



SPIRIT OF SHARING

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stewardship Celebration Sunday

October 22nd | 2023

Blended Worship | 10:00 AM | Brunch

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost | October 22nd, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship

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*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**

Heart of Worship

Led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

When the music fades

All is stripped away and I simply come

Longing just to bring

Something that's of worth that will bless Your heart

**I'll bring You more than a song for a song in itself
It's not what You have required
You search much deeper within, through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart**

Chorus: **I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus**

**King of endless worth
No one could express how much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours
Every single breath**

**I'll bring You more than a song for a song in itself
It's not what You have required
You search much deeper within, through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart**

Chorus
It's all about You, all about You, Jesus

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SPIRIT OF SHARING MOMENT | Pastor Ryan & Richard Hanson

ANTHEM

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

By B. Wayne Bisbee

Adult Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON & CHILDREN'S TIME

Jackie Peterson

***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.**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-8, 12-27

***GOSPEL: Matthew 6:19-22**

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

Led by Reigning Grace Worship Band

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.**

PROCESSIONAL OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Today will be a processional offering and ushers will invite you forward where you will place both your offering and your pledge cards in the baskets provided. During the offering time, children are also 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

The Church Song
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 & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

In Christ Alone

Reigning Grace Worship Band

**In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

{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.

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From a life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, could ever pluck me from His hand
‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

Soul On Fire

Reigning Grace Worship Band

Chorus: **God, I’m running for Your heart, I’m running for Your heart
‘Til I am a soul on fire
Lord, I’m longing for Your way, I’m waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
‘Til I am a soul on fire**

Chorus

**Lord, restore the joy I have, I have wandered, bring me back
In this darkness, lead me through, Until all I see is You**

Chorus

**Lord, let me burn for You again, Let me return to You again
Lord let me burn for You again, Let me return to You again**

Chorus

**God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
‘Til I am a soul on fire
‘Til I am a soul on fire
‘Til I am a soul on fire**

***SENDING**

P Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** Reprise

Soul On Fire

† † †

Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

ACOLYTES | Tristan Overby, Molly Burgers

GREETERS | Stewardship Committee

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

<p>SUNDAY 10/22 Stewardship Celebration Sunday Multi-generational handbell choir practice // 9am Sunday school and fellowship // 9am Worship // 10am Brunch // 11am</p>	
<p>MONDAY 10/23 <i>Meals on Wheels delivery</i> Confirmation pictures & dinner // 6pm</p>	<p>THURSDAY 10/26 Work crew // 9am Women's Bible study // 10am <i>Meals on Wheels delivery</i> Jubilation Ringers // 7pm</p>
<p>TUESDAY 10/24 Staff meeting // 10am <i>Meals on Wheels delivery</i> Benedictine service // Noon</p>	<p>FRIDAY 10/27 OFFICE CLOSED <i>Meals on Wheels delivery</i></p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 10/25 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am <i>Meals on Wheels delivery</i> Wednesday night activities // <i>see next pg.</i></p>	<p>SATURDAY 10/28 Trunk or Treat // 10:30am—noon</p>
<p>SUNDAY 10/29 Confirmation/Reformation Sunday Multi-generational handbell choir practice // 9am Sunday school and fellowship // 9am Worship with Rite of Confirmation // 10am</p>	

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION SUNDAY

TODAY

We invite you to complete your 2024 Pledge Cards and participate in a processional offering during worship today. Please join us after worship for a delicious brunch served free of charge as a *thank you* for your support of Abiding Savior!

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!

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!

GET YOUR WREATHS FOR CHRISTMAS!

ORDER FORMS DUE NEXT SUNDAY!

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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Confirmation Service for our 9th graders will be on Sunday, October 29th 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.

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30—6:15pm Dinner served
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

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 upcoming sessions:

- Wednesday, October 25th @ 7:00pm in the Coffee House
- Sunday, November 5th @ 9:00am in the Coffee House

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.

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 22, 2023
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Love and trust God above everything else.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
Monday	Isaiah 45:1-7	Cyrus serves the Lord
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	The example of faith
Wednesday	Psalms 28	Prayer for help
Thursday	Proverbs 3:1-6	Trust God
Friday	Jeremiah 17:5-8	Trust the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 96	Sing a new song
Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For the people of those regions [Macedonia and Achaia] report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God. 1 Thessalonians 1:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of the nations, you alone are worthy of worship and praise; give us wisdom to see the false gods around us and remain true to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you made the heavens and the earth to praise you. We praise you now for this food that strengthens the body and gladdens the heart. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with joy and the steadfast love of Jesus.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lead Me, Guide Me



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:

- Doing the right thing is not always easy. What is something you have struggled with?
- A false god can be anything that we worship and trust to make us feel safe and secure. What false gods have you been tempted to worship in your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 22:15-22.

A surprising point of this story concerns trust in God, not false gods. Jesus had just successfully opposed religious leaders in the temple. Now those leaders go from debate to entrapment by getting Jesus to take a position that would place him against the Roman government (a deadly decision) or against the Hebrew Scriptures (an unfaithful position). Jesus navigates between these traps by tricking his opponents. He asks to see the coin used for the tax. It's a "gotcha" moment. The Jewish leaders should not have had the Roman coin in the temple. It has the face of the Roman Emperor on it and a confession that Emperor Augustus is the Son of God! With the coin they show Jesus the image and confession of an idol. Jesus says give back to Caesar the idolatry of the empire. Everything else is God's. These religious leaders had not considered that Jesus would outwit them, but he did. His words leave his opponents amazed and speechless. Idolatry to false gods can easily trip us all.

Discuss: What challenges you to be faithful to God above everything else?

Pray: **Almighty God, give us wisdom to turn away from false gods in our life and courage to follow you and you alone through 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 care for those who are struggling to trust God?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Paul wrote that the Christians in Thessalonica had become imitators of Jesus. Play a game of Simon Says. Then have a discussion about ways in which we imitate others in our lives—both in good and bad ways. Talk or think about what it means to be an example of Christian faith, hope, and love to others.

Pray: **Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive the gospel with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit so that we may become examples to all believers. Amen.** (1Thessalonians 1:6-7)



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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