



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

September 12th, 2021 - Rally Sunday

Outdoor Worship Service Bulletin

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Welcome to Rally Sunday!

PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Calling to mind the fragility of our human condition, let us confess our sin to God.

{Silence for reflection & self-examination}

P Good and loving God,

C **You made your abundant creation for the use and enjoyment of all people. We confess that we hold the things you give us too closely, and do not share freely with all in need. Forgive our selfishness, and help us to receive your gracious word and to practice generosity in our daily lives. Amen.**

P God calls us to seek good and to turn away from evil. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God grants forgiveness of sin, strength in weakness, and the promise of eternal salvation.

C **Amen.**

Led by Mary Larew, verses 1 & 4

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars high;
 Son of God and Son on Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

APOSTOLIC GREETING & 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.

All **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM Senior Choir *Maitland* From Beecher's *Plymouth Collection*, 1855
Must Jesus bear the cross alone, And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for every one, And there's a cross for me.

CHILDREN'S SERMON - BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Brad Mills & Patty Mesenbring

{We encourage all school-age youth to come forward and receive a blessing; this includes preschool, elementary, middle school, high school and college students}

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

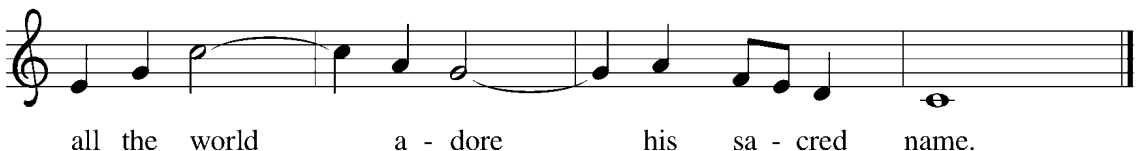
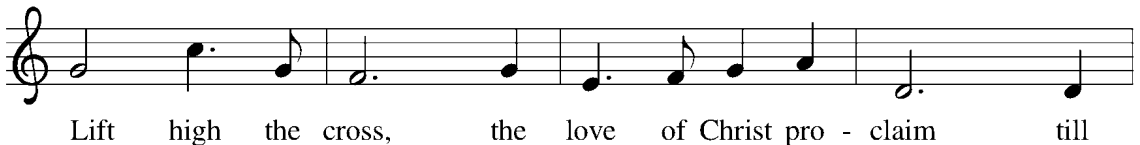
SERMON

Pastor Ryan Brodin

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift High the Cross

Led by Mary Larew, verses 1 & 4





1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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; Please share a verbal 'Peace' instead of shaking hands)

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

This morning, ushers will collect offering in large baskets. Please hold out your envelopes for ushers to see as they are walking around. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe at the front of Brad's Pad. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania.

OFFERING MUSIC

Special Music by Janelle Schauer

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of majesty,

C **In your might you have created all things, and you entrust to our care what you have made. Receive our offerings, and make them a sign of our dedication to provide for the needs of all people and creatures, in the name of the one who sustains all things by his word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lisa Richardson Engen

Led by Mary Larew, verses 1 & 3

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Janelle Schauer

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SONG LEADER: Mary Larew (New Choir Director)

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST: Craig Mesenbring, Trumpet

SOOND BOOTH TECHS: Jack Brouillard, Gary Engen (G2), Jim Schlotterback

VIDEO: Katie & Taylor Brouillard

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



RALLY SUNDAY

Please stay after the service today and participate in some wonderful Rally Sunday activities!

Sunday Brunch

ASLC Activities & Volunteer Fair

Register for Sunday School, Confirmation, Children's Programs, etc.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking
faith
home

God's love breaks down boundaries.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Mark 7:24-37 | Jesus heals the Gentiles |
| Monday | Isaiah 35:4-7a | Return of the exiled |
| Tuesday | James 2:1-17 | Faith without works is dead |
| Wednesday | Hebrews 13:1-9 | Service that pleases God |
| Thursday | Leviticus 19:33-37 | Living a holy life |
| Friday | Ephesians 2:11-22 | One in Christ |
| Saturday | Psalms 146 | Praise for God's help |
| Sunday | Mark 8:27-38 | Taking up the cross |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[If you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? James 2:3-4 (NRSV)]

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, we thank you that your mercy triumphs over judgment and your love leads us to care for all people through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
For the food that we eat and the food that we share, give us, O Lord, thankful hearts that show care. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the Lord God bless you with an open heart to receive and to give love through Christ Jesus our Savior.



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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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 does it feel like to be left out of a group or not selected for a team?
- How do you react when you see someone being excluded from a group?
- Jesus showed love even to strangers. How would you describe the way you treat strangers?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 7:24-37.

Jesus shows uncharacteristic rejection of someone in need. The Synphoenician woman asks for help, but she is not Jewish. She is a foreigner, and Jesus suggests he came for the children of Israel, not those outside of Judea and Galilee. However, perhaps he is speaking the voice of the early church that is likewise wondering what are the proper boundaries for the mission field of the church. The answer: Gentiles—therefore, all people—are part of God's arena of care and redemption through Christ. It is time for all ears, tongues, and hearts to be opened. God's power of love and forgiveness is so awesome that it knows no boundaries. Thanks be to God! God's compassion is present for all of us, stranger and friend alike. When have you reached out to a stranger with the love of God?

