



NO SERVANT
CAN
SERVE TWO
MASTERS

Luke 16:13

Sunday. September 18th. 2022

Traditional Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

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15th Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 18, 2022
10:00 AM Worship Service

PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

{Silence for reflection & self-examination}

P God of mercy and forgiveness, ,

C **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #685, all verses

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.**

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

***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.**

***KYRIE**

ELW pg. 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

This is the Feast

ELW pg. 149

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join
in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the**

Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

All **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another.**

**Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to
the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesenbring

CHILDREN'S TIME

Following the Children's Sermon, Children's Time is an opportunity for young children to have a bible story, music or activity time with our Children's Ministry Director, Patty Mesenbring, during the sermon. Children will return to their families after the sermon.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW pg. 151

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

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Lisa Engen

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Be Thou My Vision
ELW #793, verses 1, 3 & 4

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

***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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

***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)

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Ushers will collect offering. Please hold out your envelopes for ushers as they reach each row. Children are invited to come forward and drop their offering of dollar bills and loose change in the globe. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Adult Choir

Faithfulness

Arrangement by Joel Raney

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Create in Me

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW pg. 152

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary... and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

***LAMB OF GOD**

ELW pg. 154

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.

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

Special Music by Dr. Mary Larew & Janelle Schauer

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Rise up, O saints of God!

ELW #669, all verses

**Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.**

**Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.**

**Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.**

**Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Janelle Schauer

† † †

Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

ACOLYTES: Isaac Tomsich, Tristan Overby

SONG LEADERS: adult choir

GREETERS:

SOUND BOOTH TECH: Jack Brouillard

VIDEO: Taylor Brouillard/Katie Brouillard

POWERPOINT: Helena Mills

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

COMMUNION SERVERS: Ellen Zimmerman, Tonya Cox, Sandra Lacroix

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



God cares for the poor and the needy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
Monday	Amos 8:4-7	Judgment on Israel
Tuesday	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Instructions concerning prayer
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	James 2:1-13	Warning against having favorites
Friday	Isaiah 58:6-9	True religion
Saturday	Psalms 113	The Lord helps people in need
Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [God] raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

Psalms 113:7-8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, we thank you for your justice that is like no other and your mercy that reaches to the ends of the earth through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, help us to receive this food with a thankful heart and a living faith that prays for food for those who don't have enough to eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who cares for the poor bless you with a compassionate heart.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Light Dawns on a
Weary World*



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 are some of the things you thank God for?
- How is God's care for the poor and needy shown through your actions?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Psalm 113.

The psalm begins with an exhortation to praise God everywhere and for all time. The glory, the fame and preeminence of the LORD, extends beyond the heavens, beyond what anyone can imagine. There is clearly a sense of an all-encompassing grandeur here. The God of the Bible is like no other. Why: Because God created all things? Because of God's power that can conquer the gods of the enemies of Israel? No. At least, that is not the answer given in Psalm 113. God is great and to be praised because our God *"raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap"* (v. 7). God cares for a man in his poverty and a woman in her barrenness. God creates new realities for them and for those around them, like princes who now must welcome the poor as an equal. That is a God worth praising, says Psalm 113. And, in Christ, that is the God who changes all social equations to bring honor to those not honored and eternal hope for those who seem without hope.

Discuss: God is to be praised for caring for everyone in need. What does this mean to you?

