

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

August 3, 2025 | 10:00 am Worship | Worship with VBS Sharing 8th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to our worship service this morning. We are so glad you are here! If you are in need of a church home, you are always welcome at Abiding Savior! God bless your worship today.

*When you see this mark in the bulletin, please stand as you are able

PRELUDE | Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the I Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

- P Merciful God.
- You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
- C Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine ELW #677 | Alternate words

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel. No! I'm goin'-a let it shine; Hide it under a bushel. No! I'm goin'-a let it shine; Hide it under a bushel. No! I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

> Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*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 Holy God, In a world that often feels noisy and unsure, let your peace settle in our hearts like a gentle whisper. We give thanks for Vacation Bible School, for the voices of children, the heartbeats of volunteers, and playful moments infused with learning and love. Make us peacemakers in our lives and let your peace plant seeds in us that grow far beyond today. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



VBS MUSIC | VBS attendees & helpers

If You Love Jesus

Keep On Loving Each Other

VBS SHARING | Pastor Katie Hendrikson

*HYMN OF THE DAY

I've Got Peace Like a River The Other Songbook #108 | all verses

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

*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

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. 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.

[Please pass the Friendship Pads found at the end of the pew]

OFFERING | VBS Closing Worship Video

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
- C Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Children of God are welcomed for Communion. Ushers will come around and guide each row. As you come forward, please proceed down your aisle and kneel at the railing to receive Communion. You will also be offered grape juice and/or wine (wine =red, grape juice = white).

- Gluten free wafers are available upon request
- Please alert a communion server if you need grape juice and there is none available on the tray. They will grab an additional tray for you
- 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 | VBS Slideshow

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

*BENEDICTION | VBS attendees & helpers

See You Later Alligator

See you later alligator In a while crocodile Catch a kiss jellyfish Toodle-oo kangaroo See you soon racoon Another day bluejay Take care polar bear Bye bye butterfly

Joy And Peace

God spoke through Isaiah, He said, My word does every good thing
If your soul is hungry come eat
If you are thirsty come drink

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If your soul is hungry come eat
If you are thirsty come drink

I promise love unfailing
Blessings my word commands
Mountains will sing before you and trees will clap their hands

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace
Go out in joy and be led forth in peace
You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace
Go out in joy and be led forth in peace

Joy joy joy Peace peace peace You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace

I promise love unfailing

Blessings my word commands

Mountains will sing before you and trees will clap their hands

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace
Go out in joy and be led forth in peace
Joy joy joy
Peace peace peace
You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace

*SENDING

- P Go out with Joy, and be led forth in Peace!
- C Thanks be to God!

*POSTLUDE | Janelle Schauer



Thank you to all who made worship possible today!

Greeters | Gary & Tonya Cox

Communion Servers | Pastor Ryan, Pastor Katie, Jenny Burgers, Linka Holey, Laurie Middendorf, Gloria Pettis, Lori Wagner and Ellen Zimmerman

Ushers | Mark Pothen, Mark & Linda Radtke, Gary Engen, Scott Quarberg and Tom Brown

A/V Crew | Katie Brouillard, Taylor Brouillard, Melissa Holmquist and Tristan Overby

THANK YOU



Thank you to Pastor Katie for organizing such an amazing VBS! We also offer a GREAT BIG THANKS to all of our wonderful volunteers: music leaders, bible story, science, games, snacks and our teachers & helpers! We are so thankful for each and every one of you!! This week would not happen without you!

SAVE THE DATE | VBS 2026 | AUGUST 10-14







TICKETS MUST BE RESERVED TODAY!

Please sign up TODAY to attend Lutheran Night at the Twins with Abiding Savior on Thursday, August 14th. Cost: \$50 to attend the game or \$65 with a bus ride to/from the game. All tickets include a hot deal meal at church and some snacks for the game! We have to turn in our ticket # tomorrow, so we will release ALL tickets not reserved. See Katie (Office Manager Katie) after worship or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Please make your payment when you sign up!



IT'S TIME TO UPDATE THE YOUTH ROOM & WE NEED YOUR HELP PAINTING & ORGANIZING!