Pray: Loving God, just as you reach out to us with your grace and forgiveness, give us hearts to reach out to others that all may know your care through Christ Jesus. Amen.

SERVICE

James 2 warns against worshipping communities showing partiality. Many congregations look very homogeneous. They attract people who look, act, and think like one another. Some of this is due to local contexts, but some of it is due to a lack of warmth and initiative taken toward new people. Who is someone who could use your warmth and care to help them feel welcome in your congregation?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Welcoming others with the peace of Christ has been part of the Christian tradition for two thousand years. Look up the sign language for peace. Teach it to others. As a way to practice reaching out to others with hope and love, you can greet others in your home, neighborhood, school, and work with these words: "The peace of the Lord be with you."



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



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

RALLY SUNDAY | 9/12/2021

Outdoor worship with *Blessing of the Backpacks* // 10:00am
Brunch // 11:00am
Ministry Fair // 11:00am

MONDAY | 9/13

TUESDAY | 9/14
Staff meeting // 10:00am
Lydia circle // 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY | 9/15

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am
Wednesday night dinner // 4:30pm
Celebration ringers // 5:00pm
PowerUP & King's Messengers // 5:30pm
PowerUp & WWJD Choir // 6:00pm
Wednesday worship // 6:30pm
Confirmation & HS youth group // 6:30pm
Adult Choir // 7:00pm

THURSDAY | 9/16

Bible study // 10am
(in-person or online)

FRIDAY | 9/17

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY | 9/18

Backyard Movie Night // 6:00pm
DisneyPixar's "Luca"
All ages welcome!

SUNDAY | 9/19

Sunday school // 9:00am
Outdoor worship with Installation of teachers & small group leaders // 10:00am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL SCHEDULE—RALLY SUNDAY TODAY!

FALL PROGRAMMING KICKS OFF WITH RALLY SUNDAY

Our fall programming schedule begins this week! Everyone is invited to stop by information tables after worship to learn more about all of our activities! You are also invited to enjoy a delicious BRUNCH after worship!

- Wednesday, September 15th - Wednesday night dinners, children's programming, Wednesday Worship, Confirmation, and adult choir.
- Sunday, September 19th - Sunday school at 9am followed by worship at 10am.

BACKYARD MOVIE NIGHT

SAT., SEPTEMBER 18TH — 6:00PM

Everyone is invited to come to a Backyard Movie Night this Saturday! We'll be watching DisneyPixar's "Luca". Grab a lawn chair, blanket and friend (we'll provide the snacks) and enjoy the movie!!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

WED., SEPTEMBER 22ND — 5:00PM

Interested in learning more about Abiding Savior and becoming a member? Join us for a new members class on Wednesday, September 22nd at 5:00pm to learn more about the ministries of Abiding Savior, what it means to be Lutheran, and to get to know one another!

Please contact the church office at 763-784-5120 if you are interested! New members will be received on Sunday, September 26th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers at Abiding Savior! Please let anyone on staff know if you could help with:

- Helping record worship
- Being on the Altar Guild
- Being an usher
- And more!

YOUTH RETREAT AT OX LAKE

FRI., OCT. 1ST @ 6PM — SAT., OCT. 2ND @ 5PM

Get ready for a fun youth retreat out at Ox Lake Camp in Wisconsin focused on fellowship and building relationships. Contact Brad for more info!

CUSTODIAN NEEDED!

We are searching for a new custodian to work approximately 15-20 hours/week. If you, or someone you know, are interested please contact the church office.

UPDATED MASK POLICY

The Reopening Task Force at its meeting on Sept. 8, 2021, recommends to the Congregation Council the following:

- *Due to the increase in COVID cases and illness due to the Delta variant, and out of love and concern for the wellbeing of our neighbors, we require that mask wearing be mandatory for all people inside the church building. This includes mask wearing for all worship services, funerals, weddings, programming and meetings in the building. This also includes mask wearing for all choirs and worship band participants for indoor worship leadership or rehearsal. We recommend continuing the practice of keeping every other pew in the Sanctuary roped off to provide for social distancing from other people. Only those worship leaders who are able to maintain at least twelve feet of distance from others may remove their mask while leading worship.*
- *Outside groups allowed to use our facility are required to follow Abiding Savior's COVID policies.*
- *Knowing that fellowship around food is at the heart of our congregation we encourage the continuation of indoor dining with the following requirements:*
 - *That all food be served by servers wearing masks and gloves.*
 - *Buffet lines or self-serving food are prohibited.*
 - *We will continue the spacing of seats and tables in the Fellowship Hall and other spaces used for indoor dining.*
 - *That masks be taken off only once people are seated at their tables for the purpose of eating and masks are used at all other times in the building.*
- *We further recommend that these policies be reviewed periodically by the Reopening Task Force and the Council as trends with COVID cases and variants changes.*

Pastoral and Musical Staff

Pastor

Rev. Elisa Richardson Engen

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Deacon & Youth Director

Brad Mills

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Abiding Savior Worship Service Schedule:

Sunday, September 19th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, September 26th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, October 3rd ~ 10:00 AM ~ return to indoor Worship Service

Sunday, October 10th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Worship Service

*Please note all worship services are also available online via our Facebook page or you can find the link on our website.



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