



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

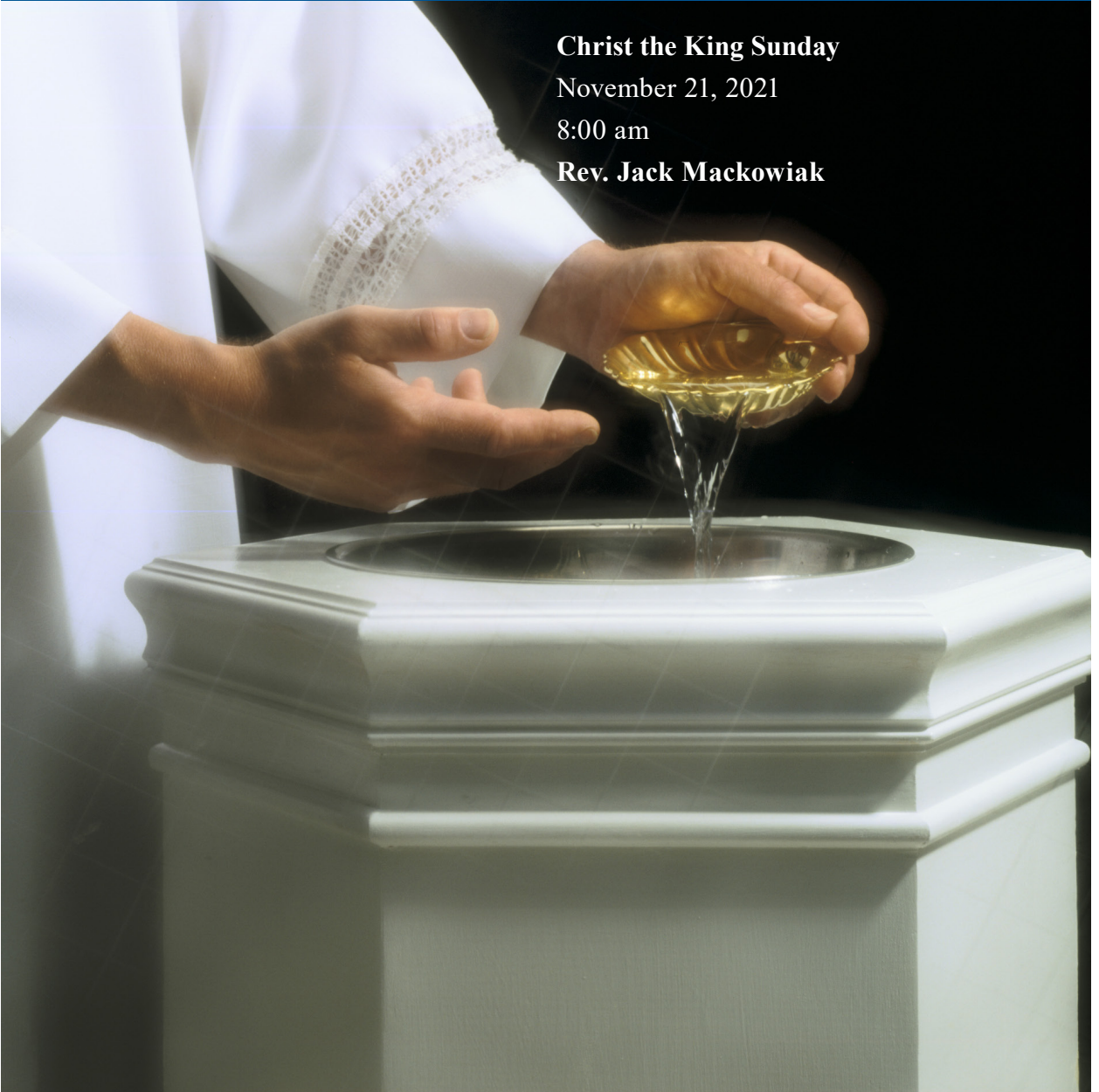
Gainesville, Florida

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

8:00 am

Rev. Jack Mackowiak



Announcements and Reminders

The Lord's Supper

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 usher.

Sunday Adult Bible Studies *resume today*

9:45 am – “Girl Friends” Bible Study meets in the Library of Building 3. This class is led by Linda Struckmeyer, Debbie Hill, and Karen Brautcheck and is also available via Zoom. Join us for a study of the book of **Hebrews** titled “*Better*”. Contact Linda at struck60@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

9:45 am – Study the Bible “*One Book at a Time*” with Chuck Moss in the Building 1 classroom. This group is studying the Old Testament book of **Daniel**. Contact Chuck_Moss@msn.com for a Zoom link for this class.

9:45 am – Pastor Jack leads a study of the book of **Ephesians**. This class meets in the Octagon room in the FLC.

