

# Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

September 19th, 2021

## Outdoor Worship Service Bulletin

Services begin LIVE at 10:00 am in the backyard at Abiding Savior or you may also join us virtually on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/abidingsaviorlc](https://www.facebook.com/abidingsaviorlc).

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## PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Calling to mind the fragility of our human condition, let us confess our sin to God.

*{Silence for reflection & self-examination,}*

P Good and loving God,

C **You made your abundant creation for the use and enjoyment of all people. We confess that we hold the things you give us too closely, and do not share freely with all in need. Forgive our selfishness, and help us to receive your gracious word and to practice generosity in our daily lives. Amen.**

P God calls us to seek good and to turn away from evil. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God grants forgiveness of sin, strength in weakness, and the promise of eternal salvation.

C Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

*Gather Us In*

## ELW #532

Led by Mary Larew, verses 1-3

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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 **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ANTHEM Senior Choir

#### *Teach Me*

by Stacey Nordmeyer; lyrics by Joseph M. Martin

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in your Righteousness. Make Your way plain before my face.

Teach me to trust and show me the way. Give me Your light, strengthen my faith.

You are the source of all that is right. Teach me to trust Your star in the night.

Teach me to seek Your spirit divine. You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Soften my heart and mold me with care. Form me with love and lead me to share.

Teach me to trust, to give You my all. Fill me with hope to rise when I fall.

Teach me to yearn for Your warm embrace. Help me to rest alone in Your grace.

## INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS & SMALL GROUP LEADERS/CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### *Jesus Loves Me*

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

## GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

## SERMON

Pastor Lisa Engen

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Led by Mary Larew, verses 1-3



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fä - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



## 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.**

*(All may greet one another in the name of the Lord with Peace be with you; Please share a verbal 'Peace' instead of shaking hands)*

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

This morning, ushers will collect offering in baskets. Please hold out your envelopes for ushers to see as they are walking around. During this time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe at the front of Brad's Pad. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania.

## OFFERING MUSIC

Janelle Schauer

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P      Let us pray. God of majesty,

C      **In your might you have created all things, and you entrust to our care what you have made. Receive our offerings, and make them a sign of our dedication to provide for the needs of all people and creatures, in the name of the one who sustains all things by his word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## \*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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Janelle Schauer

## \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

Pastor Lisa Engen

## CLOSING SONG

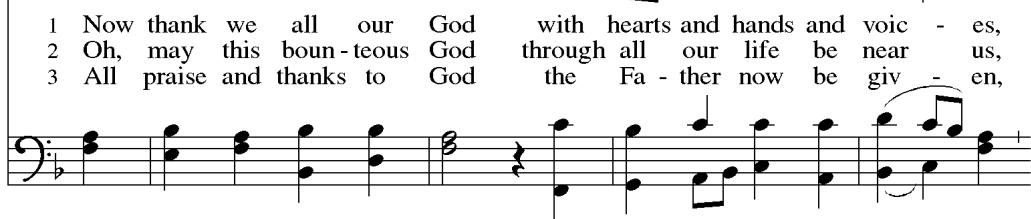
*Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW #836

Led by Mary Larew, verses 1-3



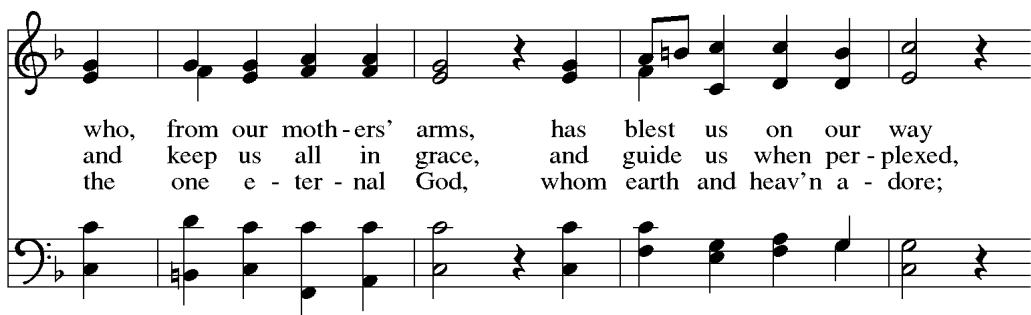
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



