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Sunday | September 17th | 2023 Blended Worship 10:00 AM

### Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost | September 17th, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship Blended Worship Service with Holy Communion

\*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 SONG

Here I am to Worship
Led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes, let me see, beauty that made this heart adore You Hope for a life spent with You Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above Humbly, You came to the earth you created All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Chorus

### \*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.

Refrain: This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain* 

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- C O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**ANTHEM** 

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
By Sebastian Temple
Adult Choir

### INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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 18:21-25**
- C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

# Where Charity and Love Prevail ELW #359, all verses

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease. Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

### \*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** 

My Lighthouse by Rend Collective Reigning Grace Worship Band

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
- C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*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.

LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 191

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Children of God are welcomed for Communion. As you come forward, please kneel at the railing. There you will receive a wafer. You will also be offered grape juice and/or wine (the wine red, the grape juice is white).

- Gluten free wafers are available upon request
- If you prefer to remain in your seat to receive communion, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you
- Children are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing

### DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Mighty to Save
Reigning Grace Worship Band

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### \*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth ELW #879, verses 1, 3 & 5

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain* 

For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain* 

### \*SENDING

- P Go in peace. God is at work in you.
- C Thanks be to God.

\*POSTLUDE Janelle Schauer

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

GREETERS | Chris & Jack Canfield

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

**REIGNING GRACE WORSHIP BAND** | Dawson Blanck, Josh & Alex Ertz, Gary Peterson, Tom Sauerwein, Ben Schnabel

**ACOLYTES** | Tristan Overby

**COMMUNION SERVERS** | Pastor Ryan, Elaine Silpala, Erin Sturm, Gloria Pettis, Cheryl Bornhorst, Sandra LaCroix, Ellen Zimmerman

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

A/V CREW | Katrina Streeter & Brouillard Family



### **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 | 09/17

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
Indoor worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Teacher/Helper Installation during worship

MONDAY   09/18 Worship planning for El Salvador Sunday // 6:30pm Growing Thru Loss (Centennial Methodist) 6:45-9pm	THURSDAY   09/21 Women's Bible study // 10am Jubilation Ringers // 7pm
TUESDAY   09/19 Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am Quilting // 9am Staff meeting // 10am Council meeting // 6:30pm	FRIDAY   09/22 OFFICE CLOSED Men's fishing trip departs
WEDNESDAY   09/20 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Wednesday night activities //see next pg.	SATURDAY   09/23 Men's fishing trip

### SUNDAY | 09/24

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
Indoor worship // 10am
Before All is Said and Done book event @ St. Stephen LC in White Bear // 2pm
Men's fishing trip returns

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### THANK YOU TEACHERS & HELPERS!

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

We are blessed and thankful for all the adults and young adults who assist with our Sunday school and Confirmation programs as teachers and helpers. We will be installing them during this Sunday's worship. Keep them in your prayers!

### WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING CONTINUES!

Confirmation classes and regular Wednesday evening programming continue this Wednesday. On the dinner menu this week is Chicken Salad. Invite a friend or neighbor!

NEW INTERGENERATIONAL HANDBELL CHOIR
Have you ever wanted to play handbells? Now is

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 <a href="https://www.abidingsavior.org">www.abidingsavior.org</a> for more information.

### **GROWING THROUGH LOSS**

MONDAY EVENINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 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, you are encouraged to attend!

BEFORE ALL IS SAID AND DONE BOOK EVENT

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 @ 2PM // ST. STEPHEN IN WBL Join former new anchor and journalist Pat Miles as she shares advice and stories from surviving spouses on the importance of discussing a loved-one dying and death in advance.

### **Wednesday Night Schedule**

4:30-6:15pm Dinner served

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

### LIVING PRAYER ADULT ED SERIES

WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30PM STARTING 9/27 Join Pastor Marla on a prayer journey! We'll be using the book *The Workbook of Living Prayer* by Pr. Maxie Dunnam to guide this discussion. If you would like to attend, please sign up outside the office so we can reserve a book for you!

### **1ST GRADE BIBLES**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27 // 6:30PM

It is so important to place God's word into the hands of our children! On Wednesday, September 27 during our Wednesday Worship we will be presenting Bibles to our 1st graders! Please join us for this special step in their faith development.

### **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.

# SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



God is merciful and gracious, full of love.

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday Matthew 18:21-35 A parable about forgiveness Monday Genesis 50:15-21 Joseph forgives his brothers Tuesday Romans 14:1-12 Do not judge one another

Wednesday 2 John 1:1-6 Truth and love

Thursday Lamentations 3:18-24 There is still hope

Friday 2 Peter 1:1-11 Do all you can to show God's love
Saturday Psalm 103:1-13 Thanksgiving for God's goodness
Sunday Matthew 20:1-16 Parable of the vineyard workers

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 103:8 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

God of mercy and grace, give us hearts full of compassion, ready to forgive others as you have forgiven us through Christ Jesus, who died that we may live. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant love, we thank you for this food that you give to us and to all. Help us to share your goodness and mercy with others through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the God of mercy and grace who sustains you, give you joy.



**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023** 

**HYMN OF THE WEEK** 

The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies



### **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 do you respond when you are in conflict with a particular person or group?
- Jesus sets us free to love others. What does this mean to you?

### **DEVOTIONS**



Read: Romans 14:1-12.

The world is divided in many ways. Countries are divided into parties and loyalties. Families can be divided by strong and diverse views. Even congregations can be divided by different viewpoints. Paul gives us a word that we need to hear today. We are to keep the main thing the main thing, and that is this: Christ died to be the Lord of all. Therefore, why pass judgment and despise those for whom Christ died? As the saying goes, "When you look into the eyes of another, you are looking at someone God loves." Be careful not to judge and condemn. As Psalm 103:8 reminds us, "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Our God who is slow to anger should be a strong caution to us not to be quick to judge. Whether it is over diet, piety, political or economic convictions, our judgments will all pass away, but God's judgment is eternal, and that judgment is most clearly seen from the cross of Christ. Jesus died for us that we may be set free to love others, in spite of our differences.

*Discuss:* What relationship do you have with someone where you could use a kinder word to reconcile that relationship through Christ our Lord?

*Pray:* Almighty and living God, help us to see beyond our self-righteous judgments of others and to receive your forgiveness with joy and gladness through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### **SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, who in your life can you reach out to with a word or action that expresses forgiveness?

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Genesis 50:15-21 is the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers for throwing him in a pit and selling him into slavery. Forgiving someone who has hurt you is not easy. Think or talk about a time when you forgave someone or someone forgave you and how it may have changed your relationship.

*Pray:* Dear Lord, help me to open my heart and mind to know when to forgive and when to ask for forgiveness for my words or actions towards another. In Jesus' name, amen.



## Pastoral and Musical Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

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Pastor Marla Amborn

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Alex & Josh Ertz

Children's Ministry Birator

Patty Mesenbring

Choir Biretor

Dr. Mary Larew

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Uganist
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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