



JANUARY 14, 2024

2nd SUNDAY  
OF EPIPHANY

PRELUDE	(8:30) “My Lord, What a Morning” (11:00) “Here I Am To Worship”
CALL TO WORSHIP	(8:30) “Arise, Your Light is Come” ELW 314 v. 1,2 (11:00) “Light The Fire”
WELCOME	
SONG OF CELEBRATION	“Christ Be Our Light” ELW 715 v. 1,2,5
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY	
INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL (11:00)	
THE READINGS	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	“Sing Loudly”
THE GOSPEL	
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	
SERMON	
SONG OF THE DAY	(8:30) “Let All Things Now Living” ELW 881 (11:00) “Thy Word”
PROFESSION OF FAITH	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
SPECIAL MUSIC	(8:30) “Mary Had A Baby” (11:00) “Learning To Be The Light”
OFFERING PRAYER	
COMMUNION	(8:30) “Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW 471 “By Your Hand You Feed Your People” (11:00) “Refiner’s Fire” “Santo”
INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL (8:30)	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BLESSING	
SENDING SONG	“Shine Jesus Shine” ELW 671
MISSION AND PEACE	“Traveling Mercies”
POSTLUDE	(8:30) “Jesus is the Light Of the World” (11:00) “Salt And Light”

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.

GENESIS 1: 1-5, 14-19

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.



Come, God, light of our hearts!

PSALM 36: 5-9

<sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.  
<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Antiphon

<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Antiphon

EPHESIANS 5: 8-15

<sup>8</sup> For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for

everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise.

JOHN 1: 1-18

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

MUSIC FOR TODAY’S SERVICE

Let There Be Light — January 14, 2024

- “My Lord, What A Morning”, arr. Larry Shackley
- "Here I Am To Worship", arr. Phillips Craig and Dean
- "Arise, Your Light is Come", ELW 314
- "Light The Fire", Bill Maxwell, © 1986
- "Christ Be Our light", ELW 715, Bernadette Farrell
- "Come, God, Light of Our Hearts", Taizé Prayer, © 1998
- "Sing Loudly", arr. W.P. Sterneman III, © 2023
- "Let All Things Now Living", ELW 881, Katherine Kennicott Davis, © 1939.
- "Thy Word", Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith, © 1984
- "Mary Had A Baby", Don Besig and Nancy Price, © 1998
- "Learning To Be The Light", Joel Parisien and Thomas Salter, © 2011
- "The Great Thanksgiving", ELW Setting 6
- "Let Us Break Bread Together", ELW 471, Dale Grotenhuis, © Public Domain
- "By Your Hand You Feed Your People", ELW 469 (to "In Babilone" 522)
- "Refiner's Fire", Brian Doerksen, © 1990
- "Santo, Santo, Santo", The Jubilate Group
- "Shine Jesus Shine", ELW 671, Graham Kendrick, © 1987
- "Traveling Mercies", Billy Crockett, © 1999
- "Jesus is the Light Of the World" arr. Mark Hayes
- "Salt And Light", Amy Grant and Wes King, © 1992

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 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
5:00 pm Bread for All FP  
6:45 pm Junia Café Group  
7:00 pm AA (HS Room)  
7:00 pm Sarah Circle

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
7:00 pm Alanon (C)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)  
11:00 am Oak Hill Comm. Alliance (AC)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:00 pm Music Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (Z)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00 am Chapel (S)  
10:00 am Quilters (UC, MS)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:00 pm Alanon (L)  
6:00 pm Brodie Springs HOA Mtg (AC)  
7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (Z)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

3:30 pm CC After School (L)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

9:45 am Westcreek NA Annual Mtg (AC)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Bread for All Sunday  
8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:45 am Confirmation (HS)  
9:45 am Faith Formation  
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
4:00 pm OWLs (AC)  
5:30 pm NYG Getting Ready Mtg (HS)

SERVING

JANUARY 14, 2024

**Preaching and Presiding**  
Rev. Brad Highum

**Acolyte**  
(8:30) Jonah Gysan  
(11:00) Mabry Roberts

**Altar Guild**  
(8:30) Di Brophy  
(11:00) Denise Alaimo

**Assisting Minister**  
(8:30) Kurt Lowe  
(11:00) Lacye Matejowsky

**Children’s Message**  
Tyler Parks

**Communion Assistant**  
(8:30) Pat Dove  
(11:00) Nan Hatcher

**Lector**  
(8:30) Robbie Lowe  
(11:00) Bill Hatcher

**Music**  
Gus Sterneman  
Stephanie Morrison  
Mixed Blessings

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

**Tech**  
Zee Zepeda  
Jan Haas  
Anna Marie Gonzales

ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Let There Be Light

John’s Gospel begins with a re-interpretation of the magisterial creation story of Genesis. In the beginning is *I AM*. This “source and ground of all being” speaks light and it shines forth in the darkness. As we learn in John’s account—in this ongoing revelation—this light that shines has particularity, has identity, has “personhood.” It is the *logos*—the Word—the full and complete epiphany—manifestation—of the nature and wisdom of God. In this light is life, John says. And this life becomes the light of all humanity.

With all that is dark and foreboding in the world, we hear Jesus’ call to be people of light ... the Light of the World!

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