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY | 08/03

Boundary Waters trip
Indoor worship service with Holy Communion // 10am

| MONDAY 08/04 Boundary Waters trip | THURSDAY 08/07 Women's Bible study // 10am |
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| TUESDAY 08/05 Boundary Waters trip returns Staff meeting // 10am | FRIDAY 08/08 OFFICE CLOSED |
| Committee meetings // 6:30pm | Youth painting Youth Room // 6:30pm |
| WEDNESDAY 08/06 Cub Foods baked goods delivery // 9:30am | SATURDAY 08/09 Youth painting Youth Room // 9am |

SUNDAY | 08/10

Outdoor worship service // 10am
Backyard games day and free picnic // 11:30am

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Please use this space to take notes and reflect on the worship service and the sermon.

Questions for possible reflection:

- What message of faith did you hear today in worship today?
- How can you live out that message of faith in your daily life this week?

UPCOMING EVENTS

PEACE! VBS 2025

What a great week we had at VBS! To everyone who donated items, volunteered during the week and to the parents who brought their kiddos, thank you for helping to grow the kids' faith and encourage new friendships! We are excited to have some sharing from the week during today's service!

BACKYARD GAMES DAY AND PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 // 11:30AM

Come spend time outdoors with family and friends on a beautiful summer day! Enjoy time playing corn hole, Viking bowling, Kubb, bocce ball, gaga, BINGO and other fun backyard games! We'll have a free picnic lunch to enjoy and s'mores to roast on the fire pit. Invite your friends and neighbors -- all are welcome!

GET YOUR TICKETS TO THE TWINS GAME! THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Abiding Savior has 60 tickets in the outlook section of Target Field for the Twins vs. the Tigers for Lutheran Night on Thurs., Aug. 14 at 6:40pm. The cost is \$65 for the game, tailgating at church, snacks and school bus ride to/from the game (there are 45 spots on the bus available) - or - \$50 for the game, tailgating at church and snacks (no bus ride). Please sign up outside the office if you want tickets (and make payment when signing up).

CSC WALK FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Thank you for everyone who took part in the CSC "Walk for Our Neighbors" last week! They had 265 walkers and 330.4 miles walked, which was more than last year. Donations are still coming in and they have exceeded what was raised last year! Thank you for supporting our neighbors!

TANZANIA FUNDRAISERS THANKS!

ASANTE! Thank you to everyone supporting the upcoming Tanzania trip through the fundraisers held last week! Between the Panera 'Dine to Donate' and Silent Auction, over \$1,700 was raised!

MV PARADE/FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

FRI. & SAT., AUG. 15 & 16

Come walk in the parade at 6PM on Friday, August 15! We also are looking for people to sit at an ASLC booth on Saturday at the Festival in the Park for 2 hour shifts to run a simple game and hand out ASLC 'merch'. Sign up HERE!

MEN'S FISHING TRIP | MCGREGOR, MN SEPTEMBER 19-21

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Men's Fishing Trip held in McGregor, MN on Big Sandy Lake at Pastor Ryan's cabin. The cost will be \$120 per person to cover food, gas, etc. Contact Pastor Ryan with any questions or sign up by the church office.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS // 10AM

Does all the difficult stuff in the news have you down? Come to the Women's Bible Study to be uplifted. This summer we will be focusing on the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The world needs more of these kinds of fruits right now! Come and be part of it!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANTS NEEDED!

We have some upcoming events that could use Thrivent Action Team grants. If you have any available, please let the office know and we can provide the details for the application. Thank you!

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 06/30/25

 2025 YTD Income:
 \$353,095

 2025 YTD Expenses:
 \$332,369

 2025 YTD Net Income:
 \$20,725

SCAN HERE TO DONATE

Looking for an easy way to donate to Abiding Savior? Scan our QR code to make a contribution! Thank you!





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.

Abiding Savior Pastoral and Musical Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Youth Directors

Alex & Josh Ertz

Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Associate Pastor

Rev. Katie Hendrikson

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Bell Choir Director

Paul Weller

Abiding Savior Summer Worship Schedule

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary or Brad's Pad Women's Bible Study | Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Coffee House

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