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SUNDAY | APRIL 6 | 2025

10:00 AM | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

April 6th, 2025 | 10:00 am Worship | 5th Sunday in Lent



Welcome to our worship service this morning. We are so glad you are here! Please list your name and address on the friendship pad as it is passed to you during the offering. If you are in need of a church home, you are always welcome at Abiding Savior!

God bless your worship today.

**When you see this mark in the bulletin, please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

*OPENING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW #802, verses 1-3

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.**

Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.

**Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.**

**Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.**

**Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.**

***KYRIE**

Lord Have Mercy (verse 1)

**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**

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

{Silence for reflection and self-examination}

P Compassionate One,

C **You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C **Amen.**

***KYRIE**

Lord Have Mercy (verse 2)

**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**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

P Let us pray.

C Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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 participate in activities with our Children's Ministry Team. Children will rejoin the service during the Hymn of the Day.

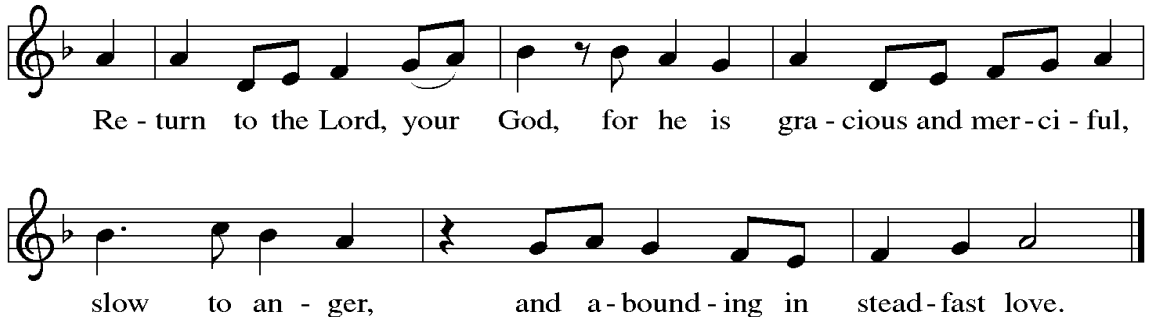
LESSON | Psalm 126

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord Your God



*GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

Pastor Lisa Engen

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW #339, all verses

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

***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

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

{Please pass the Friendship Pad!}

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.

OFFERING MUSIC

What Grace Is Mine
by Keith and Kristyn Getty
Adult Choir

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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 Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & 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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg.154

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. Grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Children of God are welcomed for Communion. Ushers will come around and guide each row. As you come forward, please proceed down your aisle and kneel at the railing to receive Communion. You will also be offered grape juice and/or wine (wine =red, grape juice = white).

- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request*
- *Please alert a communion server if you need grape juice and there is none available on the tray. They will grab an additional tray for you*
- *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 Janelle Schauer

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #583, verses 1, 3 & 4

***Refrain:* Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain***

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain***

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain***

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE WORSHIP POSSIBLE TODAY!

ACOLYTES | JACKSON MATTHEWS

Reader | CINDY COVINGTON

SPECIAL MUSIC | ADULT CHOIR

COMMUNION SERVERS | CINDY COVINGTON, ELAINE SILPALA, HELEN KRIESEL, LISA ENGEN, LORI WAGNER, GLORIA PETTIS, KARN MATTHEWS, ELLEN ZIMMERMAN AND LAURIE MIDDENDORF

USHERS | MARK POTHEIN, MARK & LINDA RADTKE, GARY ENGEN, SCOTT QUARBERG & TOM BROWN

A/V crew | KATIE BROUILLARD, TAYLOR BROUILLARD, TRISTAN OVERBY, WILL HEIDEN



Sunday, April 13th | Following Worship

Palm Sunday Service Event

Church-wide Service Project Event

We are a community focused congregation and in the spirit of community outreach, we are hosting a church-wide Palm Sunday Service Project event! We encourage all to attend & participate in the various service projects that will be taking place. We know that many hands make light work and we have some big goals to hit! Projects will benefit Bridging, Hope 4 Youth, Meals on Wheels and our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Lunch will be provided and the event will be open house style, so you can split your time between projects & lunch.



Service Projects

Bridging Kitchen Kits

Help to create new 'Kitchen Kits' for families moving into new homes or apartments and in need of household items. Our goal is to provide kits for 50+ families!

Hope 4 Youth First Aid Kits & Breakfast to Go Kits

Our goal is to build 50 'Breakfast to Go' kits & 50 First Aid kits for Hope 4 Youth, which supports teens experiencing or facing homelessness. Their shelves are almost completely empty at the moment!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Help tie blankets for children's prayer shawls or learn to create prayer shawls by knitting or crocheting.