Monday 7:00 pm - A study of the book of **Colossians** is led by Joshua Mazur via Zoom. For the Zoom link, contact Jmazur@abidingsavior.info.

Sunday School for children through 5th grade - Join us in the Family Life Center fellowship hall at 9:45 or contact Sarah Sain at Sarah.d.sain@gmail.com for an online link for your child.

Parents and Tots Sunday School for preschoolers led by Susan Moss in the nursery at 10:00 am.

Children's Activity Bulletins are available on the welcome table in the Narthex.

Thanksgiving Dinner Today!

Today at 5 pm – There is no cost to attend this event, but cleanup assistance will be appreciated.

In the month of November, we will feature the various areas of **Outreach** here at ASLC on a table in the narthex.

Bread of the Mighty - *Today is the last day to contribute.* We will be collecting both monetary donations and food donations to support Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. Every \$1 provides 8 meals, and food items are of course, welcomed also.

Thanksgiving Eve Service - November 24 at 7 pm

Congregational Meeting will be held between services on December 5 in the FLC. Members will be asked to consider the church operating budget for 2022.

First Midweek Advent Service - December 1 at 7 pm

Decorate the Church for the Advent Season – December 4 at 9 am. Help make our sanctuary beautiful for the Christmas Season!

Danza! Capella Nova presents Rustic Holiday Songs & Dances with instrumental ensemble – December 11 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary

Youth Progressive Dinner beginning at 4 pm on Dec. 18. This is an event for our youth and their guests.

Christmas Celebration (aka Madrigal Dinner) on December 19 at 6 pm. Look for tickets to go on sale soon.

New Member Class, Sundays 2pm. This class is designed for those who would like to know more about what Lutheran Christians believe and/or are interested in joining Abiding Savior. Contact Pastor Jack or the church office if you have any questions. Childcare is available on request.

Name Tags: New nametags are available. Check the table in the narthex to find yours. If you have not received one, write down your name on the clipboard or let the office know by contacting us through our email, office@abidingsavior.info.

Call Committee Update: Paul Moore chairs the Call Committee. The other members are Jan Banks, Jeremy Hernandez, Karen Nobles, Derek Sain, Sarah Suter, and Heather Wilson

Send Your Newsletter Articles to office@abidingsavior.info by the 25th of the month.

THE CALL PROCESS – A Primer, part 3

In “The Congregation’s Right to Choose Its Pastor,” C.F.W. Walther states, “When our old faithful Lutheran theologians defend the right of congregations to choose their pastors, they generally do this in a threefold way. First of all they prove this right from certain teachings of Scripture; secondly they show it from apostolic practice, i.e., from the fact that the apostles permitted the congregations to choose their pastors and other servants of the church; and finally in the third place, they confirm it by the practice of the ancient Christian church before the rise of the papacy.”

Walther also writes, “Therefore the apostle declares that to be a public preacher one not only needs to be a baptized, believing Christian, but also one who is sent, that means, that one has been regularly chosen and called for this.” He goes on to say, “The right order is really not this: first, you choose a man as pastor, and then God makes him inwardly into such a person; but the reverse: first God makes a person a preacher inwardly, and then he is to be elected to it; even as the Holy Spirit once upon a time said: ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them (Acts 13:2).’ This, precisely, is the disaster, that so many persons are chosen as pastors and placed in the public ministry whom God has not previously inwardly made pastors, that is to say, whom He has not equipped and gifted...”

Another of our Lutheran theologians, Martin Chemnitz, in “The Locus on the Church” (Loci Theologici) writes, “For because God is not a God of confusion but of order...the business of electing and calling of ministers both in the time of the apostles and after their time, in the older and purer church, was always treated with a definite order by particular members of the church in the name of and with the consent of the whole church.” He also states,”...regarding the transfer of a minister from one church to another...a minister should not change his place of service without good reason, that is, he should not move from city to city out of avarice or desire to dominate or out of willfulness or pleasure, but he should be moved because of the need or the opportunity for service. For the benefit of the many is to be preferred to the benefit or the self-will of the one.”

How does that work?

More to come...

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary - John Stanley

Hymn of Invocation: 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

(8:00am)



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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HOLY BAPTISM

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

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Today you are responding to the command of Jesus and the love of God. Baptism is a beautiful picture of the grace of God, and we rejoice with you on this special day. Our Savior Jesus commanded baptism when He said, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God, and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving His life on the cross. At our baptism He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer.

