



WE ARE THE CHURCH!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2023 | 10:00 AM

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUTDOOR CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WITH REIGNING GRACE WORSHIP BAND

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost | August 27th, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship

Contemporary Worship led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

Outdoor Contemporary Worship

*Stand as you are able

***GATHERING SONG**

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God.

Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose you now.

Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God.

Come.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SONG WITH CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

And He will lift you up, higher and higher, and He will lift you up

Kneel and pray in the sight of the Lord

Kneel and pray in the sight of the Lord

And He will lift you up, higher and higher, and He will lift you up

{Confession & Forgiveness}

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

And He will lift you up, higher and higher, and He will lift you up

**Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love, Our God is an awesome God**

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With wisdom, power, and love, Our God is an awesome God**

Our God is an awesome God, Our God is an awesome God

***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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesenbring

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***SONG OF THE DAY**

The Church Song

*Chorus: We are the church, the body of our Lord;
we are all God's children, we have been restored.*

The church is not a building where people go to pray;
it's not made out of sticks and stones,
and it's not made out of clay. *Chorus*

You can go to worship but you cannot go to church;
you can't find a building that's alive
no matter how you search. *Chorus*

The church is not a business, a committee or a board;
it's not a corporation for
the business of the Lord. *Chorus*

The church, it is the people living out their lives,
called, enlightened, sanctified
for the work of Jesus Christ. *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 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.

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

All My Hope
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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH | THE LORD'S PRAYER**

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

{Prayers of the Church | 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.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me
From a life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
could ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I stand.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

**You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name**

***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: Jim Schlotterback & Gary Engen (G2)



*Flowers today are in honor of
Gary & Tonya Cox in celebration of
their 58th Wedding Anniversary!
We also celebrate the anniversary
of Jamie & Annika Bankston!*

Happy Anniversary!!



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 | 08/27
Outdoor worship // 10am

MONDAY | 08/28
Worship planning // 8:30am
Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm

THURSDAY | 08/31
NO Women's Bible study
Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm

TUESDAY | 08/29
Staff meeting // 10am
Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm
Twins outing // 4:30pm meal at church

FRIDAY | 09/01
OFFICE CLOSED
Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm

WEDNESDAY | 08/30
Cub Foods baked goods delivery //
9:45am
Meals on Wheels delivery // 11am—1pm

SATURDAY | 09/02

SUNDAY | 09/03
Indoor worship with Holy Communion // 10am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 6:40pm.

RALLY 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 at 9:30 for fall programming registration & making backpack tags, worship at 10 with Blessing of the Backpacks, 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION & WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

Wednesday evening programming is right around the corner! Information packets were mailed to Confirmation families this past week. We'll have an orientation meeting for 6th-8th grade families on September 6. Confirmation classes and regular Wednesday evening programming begins Wednesday, September 13. Our first meal will be Tacos and Spanish Rice! Invite a friend or neighbor!

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 ASLC's General Fund. Thank you for your support of our congregation!



**AUGUST 27, 2023
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ
Monday	Isaiah 51:1-6	Blessings for God's people
Tuesday	Romans 12:1-8	Christ brings new life
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:13-25	A call to holy living
Thursday	Exodus 20:1-6	You shall have no other gods
Friday	Genesis 35:1-15	Jacob returns to Bethel
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise God with all your heart
Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven."

Matthew 16:16-17 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for being our sure foundation, our rock on which we stand secure through Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Almighty and Living God, we thank you for this food that gives us strength to shout out our praise to you for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you joy and gladness now and always.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Built on a Rock



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:

- A false god is anything that we put our trust in instead of putting our trust in Jesus Christ. What are some false gods that people turn to today?
- How is putting our trust in Jesus Christ different from following false gods?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 16:13-20.

Caesarea Philippi was a place for the ancient people to gather and worship many gods. Those gods were understood to have powers that controlled people's lives, often arbitrarily. Instead of such instability, the disciples were there to witness to Jesus' life that heals, forgives, and teaches us of the God of steadfast love and faithfulness (Psalm 138:2). Peter confesses what only God can reveal: Jesus is the Messiah (another word for Christ) and the Son of a living—therefore real—God! In Romans 12:2 the Apostle Paul tells us not to be conformed to the world that is filled with false gods (powers), destructive passions, and self-love instead of love for others. This non-conformity that Jesus brings is a challenge to our everyday thinking. No wonder Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone about him. It will take time for them—and us—to wrap heads and hearts around worshiping Jesus as Lord instead of worshiping a nation, ethnicity, bank account or any other false god.

Discuss: What is it in your life that gets in the way of confessing Jesus as the Messiah?

Pray: **Almighty God, your ways are not our ways; give us hearts and minds to grasp that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God for the sake of the world you love. 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 instead of serving your own interests this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Peter confessed his faith by stating that Jesus is the Son of the living God. Because of this confession, Jesus called him the "rock" upon which he would build his church (Matthew 16:18). Place a rock in your living space or in a garden to remember the confession of Peter and the church throughout the centuries. Write or paint the words "Jesus is the Son of God" on the rock.



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

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Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

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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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