

But seek ye first  
the kingdom of God,  
and his *righteousness*  
& all these things shall  
be added unto you

Matthew 6:33

## Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

July 26, 2020 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

### Traditional Outdoor Worship Service Bulletin

Services begin LIVE at 10:00 am in the backyard at Abiding Savior

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**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.**

*{Silence for reflection & self-examination}*

P     Gracious God,

C     **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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 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**

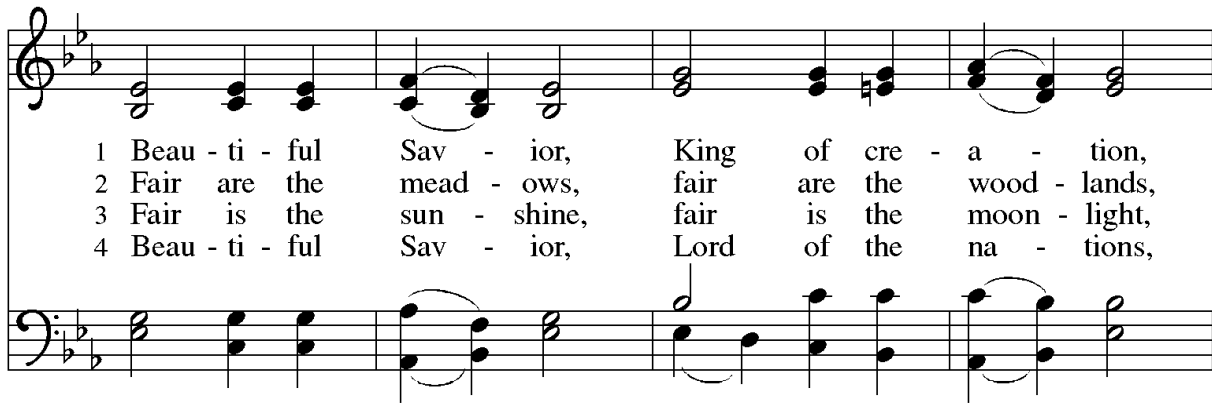
*Beautiful Savior*

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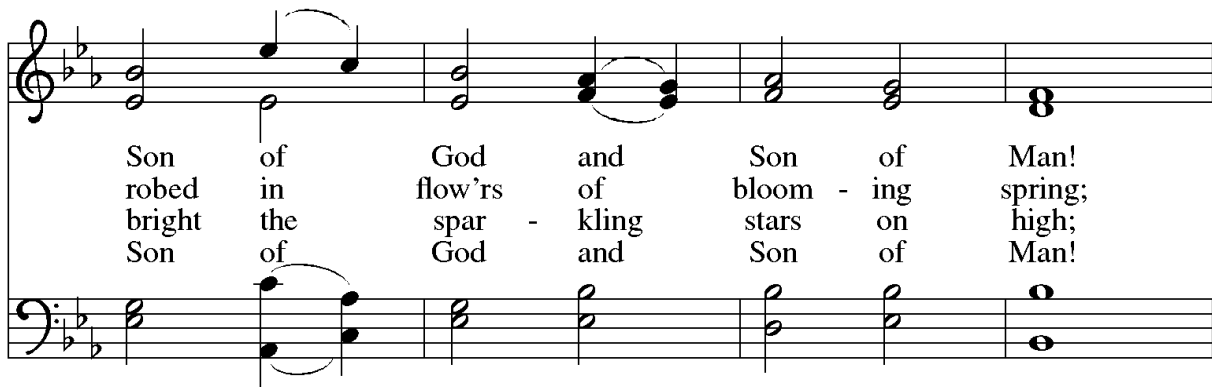
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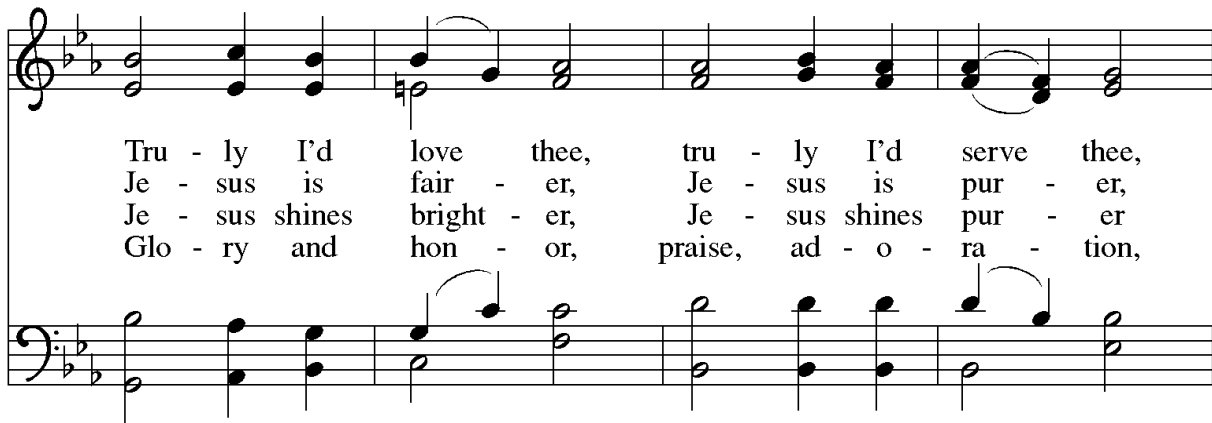
# Beautiful Savior



