



JANUARY 21, 2024

3rd SUNDAY
OF EPIPHANY

PRELUDE	"It Is Well"
CALL TO WORSHIP	(8:30) "Arise, Your Light is Come" ELW 314 v. 1,3
WELCOME	
SONG OF CELEBRATION	"Drawn to the Light" ELW 593
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY	
THE READINGS	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Sing Loudly"
THE GOSPEL	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
SERMON	
SONG OF THE DAY	"Jesus The Light Of The World"
PROFESSION OF FAITH	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
SPECIAL MUSIC	(8:30) "All Night, All Day" (11:00) "Arise, Shine"
OFFERING PRAYER	
COMMUNION	"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" ELW 308 "Light Dawns on a Weary World" ELW 726
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BLESSING	
SENDING SONG	"Beautiful Savior" ELW 838
MISSION AND PEACE	"Traveling Mercies"
POSTLUDE	"Bright Orange"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creating God, you surround us in light. May your light be our guide as we make this passage of life together. May your light be our hope, our sustenance, and our destination. Amen.

NEHEMIAH 9: 9-19

⁹ "Almighty God, you saw the distress of our ancestors in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea. ¹⁰ You performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that they acted insolently against our ancestors. You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day. ¹¹ And you divided the sea before them, so that they passed through the sea on dry land, but you threw their pursuers into the depths, like a stone into mighty waters. ¹² Moreover, you led them by day with a pillar of cloud, and by night with a pillar of fire, to give them light on the way in which they should go. ¹³ You came down also upon Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments, ¹⁴ and you made known your holy sabbath to them and gave them commandments and statutes and a law through your servant Moses. ¹⁵ For their hunger you gave them bread from heaven, and for their thirst you brought water for them out of the rock, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you swore to give them. ¹⁶ "But they and our ancestors acted presumptuously and stiffened their necks and did not obey your commandments; ¹⁷ they refused to obey, and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them; but they stiffened their necks and determined to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and you did not forsake them. ¹⁸ Even when they had cast an image of a calf for themselves and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies, ¹⁹ you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness; the pillar of cloud that led them in the way did not leave them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night that gave them light on the way by which they should go.

Come, God, light of our hearts!

PSALM 97: 1-4, 9-12

¹ The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
³ Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.
⁴ His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Antiphon

⁹ For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
¹⁰ The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
¹² Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Antiphon

1 JOHN 1: 5-10

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

JOHN 8: 12-20

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."
¹³ Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. ¹⁸ I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." ¹⁹ Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Live In The Light — January 21, 2024

"It Is Well" arr. Timothy Webb
"Come, God, Light of Our Hearts", Taizé Prayer, © 1998
"Sing Loudly", arr. W.P. Sterneman III, © 2023
"Jesus The Light Of The World", ACS 914
"All Night, All Day", arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
"Arise, Shine", arr. Thomas Keesecker © 2016
"Traveling Mercies", Billy Crockett, © 1999
"Bright Orange" arr. Robert Starer

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 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 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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

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 Troop 555 (AC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)
10:00 am Hannah Bible Study (C)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:00 pm Music Rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 am Staff Planning Mtg (L)
10:00 am Cap. S. Conf. Ret/Rost (C)
10:00 am Quilters (UC, MS)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:00 pm Alanon (L)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

3:30 pm CC After School (L)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

5:00 pm Food Pantry from St. Catherine’s (AC)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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
12:00 pm St. Catherine’s Food Drive (AC)

SERVING

JANUARY 21, 2024

Preaching and Presiding
Rev. Brad Highum

Acolyte
(8:30) Brianna Carty
(11:00) Cali Taylor

Altar Guild
(8:30) Di Brophy & Billye Trostel
(11:00) Denise Alaimo

Assisting Minister
(8:30) Margaret Dove
(11:00) Lacye Matejowsky

Children’s Message
Tyler Parks

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

Lector
(8:30) Audrey Lehman
(11:00) Mike Riggs

Music
Gus Sterneman
Stephanie Morrison
Sanctuary Choir

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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OF EPIPHANY



Live in the Light

Light is the first Epiphany—the first manifestation of God—in creation. Forever, we have known it as illumination of the place we are and a guide for the way forward. In their wilderness wanderings, the people of God relied on God’s promise to lead them, like a pillar of fire in the night. God’s invitation to people, throughout history, is to live in the light ... the light revealed in the Son, the light in the center of our being, the light that shines in creation all around us, that no darkness can overcome.

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