

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

9700 W. Newberry Rd. Gainesville, Fl. 32606

Connecting Jesus to Peoples Hearts – The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

December 27, 2020 – First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday Morning Worship



Giorgione – *The Adoration of the Shepherds* – 1505 - 1510

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Rev. Alan Struckmeyer, Pastor
Rev. Ron Biel, Guest Preacher & Liturgist

Announcements & Reminders

✝ Adult Bible Studies

9:30am (Linda Struckmeyer) Ladies Bible Study continues study of “JOY – A Study of Philippians” via Zoom. For a link to this zoom class, email struck60@gmail.com

Bible studies on the book of First Samuel (Chuck Moss) and Psalms (Joshua Mazur) will not meet today.

✝ **2021 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Narthex. Take a numbered envelope box and write your name by the corresponding number on the clipboard. If you prefer an online/contactless giving option, visit our church website at www.abidingsavior.info and click on the offering tab (top right) and follow instructions to set up a one-time donation or recurring donation.

✝ **Masks are available on the welcome table in the narthex.** All are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing for the benefit of all present.

✝ **No offering plates will be passed during worship services.** Worshipers are encouraged to leave their offering at the nave doors as they exit worship

✝ **Prayer request cards are available in the pew backs.** They will be collected before the prayers are offered in the service.

✝ **Outdoor Fellowship with Coffee and Snacks** directly follows the conclusion of the 8am worship service.

✝ **2021 Flower Chart:** If you would like to provide altar flowers for worship services during 2021, find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the cry room in the narthex. Simply place your name on your desired date and briefly describe what it is for and you can either share the spot for \$20 or buy the whole spot for \$40.

✝ **Taking down Christmas decoration in the church:** Volunteers are needed to help on Saturday, Jan. 16th at 8:30am. Please come and lend a hand.

✝ **Portals of Prayer:** January Portals of Prayer may be found on the welcome table in the narthex.

✝ **Volunteers Needed:** If you would like to participate as a reader during worship services, please let the church office know. Readings are provided ahead of time so you can become familiar with them before the appointed Sunday.

✝ **Update your contact information for 2021:** If you have had a change in address, phone number, or preferred email address over the past couple of years, please let the church office know. We try to keep our church directory up to date. Also, if we have not recognized your birthday or anniversary in the weekly bulletin or the newsletter, contact Susan in the church office.

✝ **“God Connects” new member class:** This class, which lasts 6-7 weeks, is especially designed for those who would like to know more about what Lutheran Christians believe and/or are interested in joining Abiding Savior. It is also a great “refresher” course for those who underwent Lutheran instruction during confirmation years ago. A class will be forming early in 2021. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

✝ **Preschool registration for the 2021/2022 school year begins on January 11th:** Current preschool families and church member families have first access to registration before it opens to the public on January 25th. It is advisable to turn in applications as soon as possible after January 11th. The application is available on the church website.

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

We prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Individual/Personal Prayer

Prayer for Entering a Church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Prayer Before Worship: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Stand

Invocation

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Luke 2:30, 32; Psalm 71:19, 23

P Alleluia! My eyes have seen Your salvation,

C a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.
Alleluia!

P Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

C You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?

- P** My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;
C my soul also, which You have redeemed.

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

sts. 1, ref, 2-4



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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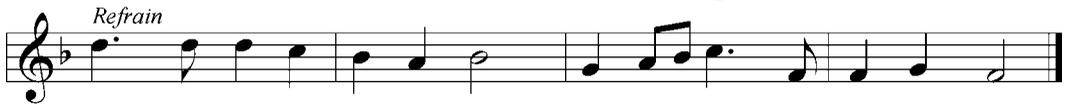
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, through our Lord Jesus Christ You have taken the slavery under which we were held captive to sin and Satan and have given us new life. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us, keep us ever connected to Christ to live out each day in our baptismal grace as we await the joy of life in Your eternal presence. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 61.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

A The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter 4.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon Hymn: 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

sts. 1, 4-7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,
 6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball
 7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
 To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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Sermon

Jesus Get's a Name Tag

Rev. Ron Biel

Luke 2:21

Matthew 1:21

Luke 1:31

Stand

Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Friendship Cards & Offerings

Prayer Requests

During the playing of the Organ Voluntary, you are welcome and invited to complete prayer request cards found in the pew-backs. Those wishing to submit prayer requests for public prayer during the Prayer of the Church may raise their hand and an usher will retrieve the card from you for the Pastor.

Voluntary

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Gathered as God's people and as heirs of an eternal inheritance, let us pray for the whole Church and for all who bear the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Light and our Salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** As we remember St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, we pray for the Church, asking that through her the joyous news of salvation be proclaimed as the Holy Spirit directs. Give us faith to acknowledge and rejoice in the fellowship that we share in Christ with people here and in every place, that we may see in each sister and brother in Christ a reflection of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of all, watch over our nation and grant Your divine favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of our state of Florida, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve all those in their care according to Your holy will, that we may live in peace and safety.

Save us from pestilence and plague, from unseasonable weather, and the

dangers that are ever-present in our lives. Grant us Your blessing as one calendar year closes and another begins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give a special measure of blessing to those with special needs. Especially we remember the sick, the shut-in, those dealing with depression, those who sorrow, and others known to us who at this time are in need of prayer. Help us to be people who bless, encourage, and strengthen all those in our circles of relationship and beyond. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Sovereign Lord, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . .*]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven. Bless the communion we share on earth as we await the Supper of the Lamb in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Benediction

P Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all of God's people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you and keep you and give you peace.

C Amen.

387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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Dismissal

P Go in Peace! Love and serve the lord.

C Amen.

Postlude

Individual/Personal Prayer

Prayer After Worship: Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank you for this underserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

NOTES:

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SERVING TODAY

Guest Preacher and Liturgist: Rev. Ron Biel
Pastor: Rev. Alan Struckmeyer
Pianist: Susan Moss

8:00 AM

Reader: Kris Pagenkopf
Acolyte: Volunteer
Elder of the Month: Derek Sain

10:45 AM

Reader: Ann Stone
Acolyte: Volunteer
Elder of the Month: Fred Townsend



Today's altar flowers are provided by Danny & Jessica Schmitt in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Birthdays

Ralph Toppins 12/27
Greg Claus 12/30
Karen Herder 12/30
Kristina Mandeville 12/31
Daniel Schmitt 12/31
Dan Maxwell 1/1
Amy Solinsky 1/2

Anniversaries

Chuck & Susan Moss 12/28
Danny & Jessica Schmitt 12/29

Attendance and Offering Summary

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Attendance: 8:00am - 40 10:45am - 23

Offering: \$4,542

Building Fund: \$20

YTD Offering: \$262,529

YTD Building Fund: \$9,133

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (Jan. 3, 2021)

First Reading - 1 Kings 3:4-15

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Reading - Luke 2:40-52

If you would like to place an announcement in the Sunday Bulletin, please contact the office or email them to Office@abidingsavior.info no later than Wednesday mornings. Send your newsletter articles by the 20th of each month.