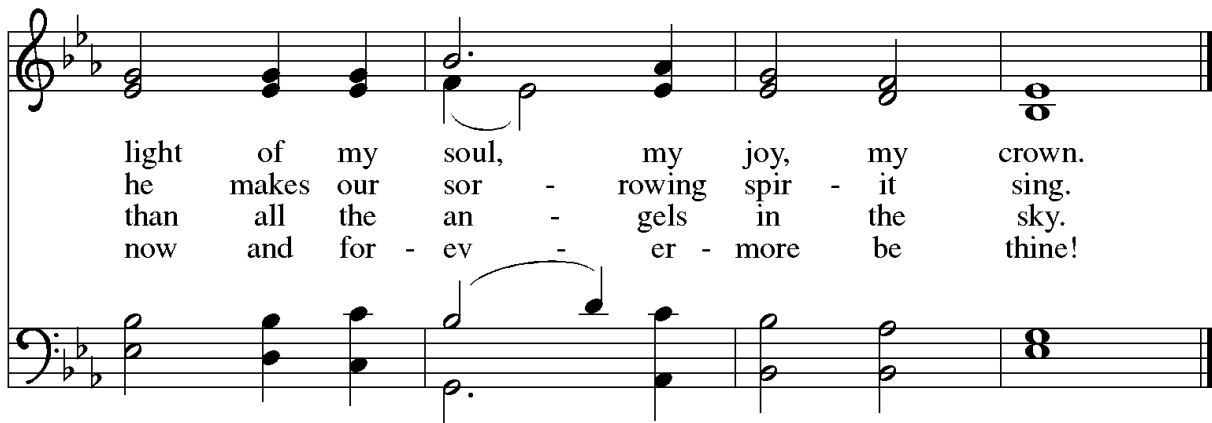
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;  
 bright in the spar - kling on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING & 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.

**All** Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesenbring

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Romans 8:26-39

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## SERMON

Pastor Lisa Richardson Engen

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Seek Ye First*

WOV #783

Led by Julie Engen

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

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## 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;  
Please share a verbal 'Peace' instead of shaking hands)*

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

This morning, ushers will collect offering in large baskets. Please hold out your envelopes for ushers to see as they are walking around. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe at the front of Brad's Pad. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania.

<http://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/give-to-abiding-savior/>