Receive the sign of the holy cross on your forehead and your heart, to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Our Lord commands that we teach His precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible, so that Andree and Victoria may remain a child of God until death. I ask you, as parents and sponsors: Will you faithfully bring Andree and Victoria to worship; teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creeds, and the Ten Commandments; place in their hands the Holy Scriptures; and provide for their further instruction in the Christian faith? If so, answer: **We will, with the help of God.**

Will you, the members of Abiding Savior, assist this family in whatever way possible, that they may carry out this responsibility? If so, answer: **We will, with the help of God.**

P In order that there be public confession of faith, let us all, together with sponsors and parents, faithfully speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and ways?

C I do renounce them.

P Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

C I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P Martin Luther says, “Baptism is not water only, but it is water used together with God’s Word and by God’s command.” God has rescued us through this washing and cleansing which gives new birth and life.

(name), I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P Receive this burning light, live always by the light of Christ and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet His with joy and enter with Him to the marriage feast of the lamb in His kingdom which shall have no end

P You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked by the cross of Christ forever. Members of Abiding Savior, today we receive this child of God to be part of our Christian community. Praise God for the gift of new life in Christ.

C We welcome you into the Lord’s family, a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Let us pray...

P And you, Andree and Victoria, the Lord bless you in all your ways, now and forever.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P As the baptized people of God here at Abiding Savior, I now ask you: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and ways?

C I do renounce them.

- P** Do you believe in the one True God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as we confess in our Creeds?
- C** **I do believe.**
- P** Do you promise, with the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful ways?
- C** **I do promise.**
- P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C** **Yes.**
- P** Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

⁹As I looked,

thrones were placed,
 and the Ancient of days took his seat;
 his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames;
 its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
 and came out from before him;
 a thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
 the court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened. . . .

¹³I saw in the night visions,
 and behold, with the clouds of heaven
 there came one like a son of man,
 and he came to the Ancient of Days
 and was presented before him.
¹⁴And to him was given dominion
 and glory and a kingdom,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him;

his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 1:4–8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 18:33–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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Sermon

Stewards for Christ's Kingdom

Voluntary

Collection of Offering & Prayer Requests

Stand

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

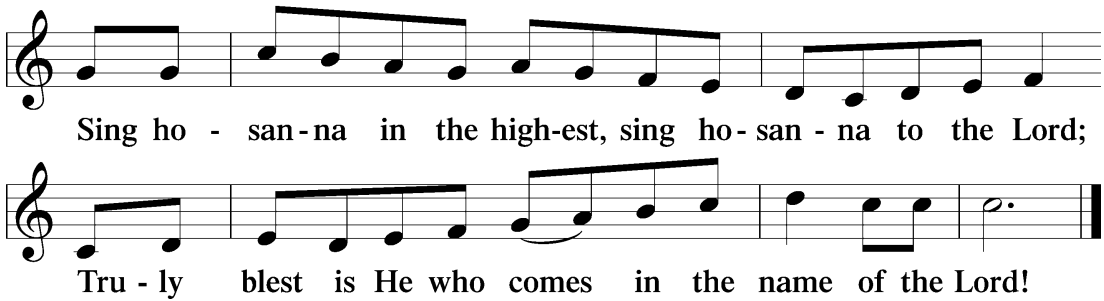
LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Stand

Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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Survey Results

Our survey results and other input from our transition teams and staff has resulted in a Pastor Profile. According to that information Abiding Savior seeks a Pastor with:

A relational leadership style

Passion for growth and pastoral care

Multiple staff experience

Strengths in:

Establishing an atmosphere to which people are attracted and in which they can grow.

Preaching

Providing leadership to the congregation

Teaching

Personally ministering to needs of members

If you know of a Pastor you think fits this profile, please suggest that name to our Call Committee before November 22, 2021. Use the form in the narthex to offer your suggestion.

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Autumnal Light

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Connecting Hearts to Jesus
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Jack Mackowiak
Director of Music Ministry: Joshua Mazur

8:00 AM	10:45 AM
<i>Acolyte:</i> Volunteer	<i>Acolyte:</i> Volunteer
<i>Elder of the Month:</i> Charles Moss	<i>Elder of the Month:</i> Jimmy Flateau
<i>Reader:</i> Kjerstin Terry	<i>Readers:</i> Ann Stone

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (November 28)

First Reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Reading - Luke 19:28-40



*Today's altar flowers are
provided by the Swetts and
Schmitts in memory of Art Swett*



Last Week's Attendance

10:30 am: 114

Last Week's Offerings

Offerings: \$ 6,275

Building: \$ 0

2021 Year to Date

Avg. Attendance: 92

Total Offerings: \$ 230,859

Avg. Weekly: \$ 5,004

Building: \$ 9,652

Anniversaries

Ron & Carol Wilson 11/25

Birthdays

Kjerstin Terry 11/21

Marj Evans 11/21

Mark Nuckolls 11/21

Laurie Knuth 11/23

Samuel Ramsammy 11/25

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