Cards for Meals on Wheels/Meal Deliveries

If you need a break or have small helping hands, stop by the Coffee House to decorate cards to be sent with Meals on Wheels home deliveries or to our Wednesday Meal Delivery Recipients. Color or decorate one card or as many as you'd like! Let's brighten someone's day!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY 04/06 Sunday school and fellowship // 9am Worship service with Holy Communion// 10am Cinnamon roll sale // following worship Watch the Lamb & Easter brass ensemble practice // following worship	
MONDAY 04/07 Growing Through Loss // 6:45—9pm	THURSDAY 04/10 Work crew // 9am Women's Bible study // 10am Jane Dierks visitation // 10am Jane Dierks funeral // 11am Jubilation ringers // 7pm
TUESDAY 04/08 Caring Visitors meeting // 6:30pm	FRIDAY 04/11 Jim Martin visitation // 1:30pm Jim Martin funeral // 2:30pm
WEDNESDAY 04/09 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:30am Lenten worship // 4pm Soup supper // 4:45—6:15pm POWER Up // 5:30—6:25pm Lenten worship // 6:30pm Adult choir // 7:15pm	SATURDAY 04/12
SUNDAY 04/13—PALM SUNDAY Sunday school and fellowship // 9am Palm Sunday worship service with drama "Watch the Lamb" // 10am Easter brass ensemble practice // following worship Service event and lunch // following worship	

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Please use this space to take notes and reflect on the worship service and the sermon.

Questions for possible reflection:

- What message of faith did you hear today in worship today?
- How can you live out that message of faith in your daily life this week?

UPCOMING EVENTS

GROWING THROUGH LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT

MONDAYS STARTING MARCH 31 // 6:45-9PM

Abiding Savior is hosting this spring's Growing Through Loss series. Growing Through Loss provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Please spread the word!

LENTEN SERIES: AWAKEN OUR SENSES

Our theme for our Wednesday evening Lenten services this year is Awaken Our Senses. Each Wednesday we will be looking at one of our five senses: Sight, Hearing, Smell, Taste and Touch. Please join us for our midweek Lenten worship services at 4:00PM and 6:30PM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: WOMEN OF EASTER

THURSDAYS // 10AM

Pastor Marla will lead us as we explore the Easter story through the eyes of three Marys—Mary the sister of Lazarus, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene the first women to meet the risen Jesus.

NEXT SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY SERVICE EVENT

We are planning a fun service event that will take place on Palm Sunday following worship. There will be multiple service projects offered to participate in, along with a light lunch and fellowship. Projects include:

- Assemble Kitchen Bundles for Bridging
- Put together "Breakfast to Go" and "First Aid" kits for HOPE 4 Youth
- Help make tie blankets to be used as youth prayer shawls
- Help decorate cards to go with Meals on Wheels deliveries and bags for our shut-in meal deliveries.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP—YOU'RE INVITED!

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

Wednesday Night Schedule During Lent

4:00—4:45pm	Lenten Worship
4:45—6:15pm	Soup Supper Served
4/9:	Chicken Wild Rice
Soup benefitting the BWCA Trip	
5:30—6:25pm	POWER Up
6:30—7:15pm	Lenten Worship
7:15—8:00pm	Adult Choir

EASTER BRASS ENSEMBLE—JOIN US!

We are assembling a brass ensemble for Easter Sunday. If you play a brass instrument and would like to participate, please speak with Mary or Janelle about playing for Easter. The ensemble plans to practice after worship on April 6 and 13, in the sanctuary.

TANZANIA TRIP—OCTOBER 2025

We are planning a trip to visit the water project and our companion congregation, the Makungu Parish, in October of 2025. The trip will include travelling to Makungu for a weekend of worship and learning, a stay in the provincial capital of Iringa, and a safari in the Ruaha Game Park. If you are interested in learning more about the Tanzania trip, please talk to Pastor Ryan.

POWERPOINT/LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of additional hands to help Livestream our services. Currently these responsibilities have fallen on staff and their family members and we need others to step up for when there are vacations or a break is needed. Please speak with the office if you can help!

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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.

Abiding Savior Pastoral and Musical Staff

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Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Youth Directors

Alex & Josh Ertz

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Abiding Savior Worship Schedule

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

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

Power Up | Wednesdays | 5:30—6:30 PM | Mod #1

Youth Activities | Wednesdays | 6:30—8:00 PM

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

Men's Bible Study | Tuesdays | 8:30 AM | Fellowship Hall*

*every other Tuesday of the month

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