



**Abiding Savior Lutheran Church**

March 27th, 2022

10:00 AM Worship

4th Sunday in Lent

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\*Stand as you are able

**PRELUDE**

Janelle Schauer

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*{Silence for reflection & self-examination}*

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

ELW # 666, verses 1 & 2

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**\*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**

*Lord Have Mercy*

Led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

**Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom  
Forgive me for my unbelief renew the fire again  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me**

**I have longed to know You and Your tender mercies  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end  
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

**WWJD & King's Messengers Choirs**

**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, during the sermon. Children will return to their families after the sermon.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW pg. 151

*Return to the Lord, Your God*

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

**P**     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Ryan Brodin

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**     *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

ELW #608, verses 1 & 3

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

*Refrain* **"Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!)**

**You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly,  
Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.** *Refrain*

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## **\*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**

*Please pass your envelopes or gifts to the ushers as they make their way to each pew. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe in the front of the church. 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 MUSIC Adult Choir**

*Teach Me Your Way O Lord, Arr. by Bisbee*

## **\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Create in Me*

ELW #186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.

**\*PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*

Led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me  
I was once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace**

*{Prayers & The Lord's Prayer}*

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 Lord has promised good to me His word, my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace (Repeat)**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine  
But God who calls me here below Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine You are forever mine**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Mighty to Save*

*Led by Reigning Grace Worship Band*

**Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations**

***Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of Salvation, He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave***

**So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again  
I live my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender** *(Chorus)*

**Shine Your light, and let the whole world see,  
We're singing for the glory of the Risen King  
Jesus, shine Your light, and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the Risen King** *(Chorus)*

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Mighty to Save (Reprise)*

Reigning Grace Worship Band

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE WORSHIP POSSIBLE TODAY!

**ACOLYTES:** Isaac Tomsich, Noah Gunderson

**SONG LEADERS:** Adult Choir, WWD Choir & King's Messengers, Reigning Grace Worship Band.

Dawson Blanck, Alex & Josh Ertz, Gary Peterson, Ben Schnabel & Tom Sauerwein

**SOUND BOOTH TECH:** Katie Brouillard

**VIDEO:** Taylor Brouillard

**POWER POINT:** Helena Mills

**USHERS:** Larry Thill, Curt Johnson, Kaethe Bisek, Bob Wirtz & Debby Nelson

**MARCH 27, 2022  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT**



*Confessing our need for God brings joy.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</b>	<b>Parable of the forgiving father</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Joshua 5:9-12</b>	<b>Passover at Gilgal</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:16-21</b>	<b>The ministry of reconciliation</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalms 103:1-12</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for God's goodness</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Genesis 45:1-28</b>	<b>Joseph reveals himself</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Luke 15:3-7</b>	<b>The parable of the lost sheep</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 32</b>	<b>The joy of forgiveness</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 12:1-8</b>	<b>Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. Psalm 32:10-11 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, we thank you for your love that reunites us to you through Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored; your mercies bless and grant that we, may strengthen for your service be. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of grace bless you with the joy of forgiveness and new life.





**MARCH 27, 2022**  
**HYMN OF THE WEEK**  
*God of the Sparrow*



## **WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a time you forgave a person or a person forgave you. How did you feel?
- How does faith in God help you resolve differences you have with others?

## **DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

Recognizing our sin and need for God is foundational to the Christian faith. Lent is a time to acknowledge our sin, our separation from God. As the psalmist notes, “*Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven*” (Psalm 32:1). Naming our need for forgiveness and receiving forgiveness leads to joy. The prodigal son experiences the surprise of his total acceptance and the waiting father experiences the delight of the return of a son who had been lost (Luke 15:20-32). We also experience the joy of the truth that in Christ we have been reconciled—reunited—back to God. We have been given the life-giving ministry and joy of telling the good news of God’s reconciling power in Christ to all people. The challenge, of course, is that, like the older brother in the parable of the prodigal son, we may not want God’s love and undeserved kindness to bless people who we might see as less deserving than ourselves.

*Discuss:* How does forgiveness lead to joy?

