



SPIRIT OF SHARING

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stewardship Kick-off Campaign

Sunday | October 15th | 2023

10:00 AM

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost | October 15th, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship

Spirit of Sharing | 2023 Stewardship Campaign

*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**

Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

***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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

This is the Feast

ELW pg. 187-188

*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 Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

ELW pg. 188

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

***GOSPEL: John 6:1-15**

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Marla Amborn

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #583, verses 1, 2 & 4

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 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.

***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.

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Arr. by Austin C. Lovelace

Adult Choir

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

We Are an Offering

ELW #692

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.**

***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.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW pg.190

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.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW pg.191

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.

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**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 Special Music | 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**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674, all verses

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain: **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain***

***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 | Laura Syverson, Abby Tomsich

GREETERS | Cheri & Dean Wagner

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

COMMUNION SERVERS | Pastor Marla, Erin Sturm, Helen Kriesel, Lori Wagner, Gary Cox, Tonya Cox, Ellen Zimmerman and Linka Holey

USHERS: Arden Erickson, Barry Gibelyou, Roger & Pearl Boldenow

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 | 10/15

Multi-generational handbell choir practice // 9am
Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
Worship with Holy Communion // 10am
Acolyte training // 11am

MONDAY | 10/16

Growing Thru Loss
(Centennial Methodist)
6:45-9pm

THURSDAY | 10/19

Women's Bible study // 10am
Make meatballs for Smorgasbord // 11am
Jubilation Ringers // 7pm

TUESDAY | 10/17

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

FRIDAY | 10/20

OFFICE CLOSED
Coat drive set up (C the K LC)//4:30pm

WEDNESDAY | 10/18

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am
Wednesday night supper //4:30pm
Adult choir // 7pm
NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES/PRAYER STUDY (MEA)

SATURDAY | 10/21

Coat drive // 10am—2pm
Christ the King LC, New Brighton

SUNDAY | 10/22

Stewardship Celebration Sunday

Multi-generational handbell choir practice // 9am
Sunday school and fellowship // 9am
Worship // 10am
Brunch // 11am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

THIS SUNDAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Third graders and above are invited to come receive training on how to serve as an acolyte. Pizza served.

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 (NO CLASS ON 10/18)

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!

COAT COLLECTION/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are planning 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. We are also looking for volunteers to help on both Friday and Saturday. See the sign-up outside of the office or click [HERE](#) for the electronic sign-up.

PRESCHOOL WINTER FUNDRAISER

See your bulletin for a wreath, spray, home décor order form. It's time to think Christmas!

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served

10/18: Goulash

10/25: Pork Chow Mein

7:00—8:00pm Adult Choir

***NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES OR ADULT ED
THIS WEEK DUE TO MEA BREAK***

COFFEE TO SUPPORT EL SALVADOR

We have some delicious coffee from El Salvador for sale! 100% of the proceeds will go to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in El Salvador. Whole bean or ground coffee—each bag is \$12 and is available in the church office.

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 to either distribute or receive treats! To host a trunk, please sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ACAA2EA1FF2-44335610-trunk> Everyone else is invited to come in costume to 'trick or treat' and enjoy the morning!

ELECTION NIGHT MEAL/SMORGASBORD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 // 4:30-6:30PM

Go vote and then bring your friends, family and neighbors to Abiding Savior for a wonderful evening of delicious food, music and shopping for baked goods and crafts!! The menu for the Smorgasbord will include Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, sliced turkey, dressing, corn, cranberries, herring, lefse, rice pudding, fruit soup, krumkake and cookies (\$15). We'll also have a kids meal with hot dog, chips, mac & cheese, fruit cup and cookie (\$6). Before or after eating, you can listen to a live band and shop at the Bake and Craft Sale.

Tickets can be purchased on the night of the Smorgasbord, but will also be available in the church office prior to the event!

OCTOBER 15, 2023
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Paul offers a guide for our life together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
Monday	Isaiah 25:1-9	A prayer of thanks to God
Tuesday	Philippians 4:1-9	Paul encourages his coworkers
Wednesday	Acts 2:43-47	Life among believers
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-11	Tending the flock of God
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-7	Timothy's spiritual background
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us your peace that we may live together as a community of faith with compassion and confidence through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal, a sign of your care for us that knows no end through Christ Jesus our Lord and Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life. (Psalm 23:6)



OCTOBER 15, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*We've Come This
Far by Faith*



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:

- Is there a friend or relative who thinks and acts similar to you? Explain.
- How does faith in Jesus guide and influence the way we live with others?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Philippians 4:1-9.

Two women who have worked side by side with Paul are urged to “*be of the same mind in the Lord*” (v. 2). Paul does not explain his specific concerns. They are co-workers in the gospel and need help from the community. What Paul urges is that they face whatever the issue may be with the mind, the attitude, of Christ. Paul describes the mind of Christ with words like rejoicing, prayer, and thanksgiving. All of this leads to the peace of God. In our own time, we in the church are co-workers, and yet we, too, need help to live together in peace. Paul’s message leads us to pursue our issues with one another with truth, honor, justice, purity, excellence, and praise. Simply put, the gospel leads us to remember and pursue what is commendable for our life together, not on what divides us. Paul emphasizes that his words are worth thinking about again and again.

Discuss: How can reflecting on the mind of Christ help you receive the peace of God as you live with others in the church?

Pray: **God of peace, help us to see each other with the mind of Christ that we may live with one another in peace and with honor and justice for all through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, in what ways can you show humility and gentleness toward others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalms 23 is the shepherd David’s song to God and one of the most well-known scriptures in the Bible. David likens how a shepherd cares for sheep to how God loves each one of us. Draw or make a sheep using cotton, cardboard, glue, and crayons/markers. Think or talk about ways a shepherd cares for sheep and then about how God cares for you.

Pray: **Lord, thank you for caring for me and leading me with love. Amen.**



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

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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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