



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 9th, 2023

10:00 am Outdoor Worship

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
6th Sunday after Pentecost | July 9, 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 SONG**

Draw Me Close

Reigning Grace Worship Band

**Draw me close to You, never let me go
I'd lay it all down again, to hear you say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire, no one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way, lead me back to You

You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want, help me know you are near**

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Help me find the way, lead me back to You

You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want, help me know you are near
Help me know you are here**

***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 **You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesenbring

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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, all verses

**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!"

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *Refrain***

**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

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

In Christ Alone
Reigning Grace Worship Band

***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 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 and 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

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

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**
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***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
ELW #697, all verses

Refrain: **Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain***

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain***

**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain***

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Janelle Schauer



Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

MUSIC LEADERS: **Reigning Grace Worship Band** | Dawson Blanck, Alex & Josh Ertz, Gary Peterson, Tom Sauerwein and Ben Schnabel

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

A/V CREW: Katrina Streeter and the Brouillard Family

In lieu of flowers a donation was made in
loving memory of Rob Cox whose 56th
birthday would have been on June 24th.
Given with love by Tonya & Gary Cox.



FREE!

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT

**SUNDAY,
JULY 16
NOON - 2PM**



MOUNDS VIEW CITY PARK SPLASH PAD

We've rented a pavilion nearby and will be firing up a grill with hot dogs
and other yummy picnic-type foods.

Invite friends or neighbors and enjoy some summer fun!

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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.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY | 07/09
Outdoor worship // 10am

MONDAY | 07/10
Women's gathering at Moe's // 5:30pm

THURSDAY | 07/13
Work crew // 9am
Women's Bible study // 10am
Rochelle Kroohn Bydlon visitation // 1pm
Rochelle Kroohn Bydlon funeral // 2pm
Brad Reiners visitation // 1pm*
Brad Reiners funeral // 1:30*
*Bradshaw Celebration of Life Center, Stillwater

TUESDAY | 07/11
Staff meeting // 10am

FRIDAY | 07/14
OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY | 07/12
Cub Foods baked goods delivery //
9:45am
Ed Dropps visitation // 10am
Ed Dropps funeral // 11am
MS/HS Youth Water Wars // 6:30pm

SATURDAY | 07/15

SUNDAY | 07/16
Indoor worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Family Ministry Splash Pad Event & Picnic // Noon—2pm (MV Splash Pad)

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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 12: Water wars @ church
- July 19: Bike ride to Blue Sun Soda Shop
- July 26: Swimming at Long Lake Beach

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT—MV SPLASH PAD!

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 16 // NOON—2PM

Invite your friends and neighbors and join us at the Mounds View Splash Pad today 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!

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!

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@bidingsavior.org.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE TO ASLC!

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



**JULY 9, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



God rescues sinners.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary
Monday	Zechariah 9:9-12	The coming ruler
Tuesday	Romans 7:15-25a	The conflict in us
Wednesday	Luke 12:22-31	God knows your needs
Thursday	Psalm 34:1-10	Honor the Lord
Friday	Judges 10:10-16	Israel is unfaithful again
Saturday	Psalm 145:8-14	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." **Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, we thank you for your care that rescues us when we are weary and carry heavy burdens. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, we thank you for your humble heart that gives rest for our souls and strengthens us with this gift of food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you trust in the care of Jesus Christ that rescues you from all your burdens.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Heard the Voice of
Jesus Say*



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 or someone you know did something you knew was wrong?
- When you feel you are carrying a heavy burden, where or who do you turn to for help?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 7:15-25a.

Paul has a deep understanding of our brokenness. We are not what we want to be. Although we know what is the right thing to do, we do not do it, at least not consistently. Paul calls this inconsistency sin. We like to think we are in control of our thoughts and actions. However, Paul experiences the power of sin within him that does not submit to God's goodness. He states clearly, *"For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do"* (v. 19). He calls this way of life *"wretched"* (v. 24). It seems there is no hope for us, but that is exactly why we need Jesus. Only sinners can be saved or *"rescued"* (v. 24). In the language of Jesus in Matthew 11:28, we are *"weary and are carrying heavy burdens."* In our brokenness, Jesus brings healing, rescues us from the power of sin, and gives us rest and peace. The response of faith is: *"Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Romans 7:25a).

Discuss: When have you faced brokenness and become aware of God's forgiveness that heals your heavy burdens?

Pray: **Gracious God, we thank you that your mercy endures forever, and your power over sin and death rules in our lives 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 when they are tired and weary?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



A yoke is a wooden piece that joins two animals together, usually oxen, to help pull a plow. The work becomes easier with two pulling. In Matthew 11:29, Jesus says, *"take my yoke upon you, and learn from me."* There are days when we feel like we are carrying heavy burdens without support from someone else. Jesus reminds us that we are not alone. Think or talk about what it means to be connected with one another through Jesus and how it helps us to *"bear one another's burdens."*

Pray: **Lord Jesus, help us to share your love with one another and be yoked to you so that our burdens are lifted. 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

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Interim Pastor

Pastor Marla Amborn

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Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Organist

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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