

*'For where two or three are gathered
in my name, I am there among them.'*

MATTHEW 18:20



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 | 10:00 AM

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

RALLY SUNDAY | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost | September 10th, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship

Traditional Worship Service | Rally Sunday

*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

{Silence for reflection and self-examination}

P Steadfast and faithful God,

C **You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Gather Us In

ELW #532, vs 1 & 4

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.

***KYRIE**

ELW pg. 184-185

Refrain: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God

ELW pg. 185-186

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Patty Mesenbring

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW pg. 188

Alleluia

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Brodin

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

All Are Welcome

ELW #641, vs. 1, 3 & 5

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

***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

Beloved, God's Chosen

by Michael Burkhardt

Adult Choir

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW pg.191

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**

Let All Things Now Living

ELW #881, all verses

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.**

**God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.**

**God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.**

**We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Janelle Schauer

† † †

Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

MUSIC LEADERS | Mary Larew, Janelle Schauer & the Adult Choir

USHERS: Dean & Cheri Wagner, Gary Cox, Lori Wagner and Jack Canfield

A/V CREW: Katrina Streeter & Brouillard Family

WELCOME!

Rally Sunday

SO LONG SUMMER

hello
FALL

We're glad you're here!

ABIDING SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 10



COME MAKE A TAG FOR YOUR BACKPACK & VISIT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We'll have registration open for Sunday school and our Wednesday evening programming. Kids are invited to make a tag for their backpacks, too!



WORSHIP AT 10AM WITH BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We're returning to worship inside our beautiful sanctuary! All students are invited to wear their backpacks and receive a blessing!



BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

You're invited to a delicious brunch following Sunday's worship service! Enjoy this time of fellowship and food!

Sunday Brunch Day!

Please plan to stay after worship today and enjoy a fabulous brunch in celebration of a new season of faith education and music & worship opportunities!

POWER Up! for Kids

One Program Full of Opportunities

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30

Ages: 4yrs—5th grade

*Devotions—Crafts—Activities
Musical Exploration and Expression*

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13

[Register 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 | 09/10

RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday school "Welcome Activity" (no class) // 9:30am

Indoor worship with *Blessing of Backpacks* // 10am

Brunch // 11am

MONDAY | 09/11

PATRIOT DAY

Women's Gathering // 5:30pm

Growing Thru Loss (Centennial Methodist)

6:45-9pm

THURSDAY | 09/14

Work crew // 9am

Women's Bible study // 10am

Jubilation Ringers // 7pm

TUESDAY | 09/12

Staff meeting // 10am

Property committee meeting // 1pm

Lydia circle // 6pm

FRIDAY | 09/15

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY | 09/13

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am

Wednesday night activities // *see next pg.*

SATURDAY | 09/16

SUNDAY | 09/17

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am

Indoor worship with Holy Communion // 10am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

RALLY SUNDAY & BRUNCH

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

We are excited to kick off our fall programming with Rally Sunday this week! Join us at 9:30 for fall programming registration & making backpack tags, worship at 10 with Blessing of the Backpacks, and brunch at 11am!

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING BEGINS!

Confirmation classes and regular Wednesday evening programming begins this Wednesday, September 13. Our first meal will be Tacos and Spanish Rice! Invite a friend or neighbor!

GET YOUR VOICES READY!

Adult choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7pm in the choir room and we're looking for new voices to join us! No need to RSVP or commit to every week - just come when you can and join in the song!

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 1. We will practice for about 6 weeks and then share our gifts in church on November 12. 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.

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! Visit www.abidingsavior.org for more information.

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!

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

09/13: Tacos & Spanish Rice

09/20: Chicken Salad

09/27: Hamburger Gravy & Potatoes

5:30—6:00pm POWER Up

6:00—6:30pm POWER Up

6:30—7:00pm Wednesday Worship

7:00—8:00pm Confirmation

7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

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. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office! Questions? — speak Pastor Ryan!

BLOOD DRIVE

THURS., SEPTEMBER 28 // 1:30-6:30PM

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter: Abiding to schedule an appointment. If you'd be interested in volunteering at the drive, contact the office!

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.

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



**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Love your neighbor as yourself.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
Monday	Ezekiel 33:7-11	God's judgment seeks repentance
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-14	Love for one another
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:5-14	Israel is favored by God
Thursday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christ gives freedom
Friday	Leviticus 19:9-18	Living a holy life
Saturday	Psalms 119:33-40	A prayer for understanding
Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." **Romans 13:9 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of goodness and mercy, give us hearts to love and to care for others as you care for us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, with this gift of food strengthen us to delight in your law of love for the sake of all you have created through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you long for the ways of God that teach love and mercy through Jesus Christ.



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Beloved, God's Chosen



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:

- What news have you seen or heard recently where laws have been broken?
- Jesus said, *"love your neighbor as yourself."* What makes it hard to love others as you love yourself?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 13:8-14.

The law of God was—and is—intended as a gift from God that we may live in peace with one another. The commandments are plain and simple: we should not commit adultery, murder, steal, or covet what others have. The law mirrors the love of God that intends goodness and mercy for people. As Deuteronomy 4:8 states, *"[W]hat other great nation has statutes and ordinances, as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?"* The law demands right action toward people that is merciful, especially for the less powerful who cannot otherwise protect themselves. Mercy is well summarized by saying, *"Love your neighbor as yourself"* (Romans 13:9), a reference to Leviticus 19:18 that was quoted by Jesus, Paul, and others in the Bible. The gospel life offers mercy and acts of love for the sake of the health of individuals and communities alike.

Discuss: What do you think it means to show mercy through the love and care of others?

Pray: **Loving God, we thank you for the gift of your law and for freeing us to love others as you have loved us through Jesus Christ, 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 can you care for the daily needs of others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Bible studies, Sunday school, and youth groups are wonderful opportunities to gather to read the Bible, have caring conversations, and learn together. Think or talk about where and how you learn God's word. Psalm 119 is a lovely text that promotes learning God's will and word.

Pray: **Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Amen.**

(Psalm 119:33-34)



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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Organist

Janelle Schauer

Abiding Savior Worship Schedule:

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Casual Family Friendly Worship | Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Mod #2

Women's Bible Study | Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Coffee House

Men's Bible Study* | Every other Tuesday | 8:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

*{begins September 19th}



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