

The parables of the Reign of Heaven



MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023 • 10:00 AM
ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost | July 30, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship
Contemporary Worship led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Soul on Fire

Alex Ertz - Ukelele & Josh Ertz - Guitar

GATHERING SONG

Good God Almighty

I can't count the times I've called Your name some broken night
And You showed up and patched me up like You do every time
I get amnesia, I forget that You keep coming around
Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down

Chorus: Good God almighty

I hope You'll find me

**Praising Your name no matter what comes
'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy
So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs
Tell me, is He good? (He's good) Tell me, is He God? (He's God)
He is good God Almighty**

**You say Your love goes on forever, that Your mercy never stops
So why would I assume You'd be somebody that You're not
Like sun in the morning, I know You're gonna be there every day
So what on earth could make me be afraid?**

Chorus

**Praise Him in the morning, Praise Him in the noontime
Praise Him when the sun goes down
Love Him in the morning, Love Him in the noontime
Love Him when the sun goes down**

Chorus

**Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SONG WITH CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

**I'm forgiven because You were forsaken;
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me;
Because You died and rose again**

*Chorus: Amazing love, how can it be,
that You my king would die for me?*
**Amazing love, I know it's true, and it's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor you**

{Confession & Forgiveness}

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Chorus

**You are my King, Jesus You are my King
You are my King, Jesus You are my King**

Chorus

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***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 **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

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

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**

Our God

**Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, None like You**

**Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, None like You**

*Chorus: Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, Our God, Our God*

**Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, None like You** *Chorus*

**And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if Our God is with us, then what can stand against?**

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Then what can stand against?** *Chorus*

***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 suf-
fered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He de-
scended 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 com-
munion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SENDING OF THE EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

***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

Light the Fire

**I stand to praise you, but I fall on my knees
My spirit is willing, but my flesh is so weak.**

**Chorus: So light the fire in my soul. Fan the flames, make me whole.
Lord you know, where I've been. So light the fire in my heart again.**

**I feel Your arms around me when the power of Your healing begins,
Your spirit moves through me, like a Mighty rushing wind.**

Chorus

So light the fire in my heart again.

***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**

How He Loves

**He is jealous for me.
Loves like a hurricane. I am a tree,
Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy.**

**When all of a sudden,
I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory.
And I realize just how beautiful You are,
And how great Your affections are for me.**

**And oh, how He loves us, oh
Oh how He loves us; How He loves us, oh**

{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.

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**And oh, how He loves us, oh
Oh how He loves us; How He loves us, oh
And we are His portion and He is our prize,
Drawn to redemption by the Grace in His eyes.
If grace is an ocean, we're all sinking.**

**And heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss.
And my heart, it turns violently inside of my chest,
And I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way...**

**That He loves us, Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us, Oh how He loves
Yeah He loves us, Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us, Oh how He loves**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign, in our hearts again,

Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your Church, and we need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize

To see the captive hearts released

The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace

We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church and we pray revive this earth

Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire, bring us unity

Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far

No force of hell can stop, Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this

Awake the kingdom seed in us

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

We are Your church, and we are the hope on earth

Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire, bring us unity

Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here we pray

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Reigning Grace

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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 | 07/30

Outdoor worship // 10am

Sending for our El Salvador Mission trip participants

CSC Walk for Our Neighbors // 9am—1pm @ Silver View Park

MONDAY | 07/31

El Salvador Mission Trip

THURSDAY | 08/03

El Salvador Mission Trip

Women's Bible study // 10am

TUESDAY | 08/01

El Salvador Mission Trip

Committee meetings // 6:30pm

FRIDAY | 08/04

OFFICE CLOSED

El Salvador Mission Trip

WEDNESDAY | 08/02

El Salvador Mission Trip

Cub Foods baked goods delivery //
9:45am

No MS/HS youth activity tonight

SATURDAY | 08/05

El Salvador Mission Trip

SUNDAY | 08/06

Indoor worship with Holy Communion // 10am

El Salvador Mission Trip

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENDING FOR EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP

Our El Salvador mission trip participants leave tomorrow! We wish them safe travels and God's blessings for a meaningful trip. Please keep these travelers in your prayers over the next week! Ally, Anna, Kendra and Ryan Brodin; Alex and Josh Ertz; Jacki Evenson; Mary Holub; Curt Johnson; Stacy Overby; Katie, Taylor and Jack Brouillard; Katrina Streeter; and Elaine Silpala.

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

- August 2 & 9: No activity (El Salvador trip)
- August 16: Game night
- August 23: End of summer bonfire

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!

MOUNDS VIEW PARADE—COME WALK WITH US!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 // 6PM

Join us as we walk the parade, greet our neighbors and share info about Abiding Savior! Our preschool will be having a table near the splash pad after the parade. Stop by for a FREE icee!

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 to donate to Abiding Savior? Scan the QR code to make a contribution to Abiding Savior's General Fund. Thanks!



**JULY 30, 2023
NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Solomon's prayer for justice and understanding.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Parables of the kingdom
Monday	1 Kings 3:5-12	Solomon's prayer for wisdom
Tuesday	Romans 8:26-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Wednesday	Isaiah 30:18-26	God's promise to Zion
Thursday	Amos 5:10-15	Choose good instead of evil
Friday	Luke 6:37-42	Judging others
Saturday	Psalms 119:129-136	The glories of God's law
Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Give your servant [Solomon] therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil." 1 Kings 3:9a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, come Lord Jesus, give us your truth that we may judge with your steadfast love and mercy for all. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, for this food we thank you, and for your wisdom, understanding, and mercy we pray to you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord's face shine on you and teach you God's ways. (Psalm 119:135)



JULY 30, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*God of Grace and
God of Glory*



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 you have a conflict with someone, are you able to see the situation from the other person's perspective? Explain.
- What makes it difficult to be a fair judge of other people's thoughts and actions?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 Kings 3:5-12.

Humans have proven throughout the ages that they can explain away any thoughts and actions. Our own sense of truth and justice can be hurtful and unfair. We know how we can try to fool ourselves and others. Solomon also knew this, so he prayed to God for "*understanding to discern what is right*" (1 Kings 3:11b). The Hebrew literally says, "to hear justice." That is, to let Solomon's mind perceive and hear real justice on behalf of others. This is a daring prayer that puts others before his—and our own—interests. Our imperfect sense of justice and truth needs the humility of Solomon to recognize that God's truth stands out from our own. A good example is when the disciples heard the many parables of Jesus. Perhaps the greater wisdom would have been to acknowledge that they really did not understand them (Matthew 13:51).

Discuss: When have you prayed for wisdom and understanding?

Pray: **God of justice and truth, give us a humble heart that we may see and judge people with mercy and understanding that dares to love others through Jesus Christ 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 humbly and with understanding from their viewpoint?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus told parables to teach people. A parable is a story to explain a moral or spiritual lesson. Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 includes five different parables that Jesus told to the disciples. Each time, he begins by saying, "*The kingdom of heaven is like ...*". Choose to read one of the five parables and then think or talk about what Jesus is telling you about the kingdom of heaven.

Pray: **Dear God, thank you for Jesus who teaches us about the kingdom of heaven. Help us to take time to learn and to tell others about what Jesus has taught us. Amen.**



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

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Pastor Marla Amborn

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Alex & Josh Ertz

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring



*Flowers today are in honor of Jack
& Deanna Tuomie in celebration of
their 60th Wedding Anniversary!*

*Given in love by Jack Tuomie
Happy Anniversary!!*

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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