



SPIRIT OF SHARING

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday | October 8th | 2023

Blended Worship | Stewardship Kickoff

10:00 AM

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost | October 8th, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship

Blended Worship Service

*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jubilation Ringers

***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**

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end (*Chorus*)**

**I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side
I will love you to the end (*Chorus*)**

**And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path**

***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 Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPIRIT OF SHARING MOMENT | Tonya Cox

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesenbring

CHILDREN'S TIME

***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.

READING | 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-40**

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**

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #583, all verses

Refrain: 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. *Refrain*

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

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

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. *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

With a Grateful Heart, I Thank You, Lord

By Mary Kay Beall

Adult Choir

***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**

Draw Me Close

Reigning Grace Worship Band

**Draw me close to You, never let me go
I'd lay it all down again, to hear you say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire, no one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way, lead me back to You

You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want, help me know you are near**

{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.

**Draw me close to You, never let me go
I'd lay it all down again, to hear you say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire, no one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way, lead me back to You

You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want, help me know you are near
Help me know you are here**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #669, all verses

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

***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 | Abby Tomsich, Laura Syverson

GREETERS | Bob Wirtz & Debby Nelson

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: Arden Erickson, Barry Gibelyou, Roger & Pearl Boldenow and Dale Aukee

A/V CREW: Katrina Streeter and the 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 | 10/08

Multi-generational handbell choir practice // 9am
Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
Worship with Stewardship Campaign // 10am
FALL FESTIVAL // 11am

MONDAY | 10/09

Women's gathering @ Moe's // 5:30pm
Growing Thru Loss
(Centennial Methodist) 6:45-9pm

THURSDAY | 10/12

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

TUESDAY | 10/10

Staff meeting // 10am
Lydia circle // 6pm

FRIDAY | 10/13

OFFICE CLOSED
HS Youth Fall Retreat

WEDNESDAY | 10/11

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

SATURDAY | 10/14

HS Youth Fall Retreat
Fall clean up // 9am

SUNDAY | 10/15

Multi-generational handbell choir practice // 9am
Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
Worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Acolyte Training // 11am
HS Youth Fall Retreat returns

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL



THIS 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 (serving smash burgers,

pulled pork sandwiches, brisket sandwiches, chips & dip, and soda -- cash or card accepted), free hay rides, pumpkins, backyard games, apple cider, hot chocolate and popcorn.

NEW INTERGENERATIONAL HANDBELL CHOIR SUNDAY REHEARSALS//9:05AM

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

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!

LIVING PRAYER ADULT ED SERIES

WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30PM

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!

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 15 -17

Come explore the Duluth area with us! We'll spend Friday and Saturday nights at Grace LC in Hermantown. Registration is \$50 to cover gas, food, etc. Please reach out to Alex and Josh (youth@abidingsavior.org) with any questions!

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served
10/11: Tator Tot Hotdish
10/18: Goulash
10/25: Pork Chow Mein
5:30—6:30pm Adult Ed—*Living Prayer*
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

FALL CLEAN UP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 // 9AM

Grab your work gloves and join us Saturday morning as we get the church grounds ready for the season to come (winter!). Treats and coffee provided! Come and help for as long as you're able. Confirmation students — this is a great way to help and to earn service hours!

COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS

The Church Council is preparing a new strategic plan and they want to hear from you about your hopes and dreams for our congregation. Please join one of the following sessions:

- October 17th | 8:30 am | Men's Bible Study
- October 19th | 10:00 am | Women's Bible Study
- October 25th | 7:00 pm | Coffee House
- November 5th | 9:00 am | Coffee House

COAT COLLECTION

The 24th Annual Coat Drive & Give-Away is October 21 @ 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 // 10:30-NOON

Everyone is invited to take part in our 7th Annual Trunk or Treat. This is a fun and safe way for families, groups & individuals gather in the Abiding Savior parking lot to either distribute or receive treats! To host a trunk, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ACAA2EA1FF2-44335610-trunk>

OCTOBER 8, 2023
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God's love leads us to bear the fruits of the kingdom.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
Monday	Isaiah 5:1-7	A song about a vineyard
Tuesday	Philippians 3:4b-14	To know Christ
Wednesday	Psalms 19	The wonders of God
Thursday	Haggai 2:10-19	A rebuke and a promise
Friday	John 15:1-17	Jesus the true vine
Saturday	Psalms 80:7-15	Prayer for Israel's deliverance
Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom."

Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, may your passion for justice and mercy lead us to display your compassion for others for the sake of your Son, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may the fruit of the earth that we enjoy in this meal give us strength to care for others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you know Christ's love and the power of his resurrection to love others. (Philippians 3:10)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

God of the Sparrow



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 can correcting someone's mistakes in thoughts and actions be an act of love?
- What does it mean to you to live out the fruits of the kingdom?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 21:33-46.

Jesus continues his debate with religious leaders in the Jerusalem temple. He addresses chief priests, elders, Pharisees, Sadducees, and scribes. These leaders represent the religious life and the institutions of Judaism, a community of faith with very diverse views. Their commonality is that they all misrepresent the kingdom of God. Instead of "bearing the fruits of the kingdom," they display a power and influence that does not work for God. For Jesus the fruits of the kingdom are identified in his first public message, the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12). That message speaks of humility, meekness, a desire for God's righteousness, mercy, purity, peacemaking, and more. It's a message in opposition to the religious leaders of his day, that is, the wicked tenants of the parable that steal, covet, and murder to possess what is not theirs. The good news is that Jesus' parable names the coming of the son, the Son of God who bears the very fruits announced by Jesus.

Discuss: What would upset Jesus in today's religious life?

Pray: **God of power and might, cleanse us of all that does not bear the fruits of your kingdom that our lives may be a witness to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others with compassion for those in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Psalm 80, Isaiah 5, and Matthew 21, the image of a vineyard and vines are used to describe God's people planted by God to produce the fruit of faith and justice. Use a potted plant or draw a picture of a plant with vines. Make a sign to place in the plant or write on the paper: "God's vineyard is full of faith, justice, love, and mercy." Place the plant or drawing in a visible place and when you pass by it each time, give thanks to God for the fruits of the kingdom.



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

Pastoral and Musical Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Interim Pastor

Pastor Marla Amborn

Interim Youth Directors

Alex & Josh Ertz

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

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



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