



TRUE PURITY IS A MATTER OF THE

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2023 | 10:00 AM

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONTEMPORARY OUTDOOR WORSHIP

WITH REIGNING GRACE WORSHIP BAND

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost | August 20th, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship

Contemporary Worship led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

\*Stand as you are able

**\*GATHERING SONG**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

*Chorus:* **Bless the Lord, oh my soul, Oh, my soul;  
Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before, oh my soul; I'll worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning**

**It's time to sing your song again**

**Whatever may pass and whatever lies before us**

**Let me be singing when the evening comes**

*Chorus*

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger**

**Your name is great and Your heart is kind**

**For all Your goodness I will keep on singing**

**10,000 reasons for my heart to find**

*Chorus*

**And on that day when my strength is failing**

**The end draws near and my time has come**

**Still my soul will sing Your grace unending**

**10,000 years and then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord, oh my soul; Oh, my soul, Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before, oh my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**Lord, I'll worship Your holy name**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*OPENING SONG WITH PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Dance With Me*

**This is holy time, we're gathered together to worship you,  
and love one another**

**And as we pray, and as we sing, and as we dance, and as we dream  
Oh Lord, I beg of you, just this one thing...**

**Won't you dance with me, throughout the heavens and beyond the sea  
And up on the mountain tops, Roll with the breeze,  
come carry me, Lord won't you dance with me**

*{Prayers of the Church}*

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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** **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Patty Mesenbring

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)***

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ. *(spoken)***

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY AND THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart  
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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.

**To see you high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of your glory  
Pour out your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy**

**Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you (repeat)**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also 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

*Create in Me*

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.

### \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS | WORDS OF INSTITUTION | 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**

*{Confession & Forgiveness | Words of Institution | 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

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

*God You Reign*  
Reigning Grace Worship Band

## \*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN      Lord I Lift Your Name on High  
                             Lord I lift Your name on high  
                             Lord I love to sing Your praises  
                             I'm so glad You're in my life  
                             I'm so glad You came to save us  
                             You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
                             From the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
                             From the cross to the grave  
                             From the grave to the sky  
                             Lord I lift Your name on high (*repeat*)

**\*SENDING**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*POSTLUDE (REPRISE)**

Reigning Grace Worship Band

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**Thank you to all who made worship possible today!**

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

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

**A/V CREW:** Brouillard Family & Katrina Streeter



# 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

<b>SUNDAY   08/20</b> Indoor worship with Holy Communion // 10am	
<b>MONDAY   08/21</b>	<b>THURSDAY   08/24</b> Work crew // 9am Women's Bible study // 10am
<b>TUESDAY   08/22</b> Eleanor Boyer visitation // 10am Eleanor Boyer funeral // 11am Benedictine service // 12pm	<b>FRIDAY   08/25</b> OFFICE CLOSED Men's Faith & a Pint
<b>WEDNESDAY   08/23</b> Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Community Bonfire Night // 6:30pm	<b>SATURDAY   08/26</b>
<b>SUNDAY   08/27</b> Outdoor worship // 10am	

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### END OF SUMMER BONFIRE

*THIS 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!

### TWINS GAME

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

For those heading to Target Field to watch the Twins take on the Cleveland Guardians, please make sure you've paid for your tickets! Stop in the office ASAP if you haven't. (The cost is \$55 if you're taking the bus or \$40 without the bus. We will meet at church at 4:30 for supper and leave by 5:30 pm. Game time is 7:10pm.

### FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

We are excited to kick off our fall programming with on Sun., Sept. 10. Mark your calendars and plan to join us that day for fall programming registration, worship at 10, and brunch at 11am!

### GROWING THROUGH LOSS

MONDAY EVENINGS SEPT. 11 — OCT. 16

This fall's Growing Through Loss series will be held at Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville. If you or someone you know has experienced the death of a loved one, a broken relationship, a divorce or separation, pregnancy or infant loss, a job loss or change, a move to a new home or city, or have a loved one who needs your support, you are encouraged to attend!

