

JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2023 • 10:00 AM

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost | August 6th, 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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW #461, all verses

**All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.**

**You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

***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 Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, 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**

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW #512

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

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, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW #712, all verses

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

***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

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Praise and Thanksgiving*

ELW #689, vs 1

**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

***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**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674, all verses

**Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain: **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain***

***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: Debby Nelson and Bob Wirtz

COMMUNION SERVERS: Pastor Marla, Gloria Pettis, Maxine Smedshammer,
Helen Kriesel, Tonya Cox, Gary Cox, Ellen Zimmerman

MUSIC LEADER: Julie Engen

USHERS: Mark Pothén, Mark & Linda Radtke, Gary Engen, Paul Schweppe

A/V CREW: Gary Engen (G2), Connie Clausen, Ryan & Rachel Clausen



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 | 08/06

Indoor worship with Holy Communion // 10am
El Salvador Mission Trip

MONDAY | 08/07

El Salvador Mission Trip
VBS begins! // 9am—noon

THURSDAY | 08/10

VBS // 9am—noon
Work crew // 9am
Women's Bible study // 10am

TUESDAY | 08/08

VBS // 9am—noon

FRIDAY | 08/11

VBS // 9am—noon

WEDNESDAY | 08/09

VBS // 9am—noon
Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am
Family Fun Night // 5pm—7pm

SATURDAY | 08/12

SUNDAY | 08/13

Outdoor worship with Baptisms // 10am
Ice cream treats fellowship // following worship

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

DO GOOD! VBS 2023

THIS WEEK MONDAY—FRIDAY // 9AM-NOON

Please keep our VBS program in your prayers this week as we welcome nearly 80 children from our congregation and community to a week of DOING GOOD! Special thanks to Patty for developing the program, music, activities; all the volunteers who are helping during the week and to those who donated items!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 // 5—7PM

You're invited to one of the most fun evenings in our neighborhood! Abiding Savior will be hosting a Neighborhood Family Fun Night from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. It's a FREE event and everyone is welcome. We'll have food, fun, and games. Invite your friends and neighbors and join us for an evening of fun and getting to know one another.



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 9: *Family Fun Night — Come help!*
- August 16: Game night
- August 23: End of summer bonfire

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!

END OF SUMMER BONFIRE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 // 6:30—8:00PM

You're invited to a community 'end of summer' bonfire with pizza, popcorn and popsicles! This is a casual, come when you're able/leave when you need to event and all are welcome!

PRESCHOOL NOW HIRING!

Our new toddler program filled up fast which means we need a loving person to help our toddler teacher. We also need a preschool assistant! Check out our job posts on [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) or email the program director at preschool@abidingsavior.org for more information!

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!

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.

COAT COLLECTION

We are planning ahead for the 24th Annual Coat Drive and Give-Away on October 21 at Christ the King in New Brighton. If you have any gently used coats (or are out shopping and find a great deal) bring them in and place them in the Social Concerns box in the Narthex.

**AUGUST 6, 2023
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Jesus' compassion leads to action.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-5	An invitation to abundant life
Tuesday	Romans 9:1-5	God's choice of Israel
Wednesday	Psalms 25:1-10	Pray for guidance
Thursday	Exodus 34:1-9	Moses makes new tablets
Friday	1 Peter 3:8-22	Suffering for doing right
Saturday	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"When he [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. **Matthew 14:14 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of abundance, you shower us with your steadfast love. Give us compassionate hearts to care for others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of compassion give you joy through Christ our Lord.



AUGUST 6, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Let Us Talents and
Tongues Employ*



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:

- In what ways do you show concern for someone who is suffering?
- In what ways have you experienced God caring for your needs?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 14:13-21.

The reading begins with Jesus being made aware of his cousin's death, the beheading of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:8-10). Jesus removed himself from people to grieve in an isolated place. However, the crowds followed him and his alone time was ended before it really had a chance to begin. Instead of showing frustration or anger at the relentless crowds, Jesus showed compassion on them. He healed their sick and then fed the masses who remained with him into the evening. The feeding of the 5,000 men (plus women and children) was a miraculous event motivated by a grieving, yet loving Jesus. Nothing could stop his love. It is a love that is shown in his actions. Those actions lead his followers to be involved, too. Jesus sets the table and blesses the food but his disciples go out to distribute it and pick up the leftovers.

Discuss: What do you think it was like for Jesus to be so sorrowful, and yet compassionate enough to heal and to feed his followers?

Pray: **Compassionate God, you provide for us in ways that go beyond what we can imagine. Help us to see your love in the world and to be a part of your love for the world through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help others who lack food or adequate healthcare?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus took what the disciples brought to him and used it to feed the whole crowd. Cut out a fish or loaf-of-bread shape for yourself and other household members. Write each person's name on it. As part of your home devotions, name talents or gifts that you see in one another. Write these down on your "loaves" or "fish." Think or talk about ways that you can bless others through the God-given gifts and talents that were named. Say this blessing: **May the God of abundance guide you to use your gifts to bless others.**



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

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Interim Youth Directors

Alex & Josh Ertz

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Interim Pastor

Pastor Marla Amborn

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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