Pray: **God, you who use your power and justice to shine on those in need, we praise you now and always for your glory that shines on us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support and honor the poor in your community and the world?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Paul encourages us to offer *"supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings"* for all those in positions of authority and leadership (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Think or talk about leaders in the world, the country, and your community. This week take time to pray for them: **Lord God, we thank you for those in leadership positions and ask that you bless them in their work. May they use their positions to care for the poor and show honor to you. Amen.**



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

SUNDAY | 09/18

Sunday school and Sunday school family fellowship // 9am
Indoor Worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Cinnamon roll sale // Following worship
Girl Scout meeting at church // 3pm
Outdoor movie night "The Princess Bride" // 6pm

MONDAY | 09/19

THURSDAY | 09/22

Work crew // 9am
Bible study // 10am
Jubilation Ringers // 7pm

TUESDAY | 09/20

Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am
Quilting // 9am
Staff meeting // 10am
Council meeting // 6:30pm

FRIDAY | 09/23

Office closed
Youth Retreat @ Ox Lake (Wapo)
Depart at 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY | 09/21

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am
Wednesday night activities
(see schedule on next page)
New member class // 5:30pm

SATURDAY | 09/24

Youth Retreat @ Ox Lake (Wapo)
Returns at 5pm

SUNDAY | 09/25

Sunday school and Sunday school family fellowship // 9am
Indoor Worship // 10am
Installation of teachers and small group leaders // During worship
Presentation of 1st grade Bibles // During worship

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP TODAY!

Over the past year, Sunday school families have gathered in the library area during Sunday school to chat, drink coffee, read, or check their phones. We're inviting ALL families to take part ... and adding coffee and treats to the morning. Come when you can — no pressure — for a casual time of fellowship!

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT TODAY! // 6PM

Grab a cozy blanket and your lawn chairs for an outdoor movie night at Abiding Savior! We'll be playing "The Princess Bride" (Pastor Ryan and Deacon Brad's favorite movie). We're even having a costume contest...so if you want, come dressed up! This is a FREE event and all are welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY // 8:30AM

Calling all men! You're invited to a morning of coffee, breakfast and a time of informal study. This Bible study is non-threatening, enjoyable, and informative. Come and join us!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 // 5:30PM

Abiding Savior is a place to belong! Are you (or someone you know) interested in or curious about becoming a member at Abiding Savior?

Join us for a new members class 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, October 2 at 10:00am.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

FRI., SEPT 23 @ 5:30PM —SAT., SEPT. 24 @ 5PM

All 8th—12th graders are invited to a fall retreat at Ox Lake with bonfires, smores, singing, night games, low ropes course, gaga ball pit, bible study, and more! Cost is \$30. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aa4aa2da7f94-camp. Contact Deacon Brad with questions!

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served
9/21: Chicken Salad
5:00—5:30pm Celebration Ringers
5:30—6:00pm King's Msgrs Choir
5:30—6:00pm POWER Up (grd 2-5)
6:00—6:30pm WWJD Choir (grd 2-5)
6:00—6:30pm POWERUp (4yrs-1st grd)
6:00—7:00pm Reigning Grace practice
6:30—7:00pm Wednesday Worship
6:30—8:00pm Confirmation
6:30—8:00pm High School Yth Group
7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS & PRESENTATION OF 1ST GRADE BIBLES NEXT SUNDAY DURING WORSHIP

NEW DIRECTORY PICTURES

SEPT. 28-OCT. 1 // varying times

We're getting a new directory and need your picture! To schedule your photography appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com, click on Photography Appointment Scheduling Login on the right side, enter mn274 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field.

BLOOD DRIVE

THURS., SEPTEMBER 29 // 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!

BE A MEMBER OF THE ALTAR GUILD!

We are in need of more hands to help with Altar Guild duties. This is a flexible opportunity and perfect for families, couples, or friends. Altar Guild helps set up for Baptisms, Communion, changes banners during church seasons, and makes sure there's oil in the candles! Speak with the office, Tonya Cox or Gloria Pettis if you're available or have questions! Your help is appreciated!

Pastoral and Musical Staff

Pastor

Rev. Elisa Richardson Engen

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Deacon & Youth Director

Brad Mills

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring



Abiding Savior Worship Service Schedule:

Traditional/Blended Worship ~ Sundays at 10:00 AM

Casual/Family Worship ~ Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Women's Bible Study ~ Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast ~ Every other Tuesday at 8:30 AM



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