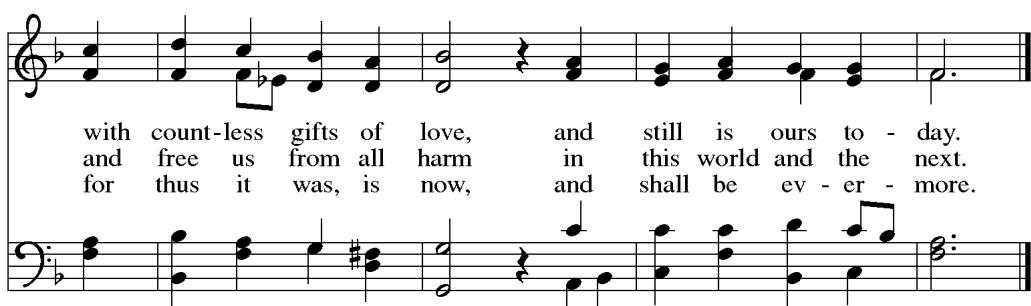
who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.



## SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

Janelle Schauer



**SONG LEADER:** Mary Larew (New Choir Director)

**SOUND BOOTH TECHS:** Jack Brouillard, Gary Engen (02)

**VIDEO:** Katie & Taylor Brouillard

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



# SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Jesus' followers are to care for the powerless.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest
Monday	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Plot to kill Jeremiah
Tuesday	James 3:13-4:8a	Wisdom from above
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christ gives freedom
Thursday	Isaiah 42:1-9	A servant song
Friday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Serve others
Saturday	Psalm 54	A cry to God for help
Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[Jesus] sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NRSV)*

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**  
God of heaven and earth, may we follow the way of Jesus and learn what it means to trust in you through Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**  
Dear God, just as you feed us with this gift of food today, we thank you for caring for us with your goodness and mercy. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**  
May your life be blessed by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

### HYMN OF THE WEEK

Will You Let Me Be  
Your Servant

### 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 would you describe your friends, the people with whom you associate regularly?
- Society encourages us to "climb the social ladder." What does that mean to you?
- How would you describe the life Jesus wants you to follow?

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:30-37.

Chapters 8-10 in Mark include three predictions of Jesus' death. Each prediction is connected with his disciple's misunderstandings and then some kind of teaching about discipleship. The focus of Jesus' words is more than a general endorsement of humility. It moves us in the direction of personal association with the vulnerable and the powerless, those considered "last" in society. In Jesus' day and in the Roman Empire, a child was without power or importance. To lift up and value a child was contrary to social norms of Jesus' day. When Jesus describes his own life's work, he makes a claim on us. We are to follow his way, the way of suffering and being the last. It is an active rejection of domination and the powers of this world. What is evident in these predictions is that Jesus' followers don't get it. His understanding of what it means to be "first" in life is so different from what we hear and see in daily life. It takes time to understand what it means to follow Jesus. It may take a lifetime. In the meantime, we are to care for the people who feel unimportant and powerless and be able to celebrate with them that life is redeemed and blessed. Who would you identify in your community as those who are considered powerless and "last of all"?

*Pray: Almighty God, through Jesus, you come to us with a power like no other. Help us to follow Jesus into a new way of life that loves you and all others. Amen.*

## SERVICE

*Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." (Mark 9:37) Many places in the world and in our own communities have children in need. Think or talk about children who are in need of food, clothing, and shelter. Keep them in your prayers. Is there a way you can help and support children in need or an organization that works with them?*

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The International Day of Peace is observed each year on September 21st. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981. The Bible reading for Tuesday this week is from James 3. "And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace." (v. 18) Think or talk about what it takes to make peace. Then write a list of situations or places that are in need of peace. Light a candle as you pray for each one on your list. Then pray:

*Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, please bring your peace to \_\_\_\_\_.*

In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to [www.milestoneministry.org](http://www.milestoneministry.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 | 9/19