*Pray:* **Dear God, help us to be people of joy, glad that you forgive us and reconcile us to you and to all you create through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

## **SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you bring joy to someone others see as less deserving?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Lent is a time to focus on prayer. We all have photo albums, whether printed or digital. Not all of our friends and family may know of God’s reconciling power and forgiveness that leads to joy. While looking at pictures of family and friends, think about your relationships. Pause and pray for that person. Light a candle and say: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.** Close with the Lord’s Prayer.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)



# 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 | 03/27**  
Sunday school // 9am  
Worship // 10am  
Cinnamon rolls following worship

**MONDAY | 03/28**

**THURSDAY | 03/31**  
Women's Bible study // 10am

**TUESDAY | 03/29**  
Men's breakfast and Bible study // 8:30am  
Staff meeting // 10am

**FRIDAY | 04/01**  
Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY | 03/30**  
Lenten worship // 4pm  
Lenten soup supper // 4:45pm  
Lenten worship // 6:30pm  
\*See complete schedule on next page

**SATURDAY | 04/02**

**SUNDAY | 04/03**  
Adult education—*Faith Across the Generations* with Dr. Jeremy Myers // 9am  
Sunday school // 9am  
First communion class // 9am  
Worship with Holy Communion // 10am

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

*SUNDAYS, APRIL 3 & 10—9:00AM*

A two-part First Communion class for fourth grade students and their parents, or another significant adult, is scheduled for April 3 and 10 during the Sunday school hour. This class will be led by Pastor Lisa in the Fellowship Hall. Participants will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 14.

### LENTEN WORSHIP CONTINUES

*WEDNESDAYS—4PM & 6:30PM WORSHIP*

During Lent we are sharing the message and artwork of Paul Oman with the them *Drawn to the Word: The Miracles of Jesus*. The services will be in-person and available via Facebook. This week's reflection: *Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind*.

### LENTEN 'SOUP' SUPPERS

*WEDNESDAYS—BENEFITING VARIOUS MINISTRIES*

Each week during Lent, groups/individuals will be making and serving a soup supper from 4:45-6:15. Proceeds will benefit various ministries. Please give generously! This week's supper (it's not soup!): **Waffle Dinner** (by MV Lions) benefitting Ralph Reeder Food Shelf.

### MARCH IS FOODSHARE MONTH!

February 28 through April 10 is this year's FoodShare collection period. Please consider bringing groceries to church or making a designated offering to boost the stocks at our local food shelf. Most needed are flour, sugar, oil, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and sauce, canned tuna and chicken, baby food, personal hygiene items, and laundry detergent. Thank you for sharing!

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2022-23 OPEN!

*SPREAD THE WORD!*

We are pleased to offer both half-day and full-day options for the 2022-2023 school year with 2, 3, 4 or 5-day class options to fit your needs. Visit <http://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/register-for-preschool-2022-2023/> to register! If you have any questions, please call 763-784-0630 or email [preschool@abidingsavior.org](mailto:preschool@abidingsavior.org).

## Wednesday Lenten Schedule

4:00—4:45pm Lenten Worship  
4:45—6:30pm Soup Supper served  
5:00—5:30pm Celebration Ringers  
5:30—6:00pm King's Msgrs Choir  
5:30—6:00pm POWER Up  
6:00—6:30pm WWJD Choir  
6:00—6:30pm POWER Up  
6:00—7:00pm Reigning Grace  
6:30—7:15pm Lenten Worship  
7:15—8:00pm Adult Choir

### GOD'S WORK, YOUR HANDS

#### DISH CREW HELPERS

After this long, chilly, come warm up in the dish room! The work is easy, the helpers are friendly, and the time commitment is flexible. Please stop by when the crew is in and let them know YOU can help!

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Mark your calendars for April 25th, 4:30—6:15pm, to pack meals at FMSC in Coon Rapids.

### QUILTS TO BRIDGING

A full carload of quilts was donated to Bridging, a non-profit in Roseville that provides home furnishings to those in need. Thanks to our talented quilters for the warmth and love they share!

### CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Time to start thinking about the Garden of Grace! After a year of rest, our garden is in need of some willing souls to plan, plant, water and harvest fresh vegetables to share with those in need.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT

*NOW THROUGH PALM SUNDAY*

Help "Fill the Drawer" with new sock and/or underwear (any size) to help those in need. Items can be dropped off in the large box in the Narthex.

## Pastoral and Musical Staff

*Pastor*

Rev. Elisa Richardson Engen

*Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

*Organist*

Janelle Schauer

*Choir Director*

Dr. Mary Larew

*Deacon & Youth Director*

Brad Mills

*Children's Ministry Director*

Patty Mesenbring



### Abiding Savior Worship Service Schedule:

Traditional/Blended Worship ~ Sundays at 10:00 AM

Lenten Worship ~ Wednesdays at 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Bible Study ~ Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday Worship ~ 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Easter Breakfast ~ 8:45—10:30 AM



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