

Holy Cross Day

September 14, 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 are invited to meet in the building 3 library at 10:00 a.m. We are beginning a new study called "Strong & Courageous: Studying God's promises in Joshua."

Study the Bible One Book at a Time

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

Sunday Children's Music

for preschoolers through grade 5 meets in the Youth room of building 3 at 10:00 a.m.

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 Today: 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.

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.

Sunday Music for Children: Preschool and elementary-aged children are invited to join Susan in the Youth Room at 10:00 a.m. 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 14th. Parents are encouraged to come and participate too.

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 or QR code below to sign up for your shifts: ttsu.me/pumpkinpatch2025



Noisy Offering Next Week. Bring your loose change and make a joyful noise as we give to support Meals of Hope, our annual food packaging event.

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.

Portals of Prayer for October through December are now on the welcome table in the narthex.

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

837 Lift High the Cross sts. ref-2, 5-6

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

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

Confession and Absolution

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.

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.

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 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
 Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth,*
 break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
 With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
 make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

**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.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

KYRIE

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Pastor

Let us pray.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Lector

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Isaiah 49:22a; John 3:14b–15

“Behold, I will lift up my hand to the | nations,*
and raise my signal to the peoples,” | [says the Lord.]
So must the Son of Man be | lifted up,*
that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Lector 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

John 12:20–33

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LITTLE LUTHERANS

SERMON

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12

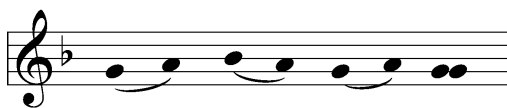
C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

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

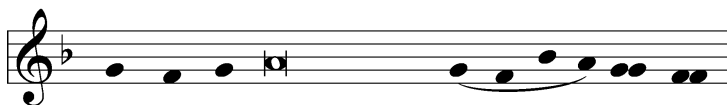
P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C 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

Matthew 6:9–13

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

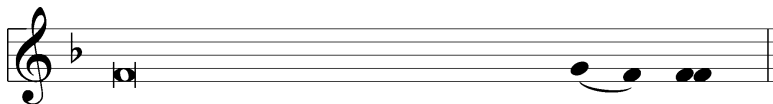
Pastor

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



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

■ 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.

THANK THE LORD

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



C 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.

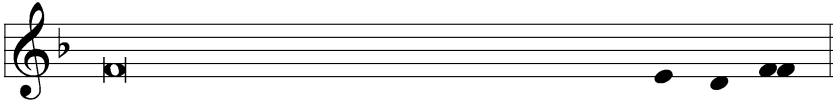
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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Last Week

Attendance

8:30 a.m. - 78

11:00 a.m. - 56

Total: 134

Offerings

Total: \$8,726

Today's altar flowers are provided
by Pete Schmitt
in honor of Marilyn's birthday.



Next Week's Readings

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Gospel: Luke 16:1-15

Giving for 2024.25 FY

(7/1/25 – 9/7/25)

Avg. weekly attendance: 138

Total offerings: \$76,460

Avg. weekly offering: \$7,646

Total building fund: \$856

Birthdays

Jamie Dotson 9/14

Brad Morgan 9/16

Alex Mansolo 9/17

Marilyn Palumbo 9/19

Laura Rorick 9/19

Linda Ferguson 9/20

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