

GENEROUS GOD



Blended Worship



Sunday
September 25th



10:00am



Abiding Savior
Lutheran Church

Our God is a Generous God!

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost | September 24th, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship

Blended Worship Service

*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**

10,000 Reasons

Led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh my soul, Oh, my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, oh my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before us
Let me be singing when the evening comes (*Chorus*)**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find (*Chorus*)**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
10,000 years and then forevermore (*Chorus*)**

**Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name**

***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 **Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Adult Choir

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 20:1-16**

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW #765, all verses

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

***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

Pass it On

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**

Dance With Me

Reigning Grace Worship Band

**This is holy time, we're gathered together to worship you,
and love one another**

**And as we pray, and as we sing, and as we dance, and as we dream
Oh Lord, I beg of you, just this one thing...**

**Won't you dance with me, throughout the heavens and beyond the sea
And up on the mountain tops, Roll with the breeze, come carry me,
Lord won't you dance with me**

{Break for Prayers & 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.

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***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!**

***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!

ACOLYTES |

GREETERS | Gary & Tonya Cox

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

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

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

A/V CREW: Katrina Streeter, Jack Brouillard & Connie Clausen



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 | 09/24

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
Indoor worship // 10am

MONDAY | 09/25

Matthew Mueller visitation // 10am
Matthew Mueller funeral // 11am
Growing Thru Loss
(Centennial Methodist)
6:45-9pm

THURSDAY | 09/28

Work crew // 9am
Women's Bible study // 10am
BLOOD DRIVE // 1:30—6:30pm
Jubilation Ringers // 7pm

TUESDAY | 09/26

Staff meeting // 10am
Benedictine service // 12pm

FRIDAY | 09/29

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY | 09/27

Cub Foods baked goods // 9:45am
Wednesday night activities // *see next pg.*
Adult Ed—*The Workbook of Living Prayer*
5:30—6:30pm
1st graders receive Bibles // 6:30pm

SATURDAY | 09/30

SUNDAY | 10/01

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
El Salvador Sunday—Worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Communion training // 11am
Cinnamon Roll sale // 11am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

LIVING PRAYER ADULT ED SERIES

WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30PM STARTING THIS WEEK

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 GRADERS RECEIVE 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!

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED!

TRAINING NEXT SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

Serving communion is a meaningful and important role you can do! We are looking for additional people to help with communion! Come to a short training (or refresher) next Sunday after worship.

NEW INTERGENERATIONAL HANDBELL CHOIR

NEXT SUNDAY REHEARSAL // 9:05AM

Have you ever wanted to play handbells? Now is your chance. Join us Sunday mornings 9:05-9:30 beginning Oct. 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.

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

09/27: Hamburger Gravy & Potatoes

5:30—6:30pm Adult Ed—*Living Prayer*

5:30—6:00pm POWER Up

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6:30—7:00pm Wednesday Worship

6:30—7:00pm 1st Grader Receive Bibles

7:00—8:00pm Confirmation

7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 // 11AM—12:30PM

Join us for our 3rd Annual Fall Fest after worship and spend some time enjoying God's beautiful creation with friends and family! We'll have a food truck, free hay rides, pumpkins, backyard games, apple cider, hot chocolate and popcorn.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

MONDAY EVENINGS THROUGH 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, you are encouraged to attend!

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.

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Responding to God's generosity with gratitude.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers
Monday	Jonah 3:10—4:11	Jonah goes to Nineveh
Tuesday	Philippians 1:21-30	What life means to Paul
Wednesday	Psalms 136	God's love never fails
Thursday	Matthew 5:3-12	The Beatitudes
Friday	Acts 20:32-38	Paul says goodbye
Saturday	Psalms 145:1-8	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last." **Matthew 20:15-16 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you are more generous than we can imagine or deserve. Thank you for your love and mercy that has no end through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food and all that you give, for you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen. (Psalm 145:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May you be reminded of God's love and generosity each day.



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*To God Our Thanks
We Give*



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:

- When is a time you feel you were treated unfairly?
- How would you describe God's generosity? Give an example.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 20:1-16.

Fairness is in the eyes of the beholder. Most of us have experienced a time when we felt we were treated unfairly. It gets all the more frustrating when the sense of fairness is decided by God's grace. Who or what we see that should be last, may end up being first and a privileged recipient of God's generosity. There are times when the apparent unfairness of this parable can sound like good news when we are hurting, needing any help we can get, and can only take what is offered. This parable points to what God offers us—grace upon grace—something that is so much more than we deserve. As a result, our lives are able to respond with overwhelming gratitude. If gratitude is not our response to Jesus' parable, it may lead us to the observation that our sense of being first has missed the point; we may need to review the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-13) for God's sense of fairness and living rightly before God.

Discuss: When have you experienced God's generosity? How did you respond?

Pray: **God of justice and mercy, help us to see as you see and to live with compassion for all and with gratitude for what we receive 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 show an act of undeserved kindness to someone this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 145:4 tells us: *"One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts."* Think or talk about people from older or younger generations who have shown and taught you about God's love and generosity through Jesus. Consider drawing a picture, writing a note, or calling them to say thank you. As a reminder of God's generosity, prayerfully recite: **"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."** (Psalm 145:8)



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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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



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