



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Gainesville, Florida

Third Sunday in Advent
December 11, 2022 - 8:00 a.m.

Announcements and Reminders

Communion Statement

In accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we believe and confess that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the forms of bread and wine. Our gathering at the Table of the Lord is not a mere symbolic eating and drinking. Receiving the body and blood of Christ together at this Holy Table is confessing that we who here receive this Sacrament share this common belief. Such celebration of the Sacrament carries two pastoral concerns:

- That all communicants understand what God is giving to us in His Supper. The New Testament speaks of grave harm that will come upon anyone who does not “discern the Lord’s body” (1 Corinthians 11:29). We desire that you receive this gift to your good and never to your harm.
- Each one should be able to examine themselves and recognize their sin and need for God’s grace, lest we contradict Christ by sin against Him and sin against His people. In this Sacrament we are most fully at one with Christ and with one another, and so we should come to this Table at peace with Him and at peace with all our sisters and brothers.

Because communion at the table of our Lord is such a confession of common faith, worshippers who have a different understanding, or who hold a differing confession of faith, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament should first speak with an Elder or the Pastor before communing.

For those with health concerns, gluten-free wafers are available on request and non-alcoholic wine is available in the center cups of each communion tray. Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest at the communion rail.

Sunday Adult Bible Studies.

9:45 a.m. – Join Pastor Glover on Sunday mornings during the Bible Study hour in the Fellowship Hall for an in-depth discussion on the Augsburg Confession. Presented to the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, on June 25, 1530, the Augsburg Confession is the first confession of faith by the Lutheran reformers. This statement of faith set the stage for what we know as Lutheranism today.


9:45 a.m. – “Girl Friends” Bible Study remains on hold for the next few weeks. Attendees are encouraged to go to Pastor’s Bible Study

9:45 a.m. – Study the Bible with Chuck Moss in the Building 1 classroom. The Bible study is currently using the book *Summary of Christian Doctrine*.

Contact Chuck_Moss@msn.com for a Zoom link for this class.

Parents and Tots Sunday School is on a break for the month of December, the class will resume meeting on January 8.

King’s Kids from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Children ages 4-10 are invited to participate in this weekly Sunday event. For more information, see Elizabeth Torrence or Susan Moss.



Midweek Advent Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Join us for evening worship this Wednesday, December 14.

Preschool Book Fair: Looking for great gifts for children? Check out the Preschool Book Fair in the church nursery between services today.

Blood Drive: The LifeSouth Blood Mobile is here today from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Young at Heart Ladies Bible Study meets the second Tuesday of the month in Building One. The next meeting will be this Tuesday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. Annetta Coleman will lead the study of “His Faithfulness to All Generations”.

Home for the Holidays: The Bradford High School Scarlet Singers, led by Hannah Mazur, present a concert of holiday songs on Thursday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. at Abiding Savior Lutheran church. Free & Open to the public.

Poinsettias: Purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special. The cost is \$10 each. The sanctuary will be decorated with these flowers for Christmas Eve and you may take yours home after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service or after the Christmas Day service.

Noisy Offering is the third Sunday of every month. This month’s Noisy Offering will be next Sunday, December 18. Our monthly Noisy Offering collection will be dedicated to Meals of Hope.

Christmas Eve Divine Service will be at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent Devotions are available on the welcome table.

Christmas Day and New Year’s Day fall on Sundays this year. **JOIN US FOR ONE 11:00 A.M. DIVINE SERVICE** on these special days. These Sundays will have no Bible Study.

A Christmas Celebration Dinner: Join us on Saturday, December 17 for a dinner and a presentation of “*A Christmas to Believe in*” performed by the Youth. RSVP on the clipboard in the Narthex or through the church office by emailing them at office@abidingsavior.info. There is no cost for this dinner.

LWR Sewing will not meet again this year. Meetings resume January 14, 2023.

Monthly Newsletters are emailed. There are also printed copies available on the welcome table in the Narthex. Be sure to check it out for information on upcoming events. Email the office at office@abidingsavior.info if you would like to be added to the newsletter email list.

Portals of Prayer for October through December are available on the welcome table.



