

Let
Love
be genuine.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | 10:00 AM

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost | September 3rd, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship

*Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESS & FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

{Silence for reflection & self-examination}

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P Righteous God,

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW #879, all verses

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain***

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

*APOSTOLIC GREETING AND 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.

C **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through 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

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:9-21

***GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:21-28

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** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ELW #631, verses 1 & 3

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

*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 RESPONSE** *Praise and Thanksgiving*

ELW #689, vs 1

**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

***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**

P Lord, in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW pg.145

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.

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

Janelle Schauer

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN

Bind Us Together
WOV #748, all verses

Chorus: Bind us together Lord Bind us together with cords

That cannot be broken Bind us together Lord

Bind us together Lord Bind us together with love

There is only one God, There is only one King

There is only one body, That is why we can sing Chorus

Made for the glory of God Purchased by His precious Son

Born with the right to be clean For Jesus the vict'ry has won Chorus

You are the fam'ly of God You are the promise divine

You are God's chosen desire You are the glorious new wine Chorus

*SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE

Janelle Schauer

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Bind Us Together

CCLI Song # 1228

Bob Gillman

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Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

GREETERS:

COMMUNION SERVERS: Pastor Marla, Pastor Ryan, Tonya Cox, Sandra La-Croix, Ellen Zimmerman, and Linka Holey

SONG LEADER:

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

A/V CREW: 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 09/03 Indoor worship with Holy Communion // 10am	
MONDAY 09/04 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	THURSDAY 09/07 Women's Bible study // 10am
TUESDAY 09/05 Staff meeting // 10am Committee meetings // 6:30pm	FRIDAY 09/08 OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY 09/06 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am Confirmation info nite (6-8 grd) // 6:30pm Adult choir // 7pm	SATURDAY 09/09
SUNDAY 09/10 RALLY SUNDAY Sunday school "Welcome Activity" (no class) // 9:30am Indoor worship with <i>Blessing of Backpacks</i> // 10am Brunch // 11am	

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

RALLY SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

We are excited to kick off our fall programming with Rally Sunday next Sunday, Sept. 10. Mark your calendars and plan to join us at 9:30 for fall programming registration & making backpack tags, worship at 10 with Blessing of the Backpacks, and brunch at 11am!

CONFIRMATION & WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING

Wednesday evening programming is right around the corner! Information packets were mailed to Confirmation families. We'll have an orientation meeting for 6th-8th grade families on September 6. Confirmation classes and regular Wednesday evening programming begins Wednesday, September 13. Our first meal will be Tacos and Spanish Rice! Invite a friend or neighbor!

GET YOUR VOICES READY!

Adult choir rehearsals resume September 6 at 7pm in the choir room, preparing for our season debut in worship on Rally Day, September 10! New to choir? Great!! No need to RSVP or commit to every week - just come when you can and join in the song. If you know of anyone who might like to join, please encourage them to come along.

NEW INTERGENERATIONAL HANDBELL CHOIR

Have you ever wanted to play handbells? Now is your chance. Join us Sunday mornings 9:05-9:30 beginning October 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. Just a willing spirit and the ability to count to 4.

ENROLL — ABIDING SAVIOR PRESCHOOL

There are still some openings in our Preschool Program (our new Toddler Program is FULL!). If you know of someone looking for a flexible, half-day preschool, please help spread the word! Visit www.abidingsavior.org for more information.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

MONDAY EVENINGS SEPT. 11— 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, or have a loved one who needs your support, you are encouraged to attend!

MEN'S FISHING TRIP—NEW LOCATION!

SEPTEMBER 22—24

Mark your calendars! This year we will be going to Camp Hiawatha on the Shores of Deer Lake just north of Grand Rapids, MN. Invite your friends and neighbors, sons and sons-in-law for a weekend of fishing and fellowship. The all-inclusive cost is only \$170 per person. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office! Questions? — speak Pastor Ryan!

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!

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.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE TO ASLC!

Looking for an easy way to donate to Abiding Savior? Scan the QR code to make a contribution to Abiding Savior's General Fund. Thank you for your support of our congregation!



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking
faith
home

Following Jesus is not an easy path.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow
Monday	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Jeremiah is reassured
Tuesday	Romans 12:9-21	Rules for Christian living
Wednesday	2 Timothy 4:1-5	Paul's instructions to Timothy
Thursday	Philippians 1:27-30	Live your life in a worthy manner
Friday	1 Corinthians 12:12-26	One body with many members
Saturday	Psalm 26:1-8	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to pick up our crosses, suffer, and follow Jesus for what is right, just, and loving. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the cross of Christ free you to care for all.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Just a Closer Walk with
Thee*



**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 experienced pain or suffering?
- How does your faith in Christ help you when you are in pain or suffering?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 16:21-28.

In general, we do our best to avoid pain and suffering. Peter wanted Jesus—and himself—to avoid suffering, and so he rebuked Jesus. However, some suffering is necessary in life. There are times when the path in life is not easy. Fighting for justice on behalf of others and God's creation and defending God's mercy and forgiveness when hatred and vengeance is pursued by others are examples of times when suffering is warranted. Peter failed to understand this. Jesus called him out as one who was following the path of evil. The path Jesus chose picks up a cross. Jesus picked up his cross for the salvation of all that God has created. It was a very costly cross for Jesus. It led to torment, false accusations, suffering and death. It is what is referred to as the "theology of the cross," that is, out of suffering God brings healing, new life, and salvation.

Discuss: When is a time in your life you avoided the harder path? What happened?

Pray: **Compassionate God, give us courage and strength to follow you where truth and justice are needed, to paths that bring healing and hope through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve by risking your own comfort for the sake of others?



RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The cross is a Christian symbol. It reminds us that Jesus is with us through hard times. We see crosses in many places in our lives. As a follower of Jesus, notice the number of crosses you see in your home and in the community this week. Each time you see one, take a moment to pray: **Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross to save us. Amen.**

Pastoral and Musical Staff

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Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Summer Worship Schedule:

Indoor Worship with Holy Communion | Sundays at 10:00 AM

{1st & 3rd Sundays of the month}

Outdoor/Backyard Worship | Sundays at 10:00 AM

{2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month}

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



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