### 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!

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you're out shopping in the days ahead and find deals on school supplies, we have a collection at church that will be distributed to local schools. Thank you for helping your neighbors!

## 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.

## ENROLL — ABIDING SAVIOR PRESCHOOL

There are still some openings in our Preschool Program (our new Toddler Program is FULL!). If you know of someone looking for a flexible, half-day preschool, please help spread the word!

## NEW INTERGENERATIONAL HANDBELL CHOIR

Have you ever wanted to play handbells? Now is your chance. Join us Sunday mornings 9:05-9:30 beginning October 1st. We will practice for about 6 weeks and then share our gifts in church on November 12th. This choir is open to all ages from 6th grade up through adults. No experience necessary and no music reading required. Just a willing spirit and the ability to count to 4.

## SCAN HERE TO DONATE TO ASLC!

Looking for an easy way to donate to Abiding Savior? Scan our new QR code to make a contribution to Abiding Savior's General Fund. Thank you for your support of the mission and ministries of our congregation!

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who helps out in anyway at Abiding Savior! Your help and sharing of your talents is appreciated!

**AUGUST 20, 2023  
TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*God blesses us to go into the world with mercy.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 15:10-28</b>	<b>A woman's faith</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 56:1, 6-8</b>	<b>God's saving power is everywhere</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32</b>	<b>God saves Jews and Gentiles</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jude 1:17-23</b>	<b>Warnings and exhortations</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 42:7-17</b>	<b>The Lord will grant you mercy</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 4:25-31</b>	<b>Moses commands obedience</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 67</b>	<b>Tell the nations to praise God</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 16:13-20</b>	<b>Peter's confession of Christ</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah) that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Psalm 67:1-2 (NRSV)*

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Merciful God, you have chosen us and blessed us to bless the world. Give us compassionate hearts to do your will through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, for blessing us with the fruitfulness of the earth that gives us food each day we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God be gracious to you and bless you for the sake of the whole world. (Psalm 67:1-2)



**AUGUST 20, 2023**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*



**taking<sup>+</sup>  
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:

- How have you been blessed by others?
- How have you blessed others with the love of God?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Psalm 67.

God's mercy is shown through two distinct divine actions. First, God saves us through forgiveness, rescuing us from harm, and by saving us from death. God does a second great act that we sometimes overlook. God blesses us. God blesses us with the fruit of the earth, comfort, and joy. Psalm 67 asks for God's blessings and also affirms that God has already blessed us with abundance. God intends joy for all the earth (all the nations). We are blessed to bless the nations with joy and gladness by knowing the goodness, justice, and mercy of God. In Matthew 15:21-28 that joy is experienced by the Canaanite woman, a foreigner, who is relentless in seeking help for her daughter. Jesus, who was sent "*to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*" (v. 24) resists her requests, but her persistence gains Jesus' mercy. She is acknowledged for having great faith and Jesus' mission expands to those beyond Israel. The point of both Bible texts: God's saving work and blessings are for all.

*Discuss:* Like the Canaanite woman, when have you persisted in asking for God's mercy?

*Pray:* **Blessing God, you care for us throughout our lives. Give us your joy and gladness and the heart to bless others with your goodness and mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 not part of your group or nation?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make God's house (a temple in Jerusalem) a "*house of prayer for all peoples*" (Isaiah 56:7). Think or talk about prayer in your home. Is there a special place to pray? Is there a special time to pray? Is there a special way to pray? Do you pray alone or with others? In what ways do you feel your own home is a "house of prayer"? Pray the Lord's Prayer and then say: ***Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.*** (Psalm 67:5)



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

## *Pastoral and Musical Staff*

### *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

### *Interim Pastor*

Pastor Marla Amborn

### *Interim Youth Directors*

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

Men's Bible Study | Every other Tuesday at 8:30 AM

{begins September 19th}



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