+ Third Sunday in Advent +

+ Preparation +

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

sts. ref. 4-5, 7



4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

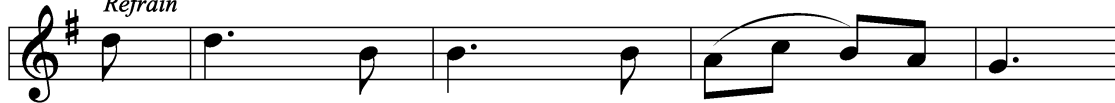


Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: French, 15th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ Confession and Absolution +

Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit (choir)

Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord | always,*
again I will say, | Rejoice.
I will hope con- | tinually*
and will praise you yet | more and more.
My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,*
for their number is past my | knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD | I will come;*
 I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.
 O God, from my youth you have | taught me,*
 and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.
 So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,*
 until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those to come.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
 again I will say, | Rejoice.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Sit

Liturgy Catechesis

The Gloria in Excelsis

The *Gloria in Excelsis* is the second of the five Ordinaries. This hymn of praise follows immediately after the *Kyrie*. Where the *Kyrie* is humble the *Gloria* is joyful, for it announces the answer to the pleas of the *Kyrie* with the song the angles sang when they announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds.

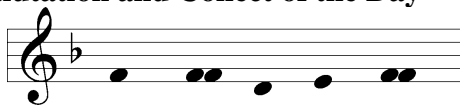
Martin Luther once said that the *Gloria* “did not grow, not was it made on earth, but it came down from heaven.” As the angelic song of old once heralded the coming of the incarnate Christ at His birth, so now it heralds His coming through the proclamation of His Word and the giving of His Sacrament.

The earliest form of the hymn as we sing it today is found in the Apostolic Constitutions, an Early Church document written in the fourth century. Its inclusion in this document indicates that the hymn was probably in use long before. The *Gloria* found its permanent place as one of the ordinaries of the Mass/Divine Service under Pope Symmachus (498-514), who ordered that it be sung every Sunday. The name comes from the Latin “*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*” which means “Glory to God on High”. In union with the Church catholic across the ages, we to sing hymn every Sunday (except during Advent and Lent when the penitential character of the season call for its omission).

(“About Our Liturgy: Meaning, History, and Practice”, David A. Kind)

Stand

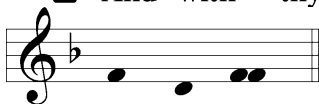
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

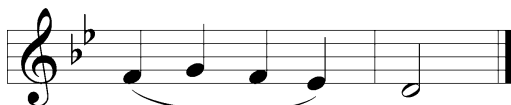


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1–10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
 For waters break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;
 in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there,
 and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
 the unclean shall not pass over it.
 It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
 even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
 they shall not be found there,
 but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
 and come to Zion with singing;
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
 they shall obtain gladness and joy,
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (choir)

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
 Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
 righteous and having sal- | vation.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
 From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle

James 5:7–11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets

who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

Matthew 11:10b

Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.”

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Sermon

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ
Jesus.

C Amen.

Gathering of Offering & Prayer Requests

Voluntary

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

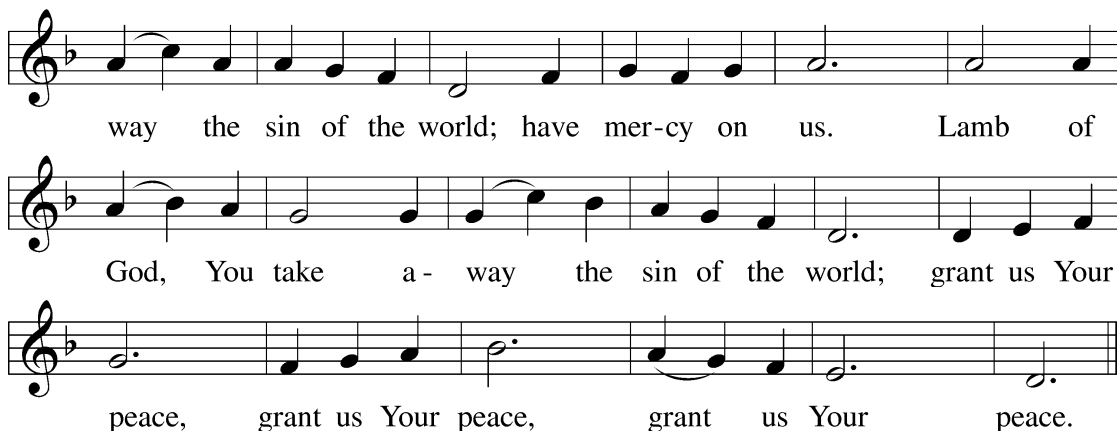
LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei: 962 Agnus Dei — I

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -



way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us Your
 peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

