



Sunday | October 29th | 2023

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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**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW #504, all verses

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.**

The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!

With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.

You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.**

Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!

His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.**

**Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!**

***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.

P Let us pray.

All Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Every Good and Perfect Gift

Written by Patty Mesenbring

Sunday School Children

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.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 3:19-28

Sarina Haas | Confirmand

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW pg. 151

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Borning Cry

ELW #732, all verses

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.**

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

CONFIRMATION | AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Introduction of Confirmands

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer for the Confirmands

Statement of Personal Affirmation and Pastoral Prayers

Laying on of Hands and Stole Presentation

Blessing

***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 come around and collect your offering today. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe on the front of the altar area. 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 MUSIC

Janelle Schauer

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

ELW #186

Create in Me

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 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.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW #858, all verses

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Janelle Schauer

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Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

ACOLYTES | Jackson Matthews & Isaac Tomsich

GREETERS | 2023 Confirmands

MUSIC LEADERS | Janelle Schauer, Lisa Schlotterback and the Sunday School Children

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

A/V CREW: Katrina Streeter and the Brouillard Family



CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

*Congratulations to all of our Confirmands today!
We thank and praise God for you and your devotion and dedication on studying and learning God's Word over the past several years. What a blessing for our church that God continues to provide young people who wish to hear and study his word.
From all of us at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church...Congrats!*

2023 Confirmands

Brett Roger Bakeberg
Philippians 4:13

Jacob Lee Bankston
Joshua 1:9

Kylin Marie Blanck
Isaiah 43:2

Ryan David Clausen
Isaiah 41:10

Noah Ryan Gunderson
Ephesians 2:8-9

Sarina Elise Haas
Isaiah 40:4

Courtney Deanna Hoffman
1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Jaya Sky Holmquist
2 Corinthians 5:7

Benjamin Robert Lundgren
John 14:6

Nathan Brian Olson
Psalm 27:1

Leslee Ariel Page
Luke 11:28

Torren Grey Schultes
John 3:16

OCTOBER 29, 2023
REFORMATION SUNDAY



The good news heals our divisions.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	The Son makes you free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	True righteousness
Wednesday	Psalms 141	Prayer for preservation from evil
Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-5	David's instruction to Solomon
Friday	1 Corinthians 16:13-20	Final messages
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is your refuge
Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. Romans 3:19 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, may your grace and mercy cleanse the church and set us free to be your witnesses of hope and peace through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

God of power and might, thank you for the seas that roar, the mountains that tremble, and for this food that gives us strength and courage for each day. Amen. (Psalm 46:3)

A Blessing to Give:

May God free you to be blessed by our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*A Mighty Fortress
Is Our God*



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 it easy or difficult for you to be silent when you are with friends or family? Explain.
- Silent moments can be a time of renewal as we gain new insights and appreciation for life around us. When has silence been a renewing experience for you?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 3:19-28.

Paul writes to Christians in house churches in Rome. These Christians oppose one another with words and finger pointing. One group is righteous and faithful while the other is not. The church today experiences a similar polarity. Paul speaks to us now as he did then: Be silent! The law that we want to justify our own lives silences every mouth because *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (v. 23). Once Paul declares our sinfulness and judgement on one another, we are ready to hear good news. The good news is that the only thing that justifies us is God’s undeserved kindness (grace). Only God is righteous and God’s righteousness shown in Christ is more than a morality, it is an activity that brings the unholy world into God’s goodness. Through faith, we experience being reconciled to one another and to God through Christ. We are now part of God’s righteousness to heal, save the world, and trust that God’s goodness can even heal our condemnation of others through faith in Christ.

Discuss: How is this good news for you?

Pray: **Gracious God, thank you for your goodness that acts in our lives and world to bring hope and peace to our divided relationships and world through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, through what words and actions can you show acceptance and care for others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Martin Luther wrote the words for *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* and composed the melody. This well-known hymn is based on Psalm 46. Circle or highlight words in Psalm 46 that you feel describe God as a mighty fortress. Read Psalm 46 aloud and pause for a moment when you read a word that is circled or highlighted. After reading, say, “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 | 10/29

Confirmation/Reformation Sunday

Multi-generational handbell choir practice // 9am

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am

Worship with Rite of Confirmation // 10am

MONDAY | 10/30

THURSDAY | 11/02

Women's Bible study // 10am

Jubilation Ringers // 7pm

TUESDAY | 10/31

Men's breakfast & Bible study // 8:30am

Staff meeting // 10am

FRIDAY | 11/03

OFFICE CLOSED

HS youth group // 6:30—8pm

WEDNESDAY | 11/01

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am

Wednesday night activities // *see next pg.*

New member class // 5:30pm

SATURDAY | 11/04

SUNDAY | 11/05

All Saints Sunday

Council listening session // 9am

Multi-generational handbell choir practice // 9am

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am

Worship with Holy Communion // 10am

Cinnamon roll sale // 11am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFIRMATION/REFORMATION SUNDAY TODAY

Confirmation Service for our 9th graders is this Sunday during worship. Please keep these young persons in your prayers: Brett Bakeberg, Jacob Bankston, Kylin Blanck, Ryan Clausen, Noah Gunderson, Sarina Haas, Courtney Hoffman, Jaya Holmquist, Ben Lundgren, Nathan Olson, Leslee Page, and Torren Schultes.

GET YOUR WREATHS FOR CHRISTMAS! ORDER FORMS DUE TODAY!

Help support our preschool and get your home ready for the Christmas season! The preschool is selling items from Mickman Brothers (wreaths, swags and centerpieces). Purchase for yourself or for friends/family! Check your GREEN insert for an order form.

NEW MEMBER CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY @ 5:30PM

If you or someone you know is considering joining Abiding Savior, we are having a New Member Class this Wednesday, November 1, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Coffee House. Come early and enjoy a time of fellowship at our Wednesday Evening Supper served 4:30 to 6:15. Contact one of the pastors or the church office at 763-784-5120 if you are interested in joining or have any questions. We would love to see you there!

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.

TAKE PART! COUNCIL LISTENING SESSION NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 @ 9AM

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 in our last scheduled session in the Coffee House! Paper question/response forms are also available in the office if you aren't able to attend.

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served
11/01: Chicken ala King w/ Biscuits
11/08: Beef Soup
11/15: Spaghetti
11/29: Beef Stroganoff
5:30—7:30pm New Member Class
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

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 are available now!**

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.

SPIRIT OF SHARING PLEDGE FORMS

It's not too late to turn in your pledge forms for our 2023 Stewardship Campaign. You can place them in the offering plate or drop them off/mail them to the office. Thank you for your support of our congregation's ministries!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time and talents at Abiding Savior!

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

Sunday School | Sundays | 9:00 AM | Mod #1 & Mod #2



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