



TRUST IN THE LORD AND DO GOOD.

PSALM 37:3

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

VBS Sharing Sunday

Sunday, August 13th, 2023

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
VBS Sharing | August 13, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship
Traditional Worship with VBS Sharing

*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**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

ELW #708, all verses

Refrain: **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

***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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

2023 VBS Sharing & Reflection

Patty Mesenbring and VBS Participants & Volunteers



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***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Here I Am, Lord
ELW #574, verses 1 & 3

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM w/THE APOSTLES CREED

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

*Wesley Kenneth Johnson &
Chandrika (Shaunie) Marilyn Johnson*

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

***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**

Create in Me

ELW 186

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.**

***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.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW #733, all verses

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *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!

SPECIAL GUESTS: All VBS participants & volunteers!

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

A/V CREW: Brouillard Family



**Please stay after worship and
celebrate a fabulous week of
Vacation Bible School with
snow cones & icees today!!**



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 | 08/13

Outdoor worship with VBS Sharing and Baptisms // 10am
Snow Cone & Ices fellowship // following worship

MONDAY | 08/14

Women's gathering // 5:30pm

THURSDAY | 08/17

Women's Bible study // 10am

TUESDAY | 08/15

Quilting // 9am
Staff meeting // 10am
Council meeting // 6:30pm

FRIDAY | 08/18

Mounds View parade // 6pm
*(Meet near the MV Community Center at
5:30/5:45pm)*

WEDNESDAY | 08/16

Cub Foods baked goods delivery //
9:45am
MS/HS Youth Event—Game Night //
6:30pm

SATURDAY | 08/19

SUNDAY | 08/20

Indoor worship with Holy Communion // 10am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

DO GOOD! VBS 2023

We had a great week at VBS with over 80 children from our congregation and community attending! Thank you to the families for sharing their children with us, for our amazing volunteers, and to Patty for her outstanding work in creating the music, curriculum and leading the week! Patty and some children will be sharing about the week during Sunday's service.

ICE CREAM TREAT FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

Stay after worship this week to enjoy some yummy ice cream/popsicle treats!

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 16: Game night
- August 23: End of summer bonfire

MOUNDS VIEW PARADE—COME WALK WITH US!

THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 // 6PM

Join us as we walk the parade, greet our neighbors and share info about Abiding Savior! *Join us near the MV Community Center at 5:30pm to walk with us!* 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@bidingsavior.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 13, 2023
ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Even a little faith is enough.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord appears to Elijah
Tuesday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Wednesday	Luke 17:1-6	Sayings of Jesus
Thursday	Acts 15:6-21	The council at Jerusalem
Friday	Romans 12:1-8	The new life in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	Restoration of God's favor
Sunday	Matthew 15:10-28	A woman's faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He [Jesus] said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. **Matthew 14:28-29 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust in you during the difficult and scary times of life that we may still sing your praises through Jesus Christ, the one who calms our fears. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Nurturing God, you give what is good and bless our land with abundant food; for your goodness and mercy we thank you for this meal. Amen. (Psalm 85:12)

A Blessing to Give:

May God calm you when you are afraid and bless you with steadfast love.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



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:

- Think or talk about a difficult time in your life.
- Who or what has helped you make it through a difficult time in your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 14:22-33.

Once again, Jesus is on the sea with his disciples. And, again, Jesus points out the disciples' fears and little faith as he did when he stilled a storm (Matthew 8:23-27). Just the night before, Jesus fed the 5,000 men plus more women and children. Don't they understand how powerful and caring Jesus is? How many of us would have the faith and courage of Peter to step out of a boat during a storm and onto dangerous and deep waters? Yes, Jesus calls it "little faith," but that little faith is still quite remarkable. When we are in the midst of a storm, a painful period in our lives that scares us, our lives are very fragile, needy, and weak. We often do not respond with great confidence and faith. No matter how little our faith is, it is enough because of Jesus who is Emmanuel, God with us. When life gets calm following a difficult time in our lives, at least then we are relieved—even joyful—and can say of Jesus, *"Truly you are the Son of God"* (Matthew 14:33).

Discuss: How does your faith help you when you face difficult situations?

Pray: **Merciful God, when we experience moments that scare us and make us long for stable ground to stand on, give us even a little faith to hope in you through 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 who are anxious or worried?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtime is a special opportunity to think, talk, listen, and pray for yourself and others. Take time to think or talk about your highs and lows at bedtime this week. Give thanks to God for your highs. For your lows, pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night and calm any "storms." Then pray the Lord's Prayer.



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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Alex & Josh Ertz

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

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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