Sit

Distribution

Stand

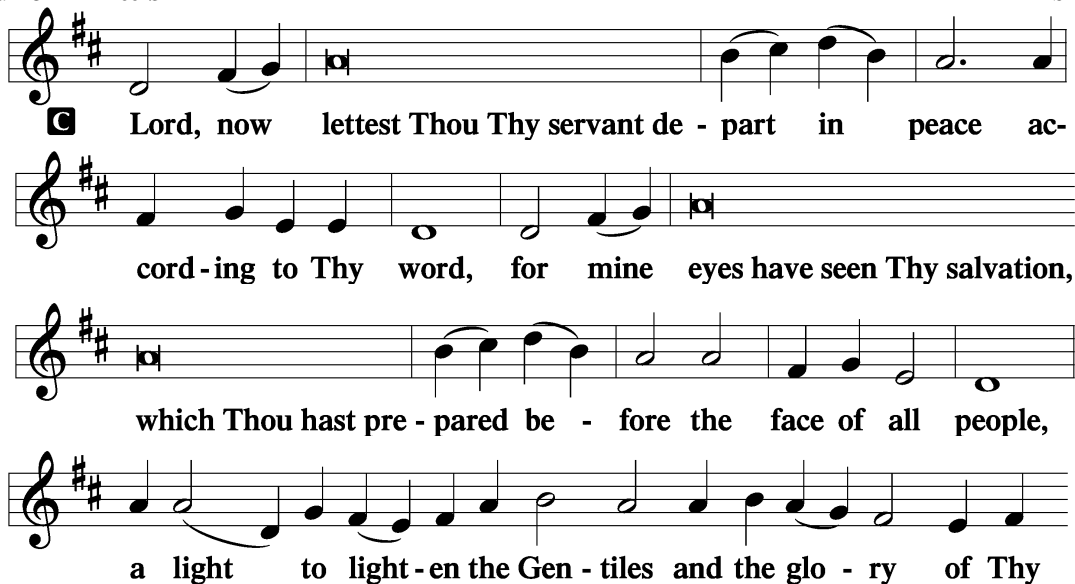
The Dismissal

LSB 199

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

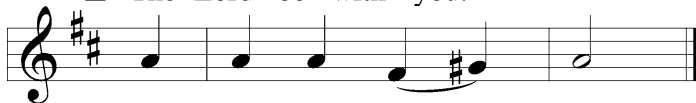
C A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201



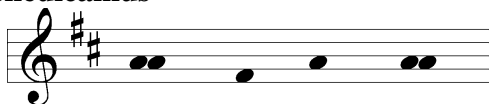
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



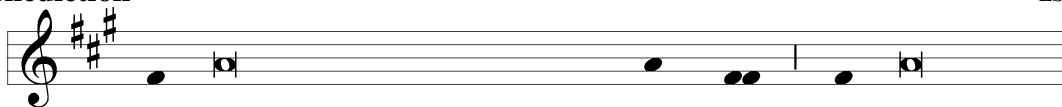
A Bless we the Lord.



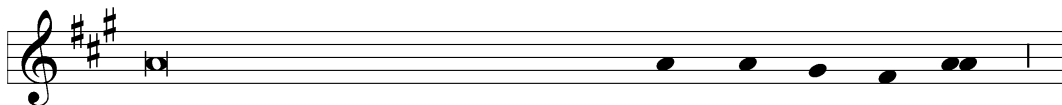
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

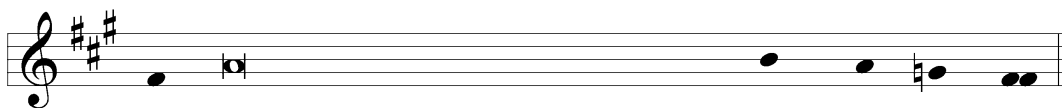
LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Postlude

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Join Us For

A Christmas Celebration Dinner

Featuring the ASLC Youth performing
"A Christmas to Believe in"

Saturday, December 17

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Program 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Graham B. Glover
Director of Music Ministry: Joshua L. Mazur

8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

Elder of the Month: Mike Brannon *Elder of the Month:* Jimmy Plateau

Reader: Kris Pagenkopf *Reader:* Ann Stone

Last Week's Attendance

8:00 a.m.: 88
10:45 a.m.: 59
Total: 147

Last Week's Offerings

Offerings: \$ 10,473
Building Fund: \$ 30

2022 Year to Date

Average Attendance: 119
Total Offerings: \$ 310,024
Avg. Weekly Offerings: \$ 6,327
Building: \$ 2,666

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

December 18 -Fourth Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25



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provided by
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mom & dad.*



Birthdays

Ed Eibe 12/11
Michael Arden 12/12
Kelly Farah 12/14
Daniel Mandeville 12/16
Natalie Petruska 12/17

Anniversaries

Ed & Georganne Eibe 12/14



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