mark Hayes
- "Arise, Your Light is Come", ELW 314
- "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", ELW 656
- "Come, God, Light of Our Hearts", Taizé Prayer, © 1998
- "Sing Loudly", arr. W.P. Sterneman III, © 2023
- "Christ When for Us You Were Baptized", ELW 304
- "Manger Medley", arr. Mark Hayes
- "Mary Had A Baby", Don Besig and Nancy Price, © 1998
- "The Great Thanksgiving", ELW Settings 1 & 6
- "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly", ELW 461
- "When Jesus Came To Jordan", ELW 305
- "Wade In The Water", ELW 459
- "Traveling Mercies", Billy Crockett, © 1999
- "Wade in the Water", arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO ABIDING LOVE!

It is one of our greatest joys to welcome new people into membership in our community. We are blessed to have guests and visitors growing closer in relationships and involvement in the life of the church. Membership in the congregation provides full participation in the leadership and missional direction of Abiding Love. If you would you like to become a member we would be happy to welcome you! We are currently inviting everyone interested in membership to contact Pr. Brad and to complete a Member Information form (ask an usher for a copy). A New Member gathering for interested people will follow.

If you have any questions, contact Pr. Brad:  
[bhighum@abidinglove.org](mailto:bhighum@abidinglove.org) or 512-892-4040

SEASON OF EPIPHANY

January 7: Baptism of our Lord

8:30 & 11:00 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion

January 14: Let There Be Light

8:30 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion  
11:00 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion and Mixed Blessings

January 21: Live In The Light

8:30 & 11:00 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion

January 28: The Power of Light

8:30 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion  
11:00 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion and Mixed Blessings

February 4: You Are The Light of the World!

8:30 & 11:00 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion

February 11: Transfiguration

8:30 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion  
11:00 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion and Mixed Blessings

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ABIDING LOVE!

May you know God's love as you sing, pray, proclaim, and serve.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNION AT ABIDING LOVE.

Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing may come forward and cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:45 am Confirmation (HS)  
9:45 am Faith Formation  
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
5:30 pm HS Youth Activity (HS)

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
5:00 pm Bread for All FP  
7:00 pm AA (HS Room)  
7:00 pm Children's Outreach Ministries  
7:00 pm Troop 555 (AC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:30 pm GS Oak Hill Svc Ldrs (AC)  
6:30 pm Western Oaks HOA (L)  
7:00 pm Alanon (C)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 am Naomi Circle (AC)  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:00 pm Music Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 am Staff Planning Meeting (L)  
10:00 am Quilters (UC, MS)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
5:45 pm Lion's Club (C)  
6:00 pm Alanon (L)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

3:30 pm CC After School (L)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

10:00 am Puzzle Swap (AC)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:45 am Confirmation (HS)  
9:45 am Faith Formation  
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
w/ Mixed Blessings

SERVING

JANUARY 7, 2024

Flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Karin and Lloyd Matthys in honor of Becky's birthday.

Preaching and Presiding

Rev. Brad Highum

Acolyte

(8:30) Travis Hagen  
(11:00) Delaney Matejowsky

Altar Guild

(8:30) Di Brophy & Tricia Slovacek  
(11:00) Denise Alaimo

Assisting Minister

(8:30) Margaret Dove  
(11:00) Steve Bryant

Children's Message

Tyler Parks

Communion Assistant

(8:30) Amelia Mettke  
(11:00) Rosa Hatfield

Lector

(8:30) Paul Mettke  
(11:00) Mike Riggs

Music

Gus Sterneman  
Stephanie Morrison  
Mixed Blessings

Ushers

(8:30) Kyle Wych & Wil Chang  
(11:00) T.J. Shoaf & Kurt Armstrong

Tech

Zee Zepeda  
Cindy Atwell  
George Glaser

ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 7, 2024

1ST SUNDAY  
OF EPIPHANY



*Baptism of Our Lord*

As the prophets foretold, "They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us." (*Matthew 1:23*) Yet Jesus comes among us not only as "God with us" but as one of us, in every respect. He enters fully into human experience. He says that his baptism by John fulfills God's righteousness in him just as he calls for the fulfillment of God's righteousness in all people. Today, we embrace our own baptismal heritage as people claimed by God, washed in the water life and sent forth for the sake of the world.

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