



Seeds
of
Faith

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 17th, 2024
10:00 AM Blended Worship Service

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PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

{Silence for reflection and self-examination}

P Holy God,

C **We confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Here I Am to Worship

Reigning Grace Worship Band

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope for a life spent with You

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly, You came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor (*Chorus*)

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (*Chorus*)

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

***KYRIE**

Return to God
{*Congregation to sing Refrain*}

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der
faith - ful - ness of God. *Repeat optional*

Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God. **Refrain**

I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love. **Refrain**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesenbring

CHILDREN'S TIME

Following the Children's Sermon, Children's Time is an opportunity for young children to have a bible story, music or activity time with our Children's Ministry Director, Patty Mesenbring.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | *Lenten Acclamation*



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

*GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

C Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)*

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. *(spoken)*

SERMON

Pastor Marla Amborn

*HYMN OF THE DAY

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465, all verses

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain***

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain***

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM w/THE APOSTLES CREED

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

Harper Jo Kapustka

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(The pastors and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord with Peace be with you)

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Ushers will come around and collect your offering today. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe on the front of the altar area. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania. Adults are encouraged to give their spare change to the children around them to be brought forward.

OFFERTORY

Adult Choir | *What Grace is Mine*
By Kristyn Getty, arr. by Lloyd Larson

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Change My Heart, O God
ELW #801

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dance With Me
Reigning Grace Worship Band

**This is holy time, we're gathered together to worship you,
and love one another
And as we pray, and as we sing, and as we dance, and as we dream
Oh Lord, I beg of you, just this one thing...**

**Won't you dance with me, throughout the heavens and beyond the sea
And up on the mountain tops, Roll with the breeze, come carry me,
Lord won't you dance with me**

{Break for Prayers of the Church}

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***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW pg.191

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Children of God are welcomed for Communion. As you come forward, please proceed down the center aisle to the Communion servers and stay standing to receive Communion. You will also be offered grape juice and/or wine (the wine red, the grape juice is white).

- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request*
- *If you prefer to remain in your seat to receive communion, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you*
- *Children are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Special Music | Janelle Schauer & Mary Larew

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW #379, verses 1, 2 & 4

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Janelle Schauer

† † †

Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

GREETERS | Gary & Tonya Cox

ACOLYTES |

MUSIC LEADERS | Adult Choir, Janelle Schauer & Reigning Grace

REIGNING GRACE WORSHIP BAND | Dawson Blanck, Alex & Josh Ertz, Gary Peterson, Tom Sauerwein, Tait Schnabel and Ben Schnabel

COMMUNION SERVERS | Pastor Ryan, Pastor Marla, Elaine Silpala, Lori Wagner, Ellen Zimmerman, Linka Holey

USHERS | Larry Thill, Curt Johnson, Kaethe Bisek, Bob Wirtz, Debby Nelson and John Booker

A/V CREW | Jack Brouillard, Katrina Streeter, and Dylan Brouillard

newborn kits

FOR GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

Packing Event!

Wednesday, March 20th

Volunteers will be needed to help pack baby items into pillow cases per Global Health's specific instructions. We will meet in the back hallway near the Preschool following the 4PM worship service.



EGG HUNT

SATURDAY **23** MARCH

10:30 - NOON
FELLOWSHIP HALL
AND CHURCH LAWN (WEATHER PERMITTING)

EGG HUNT, CRAFTS, SNACKS & FUN!

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BASKET TO PARTICIPATE



GARDEN OF GRACE

Informational Spring Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

FOLLOWING WORSHIP | LOCATION TBD

THIS WILL BE A SHORT MEETING FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN GARDENING THE PLOTS AND/OR REPAIRING THE RAISED GARDEN BEDS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT AGGIE REINERS; EMAIL: BAREINERS@GMAIL.COM





WELCOME

Living in **God's love**, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
 is a **welcoming** and **caring** family
 that **nurtures** spiritual growth, **shares** our Christian faith,
 and **serves** all creation.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY 03/17 Sunday school and fellowship // 9am Worship with Holy Communion // 10am First Communion class // 11am Garden of Grace info meeting // 11am	
MONDAY 03/18	THURSDAY 03/21 Women's Bible study // 10am BLOOD DRIVE // 1:30—6:30pm Jubilation ringers // 7pm
TUESDAY 03/19 Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am Quilting // 9am Staff meeting // 10am Council meeting // 6:30pm	FRIDAY 03/22 OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY 03/20 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Wednesday night Lenten activities <i>(see schedule on next page)</i> Butter Braid delivery pick-up // afternoon Newborn kit packing // 4:45pm	SATURDAY 03/23 Egg Hunt // 10:30am <i>Egg hunt, crafts, snacks & fun!</i>
SUNDAY 03/24—PALM SUNDAY Sunday school and fellowship // 9am Worship // 10am	

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OFFICE HOURS Monday—Thursday: 9am—4pm; Friday CLOSED

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 // 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

All fourth-graders and their families (along with any older children who have not yet received their first communion) are invited to participate in a **first communion class** with Pastor Marla on **Sunday, March 17**. The class begins with lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship (approximately 11:00) and will conclude by 2:00. Please contact Patty (patty@abidingsavior.org) to RSVP for this class, or if you have questions.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

DRESS FOR SUCCESS: A WARDROBE OF FAITH

You're invited to our final mid-week Lenten worship service this Wednesday as we use the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer liturgy and reflect on a passage from Colossians 3:12-17. As followers of Christ, we are to let go of old vices and "clothe" ourselves in virtues such as compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Living in Christian community provides a place to live in harmony with God and with one another.

BUTTER BRAID DELIVERY PICK-UP

THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

If you ordered Butter Braids from the Preschool Fundraiser, they will be available to pick up this Wednesday! Please stop by the main kitchen freezer to grab them! Thank you for supporting the preschool!

PARENTS GET TOGETHER

THIS WEDNESDAY // 5:30PM COFFEE HOUSE

Come to a casual, fun monthly parent gathering for a chance to meet and get to know other parents here at Abiding Savior and from the community. Supervision for children during this time will be provided!

BLOOD DRIVE — SIGN UP TO DONATE!

THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 21 // 1:30—6:30PM

Donate blood this Thursday!. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter **Abiding** to schedule an appointment.

Wednesday Night Schedule During Lent

4:00—4:45pm	Lenten Worship
4:45—6:15pm	Soup Supper Served
3/20:	Vegetable Beef
3/28:	Potato Leek and Bacon
5:30—6:30pm	Parents Together (3/20)
5:30—6:30pm	POWER Up
6:30—7:15pm	Lenten Worship
7:15—8:00pm	Adult Choir



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- **Palm Sunday** worship at 10am
- **Maundy Thursday** worship at 4 and 6:30pm
- **Good Friday** worship at 4 and 6:30pm
- **Easter Sunday** worship at 8 and 10am with **Easter breakfast** between services

All are welcome!

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Looking for an easy way to donate to Abiding Savior? Scan our QR code to make a contribution to Abiding Savior's General Fund.



Pastoral and Musical Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Interim Pastor

Pastor Marla Amborn

Interim Youth Directors

Alex & Josh Ertz

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Abiding Savior Worship Schedule:

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Lenten Worship | Wednesdays | 4 PM & 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Women's Bible Study | Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Coffee House

Men's Bible Study* | Every other Tuesday | 8:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Sunday School | Sundays | 9:00 AM | Mod #1 & Mod #2



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