

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 – 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Bible Study

Pastor Glover's Bible Study

This class meets in the fellowship hall after breakfast. We continue a study of Islam.

Girlfriends Bible Study

Ladies and invited to meet in the building 3 library at 10:00 a.m. Our current study is called "Leaning on Jesus: A study of God's strength."

Study the Bible One Book at a Time

This group meets in the building 1 classroom and is studying the book of Isaiah.

Announcements

Youth and Children's Ministry Activities have resumed on Sunday afternoons.

Elementary age children come at 3:00 p.m. and middle school and high school Youth join at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is provided at 5:00 p.m. and Youth continue to meet until 6:00 p.m.

Little Lutherans' Lessons: Typically, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, children may attend lesson time during the sermon. Children stay with their families for the Divine Service until the sermon begins. At that point, volunteers lead them to the nursery for a lesson tailored just for them. After the sermon, the children will rejoin their families for the remainder of the service.

Online Giving platform has changed. As of August 1, the church website's giving link was updated. For those that choose to give online, a new email, password and account set-up is required. Those with recurring online offerings will also have to reset their accounts. Danny and Susan can provide assistance. Visit www.abidingsavior.info and find the "Giving" link to set up your online giving.

Church Directory: Abiding Savior has been blessed with more than 20 new members since January. Please check the draft directory on the stand near the welcome table. If your information needs to be added or updated, use the red pen provided to make edits. If you do not have a picture, you may send an electronic picture office@abidingsavior.info or see Susan or Danny in the narthex between services to have a picture taken.

Mulch Moving on Saturday, September 6 beginning at 8:00 a.m.: Volunteers are needed to help spread mulch on the playgrounds and flower beds. Donuts, coffee and drinks will be provided.

Altar Team Annual Organizational Meeting, This Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary: We will discuss procedures, care of linens and the upcoming calendar. Donuts will be provided. We encourage anyone with interest in this service opportunity to come and learn more. It involves one month of duty every 5 months.

Pumpkins will arrive on Sunday, September 21. Join us after the 11:00 service to help unload pumpkins and set up for the season. Additionally, volunteers are needed to work shifts at the Pumpkin Patch. Use the link below to sign up for your shifts:
ttsu.me/pumpkinpatch2025

September 28: One Combined Service at 10:30 a.m. followed by Oktoberfest from noon to 3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a day filled with fun, fellowship, music and festive activities for the whole family. Don't miss out on the delicious German-inspired meal we have planned.

Name Tags: There is a clipboard on the welcome table for name tag requests. Write your name as you would like it to appear on the tag and we will have it available next week.

Sunday Music for Children: Elementary age children are encouraged to join Susan in the Youth Room at 10:00 a.m. beginning next Sunday, Sept. 7. We will have a Bible story, we'll sing a few songs and start preparing a children's Christmas program to share at the congregation's annual Christmas dinner on December 7th.

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

OPENING HYMN

728 How Firm a Foundation sts. 1–3, 5

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

Pastor	In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation	Amen.

Confession and Absolution

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8–9

Pastor	If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
Congregation	But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor	Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Congregation	Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

[John 20:19–23]

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7

It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.
We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your | name is near.*
We recount your | wondrous deeds.
At the set time that | I appoint*
I will judge with | equity.
For not from the east or | from the west*
and not from the wilderness comes | lifting up.
But I will declare it for- | ever;*
I will sing praises to the God of | Jacob.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.