## OFFERING MUSIC

*Special Music*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

## 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.

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING SONG

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW #547

Led by Julie Engen



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

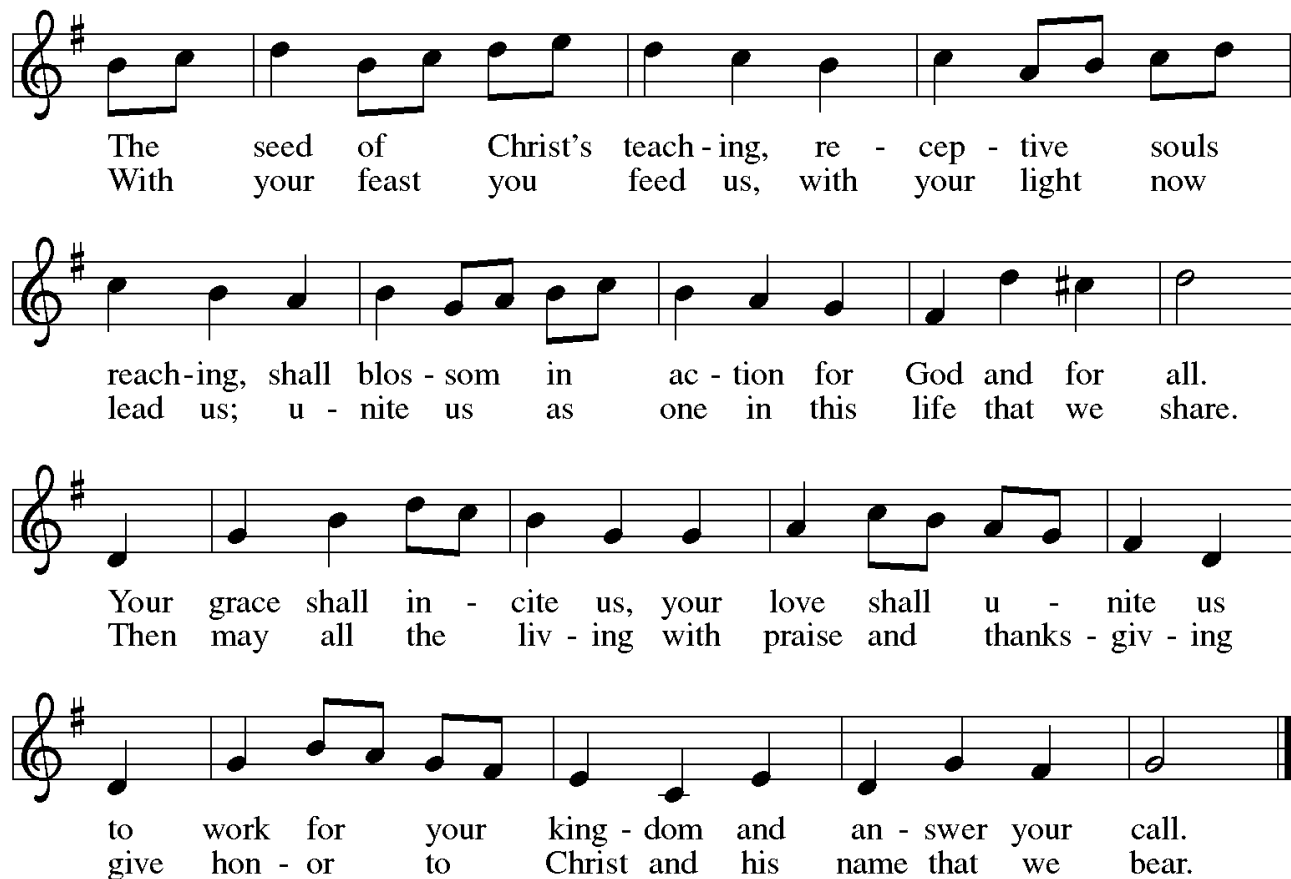


The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

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The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls now  
With your feast you feed us, with your light

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.  
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## SENDING

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

ALL Thanks be to God. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

Janelle Schauer



**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Julie Engen, Johanna Anderson (depending on weather/humidity)

**SOUND BOOTH TECHS:** Colin, Owens, Jim Schlotterback, Ally Brodin, Gary Engen (G2)

**VIDEO:** Katie & Taylor Brouillard

**USHERS:** Larry Thill, Roy Kill, Curt Johnson, Kaethe Bisek, Bob Wirtz,

Ivan Alderink, Gigi Alderink, Debby Nelson



## Pastoral and Musical Staff

Pastor

Rev. Elisa Richardson Engen

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Intern Deacon &

Youth Director

Brad Mills

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

### Abiding Savior Outdoor Worship Service Schedule:

Sunday, July 26th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Traditional Backyard Worship\*

Sunday, August 2nd ~ 10:00 AM ~ Contemporary Backyard Worship\*

Sunday, August 9th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Backyard Worship\*

Sunday, August 16th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Traditional Backyard Worship\*

Sunday, August 23rd ~ 10:00 AM ~ Contemporary Backyard Worship\*

\*Weather Permitting



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