Sunday school // 9:00am

Outdoor worship with Installation of teachers & small group leaders // 10:00am

### MONDAY | 9/20

Quilting // 9:00am

### THURSDAY | 9/23

Bible study // 10am  
(in-person or online)

### TUESDAY | 9/21

Staff meeting // 10:00am

### FRIDAY | 9/24

OFFICE CLOSED

### WEDNESDAY | 9/22

Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:45am

Wednesday night dinner // 4:30pm

Celebration ringers // 5:00pm

New Member Class // 5:00 pm

PowerUP & King's Messengers // 5:30pm

PowerUp & WWJD Choir // 6:00pm

Wednesday Worship // 6:30pm

Confirmation & HS youth group // 6:30pm

Adult Choir // 7:00pm

### SATURDAY | 9/25

### SUNDAY | 9/26

Sunday School // 9:00am

Outdoor worship // 10:00am // New Members Received // 1st Communion class

## ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

**WED., SEPTEMBER 22ND — 5:00PM**

Interested in learning more about Abiding Savior and becoming a member? Join us for a new members class on Wednesday, September 22nd at 5:00pm to learn more about the ministries of Abiding Savior, what it means to be Lutheran, and to get to know one another!

Please contact the church office at 763-784-5120 if you are interested! New members will be received on Sunday, September 26th.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers at Abiding Savior! Please let anyone on staff know if you could help with:

- Helping record worship
- Being on the Altar Guild
- Being an usher

### YOUTH RETREAT AT OX LAKE

**FRI., OCT. 1ST @ 6PM — SAT., OCT. 2ND @ 5PM**

Get ready for a fun youth retreat out at Ox Lake Camp in Wisconsin focused on fellowship and building relationships. Contact Brad for more info!

### CUSTODIAN/HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED!

We are searching for a new custodian/housekeeper to work approximately 15-20 hours/week. If you, or someone you know, are interested please contact the church office.

### BLOOD DRIVE

**THURS. SEPTEMBER 30, 1:30-6:30PM**

Appointments are needed! Please register online or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Schedule online, search by zip code (55112) and date.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

### ABIDING SAVIOR PRESCHOOL

**ENROLL NOW FOR THE FALL!**

We are excited to welcome students back into the classroom this week! We still have openings available and ask you to help spread the word about our wonderful preschool!

### UPDATED MASK POLICY

The Reopening Task Force at its meeting on Sept. 8, 2021, recommends to the Congregation Council the following:

- Due to the increase in COVID cases and illness due to the Delta variant, and out of love and concern for the wellbeing of our neighbors, we require that mask wearing be mandatory for all people inside the church building. This includes mask wearing for all worship services, funerals, weddings, programming and meetings in the building. This also includes mask wearing for all choirs and worship band participants for indoor worship leadership or rehearsal. We recommend continuing the practice of keeping every other pew in the Sanctuary roped off to provide for social distancing from other people. Only those worship leaders who are able to maintain at least twelve feet of distance from others may remove their mask while leading worship.
- Outside groups allowed to use our facility are required to follow Abiding Savior's COVID policies.
- Knowing that fellowship around food is at the heart of our congregation we encourage the continuation of indoor dining with the following requirements:
  - That all food be served by servers wearing masks and gloves.
  - Buffet lines or self-serving food are prohibited.
  - We will continue the spacing of seats and tables in the Fellowship Hall and other spaces used for indoor dining.
  - That masks be taken off only once people are seated at their tables for the purpose of eating and masks are used at all other times in the building.
- We further recommend that these policies be reviewed periodically by the Reopening Task Force and the Council as trends with COVID cases and variants changes.

## Pastoral and Musical Staff

### *Pastor*

Rev. Elisa Richardson Engen

### *Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

### *Organist*

Janelle Schauer

### *Choir Director*

Dr. Mary Larew

### *Children's Ministry Director*

Patty Mesenbring

### *Deacon & Youth Director*

Brad Mills

### Abiding Savior Worship Service Schedule:

Sunday, September 26th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, October 3rd ~ 10:00 AM ~ return to indoor Worship Service

Sunday, October 10th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Worship Service

\*Please note all worship services are also available online via our Facebook page or you can find the link on our website.



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