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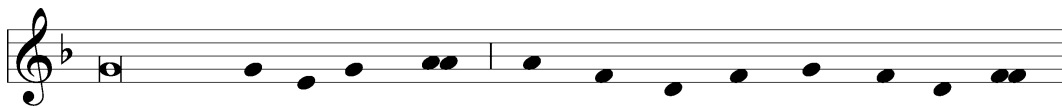
Mark 10:47

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**
Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**
Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor	For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor	Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Congregation	Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2–10

- ²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen
 ⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
 when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
 and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
 and your ill repute have no end.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
 for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
 but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;
 I will not fear;
 what can man do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of

lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1-14

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, **“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”** ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, **“Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?”** ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸**“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”**

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**Congregation I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

SERMON

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Stand

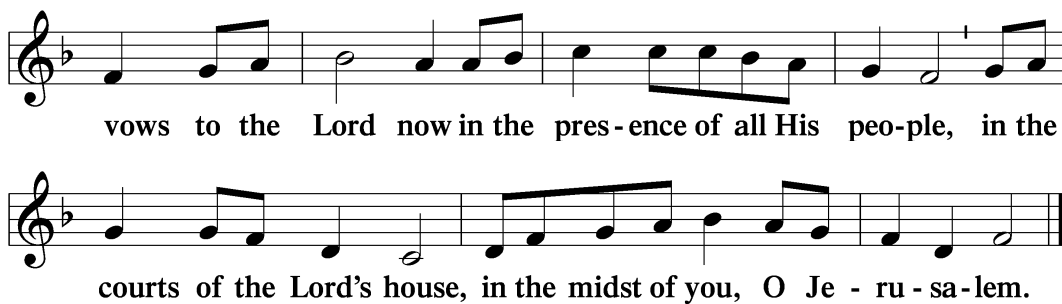
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



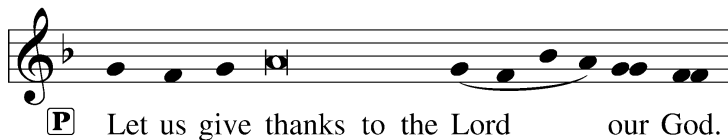
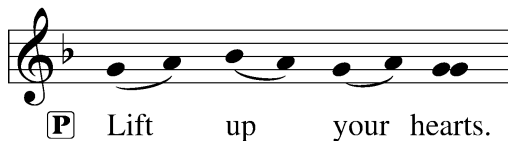
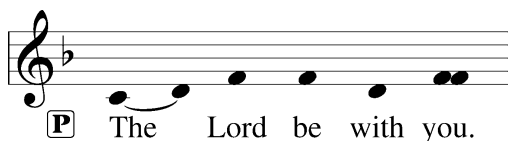
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

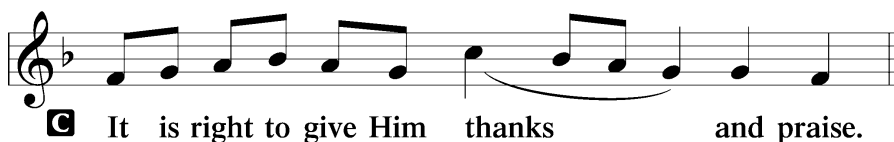


Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]





PROPER PREFACE

Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

■ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.


Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Congregation Amen.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Stand

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you
 in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
Congregation Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



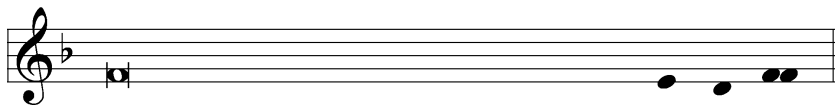
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through
 this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would
 strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love
 toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
 and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.



C A - men.

HYMN TO DEPART

837 Lift High the Cross sts. ref-4

POSTLUDE

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Last Week

Attendance

8:30 a.m. - 87

11:00 a.m. - 61

Total: 148

Offerings

Total: \$8,623

Building Fund: \$40

Today's altar flowers are provided by
Gilbert and Sara Daniel in honor of their
35th wedding anniversary.



Next Week's Readings

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

Giving for 2024.25 FY

(7/1/25 – 8/24/25)

Avg. weekly attendance: 139

Total offerings: \$62,383

Avg. weekly offering: \$7,798

Total building fund: \$711

Anniversaries

Gilbert & Sara Daniel 9/1

Birthdays

Kay Hurst 9/3

Chase Crawford 9/6

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