



ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, JULY 2ND, 2023
WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
5th Sunday after Pentecost | July 2, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship

*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C **Amen.**

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

{Silence for reflection & self-examination}

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P Righteous God,

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW #665, all verses

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.**

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.**

All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.**

***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 **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy re-shape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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, during the sermon. Children will return to their families after the sermon.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

ELW pg.151

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

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**

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

ELW #676, all verses

**Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.**

**Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.**

***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

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

Janelle Schauer

**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 field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW pg.145

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Children of God are welcomed for Communion. As you come forward, please kneel at the railing. There you will receive a wafer. 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

Janelle Schauer

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*
ELW #551, all verses

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Janelle Schauer

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Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

GREETERS: Arla Rost

COMMUNION SERVERS: Pastor Marla, Ellen Zimmerman, Lori Wagner, Sandra LaCroix

MUSIC LEADER: Lisa Schlotterback

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

A/V CREW: Brouillard Family



**HELP
WANTED**

TWINS OUTING VOLUNTEERS

We could use a few volunteers willing to help plan & prepare for our annual MN Twins baseball outing. We are specifically looking for someone willing to shop for the snacks and food for the meal prior to the game, and for someone willing to coordinate the bus list and ensure that everyone is accounted for before and after the game!

Please see Katie in the church office or email:
office@abidingsavior.org for more information.

THANK YOU!!





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 07/02 Indoor worship with Holy communion // 10am	
MONDAY 07/03	THURSDAY 07/06 Meals on Wheels // 11am—1pm <i>NO</i> Women's Bible study
TUESDAY 07/04 Happy Independence Day! OFFICE CLOSED	FRIDAY 07/07 OFFICE CLOSED Meals on Wheels // 11am—1pm
WEDNESDAY 07/05 OFFICE CLOSED (4th Holiday) Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm <i>NO</i> youth activity tonight	SATURDAY 07/08
SUNDAY 07/09 Outdoor worship // 10am	

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY YOUTH ACTIVITIES//6:30-8PM

You're invited to join Alex and Josh for a summer of fun! Invite a friend and come have a great time! Note: All outdoor activities are 'weather permitting' so **be sure to sign up for Remind to get notified about last minute changes in plan! Text: 8211redoak To: 81010**

- July 5: *No activity—4th of July week*
- July 12: Water wars @ church
- July 19: Bike ride to Blue Sun Soda Shop
- July 26: Swimming at Long Lake Beach

EL SALVADOR TRIP DONATIONS

We will be taking small items along on the mission trip to be distributed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in El Salvador. Items include: toothbrushes & toothpaste, Tylenol, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, multi-vitamins, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, thermometers, pencils, scissors, deflated soccer balls & pumps, hard candy, small toys, pens, or cash donations.

REGISTER FOR VBS & HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

MONDAY—FRIDAY, AUGUST 7—11 // 9AM-NOON

All children ages 3 (and potty-trained) through those entering 5th grade in the fall are invited to a week of Bible stories, music, games, crafts - it will be packed with fun! Register today [on the church website](#). **Please register by July 24** to ensure that your child receives a t-shirt.

HELP “DO GOOD”! — VOLUNTEER WITH VBS

MONDAY—FRIDAY, AUGUST 7—11 // 9AM-NOON

We're looking for Guides & Helpers, Activity Center Leaders and Helpers (Crafts and Games—supplies and activities provided), Photographer(s) and Floaters. Contact Patty Mesenbring (patty@abidingsavior.org) if you are able to help!

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT—MV SPLASH PAD!

RESCHEDULED—SUNDAY, JULY 16 // NOON—2PM

Invite your friends and neighbors and join us at the Mounds View Splash Pad July 16 from noon—2pm! We've rented a pavilion nearby and will be firing up a grill with hot dogs and other yummy picnic-type foods. Come enjoy some summer fun!

GET YOUR TWINS TICKETS NOW!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

We are headed to Target Field to watch the Twins take on the Cleveland Guardians. The cost is \$55 for each ticket which includes the ticket, coach bus to/from the game and hotdog dinner & snacks for during the game OR \$40 for the game, tailgating at church and snacks with NO BUS. We will meet at church at 4:30 for supper and leave by 5:30 pm. Game time is 7:10pm. Sign up at church! Payment is due at the time of sign-up. Contact the office if you have any questions!

TWINS GAME HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help coordinate the Twins game snacks, checking people in & distributing tickets and being the bus point person. If you can help so this doesn't fall on office staff, please let us know!

MEN'S FISHING TRIP—NEW LOCATION!

SEPTEMBER 22—24

Mark your calendars! This year we will be going to Camp Hiawatha on the Shores of Deer Lake just north of Grand Rapids, MN. Invite your friends and neighbors, sons and sons-in-law for a weekend of fishing and fellowship. The all-inclusive cost is only \$170 per person. We will be bringing our own boats to use over the weekend and if you don't have a boat, don't worry, others will share! Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ryan at 763-784-5120 or pastorryan@abidingsavior.org.

**JULY 2, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Freed by God's undeserved kindness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others
Monday	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Hananiah opposes Jeremiah
Tuesday	Romans 6:12-23	Slaves of righteousness
Wednesday	2 Timothy 1:8-14	Relying on the power of God
Thursday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Friday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Paul's visions
Saturday	Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18	God's covenant with David
Sunday	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. **Romans 6:14 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, your loving commitment to us goes far beyond what we can imagine; give us faith to trust your never-failing love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, help us to give thanks for this food so that we can receive this meal with a humble heart through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of love and faithfulness give you joy.



JULY 2, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*There's a Wideness in
God's Mercy*



taking faith home

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:

- When is a time you received something that you felt you did not deserve?
- When is a time you recognized God's unconditional love in your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 6:12-23.

In this reading, God's grace—God's undeserved kindness—is under attack. Paul is responding to those who think his message encourages us to sin. He knows God's goodness does not lead us to sin and writes, "*Sin will have no dominion*" (v. 14) meaning sin will not be your master. For those who think God's grace leads to sinfulness, Paul's response is simple: "No way!" Earlier in chapter 6 he uses the image of life and death to reject such thinking. We have died to sin so we cannot continue to live in sin. Paul then uses the imagery of slavery, either a slave of sin or of God's righteousness. We are freed from being slaves of sin. Our lives are controlled by all that is right and good through Christ, our true Lord (v. 23). Paul acknowledges the difficulty to grasp all this and moves on to the real point for our lives in Christ. It is to be set free by a relationship to God for sanctification, that is, a holy life set apart for God that leads to eternal life.

Discuss: How does God's undeserved kindness set you free to love God and others?

Pray: **Dear God, your constant love is more than we can imagine. Set us free to enjoy your goodness with love for you and for all you have created through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others with hospitality?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Hospitality is the practice of treating guests in a friendly and generous way. It includes the spirit in which it is given. Jesus said that anyone who welcomed one of his followers and gave them something even small, such as cup of cool water, would be rewarded (Matthew 10:42). Put an empty water jug or pitcher on the table. Think or talk about ways you can serve and help others. For each way you name, pour a cup of water into the jug. Finish with this prayer: **Lord Jesus, thank you for serving us. Make us ready to serve others, in big and small ways. Amen.**



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

Pastoral and Musical Staff

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Pastor Marla Amborn

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Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

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Janelle Schauer

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Summer Worship Schedule:

Indoor Worship with Holy Communion | Sundays at 10:00 AM

{ 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month }

Outdoor/Backyard Worship | Sundays at 10:00 AM

{ 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month }

Women's Bible Study | Thursdays at 10:00 AM



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