



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Gainesville, Florida

Life Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 am

Pastor: Rev. Jack Mackowiak

Announcements and Reminders

Communion Statement

In accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we believe and confess that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the forms of bread and wine. Our gathering at the Table of the Lord is not a mere symbolic eating and drinking.

Receiving the body and blood of Christ together at this Holy Table is confessing that we who here receive this Sacrament share this common belief. Such celebration of the Sacrament carries two pastoral concerns:

- That all communicants understand what God is giving to us in His Supper. The New Testament speaks of grave harm that will come upon anyone who does not “discern the Lord’s body” (1 Corinthians 11:29). We desire that you receive this gift to your good and never to your harm.
- Each one should be able to examine themselves and recognize their sin and need for God’s grace, lest we contradict Christ by sin against Him and sin against His people. In this Sacrament we are most fully at one with Christ and with one another, and so we should come to this Table at peace with Him and at peace with all our sisters and brothers.

Because communion at the table of our Lord is such a confession of common faith, worshipers who have a different understanding, or who hold a differing confession of faith, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament should first speak with an Elder or the Pastor before communing.

For those with health concerns, gluten-free wafers are available on request and non-alcoholic wine is available in the center cups of each communion tray. Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest at the communion rail.

Sunday Adult Bible Studies.

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 **Esther**. 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.

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

Chili Cook off Postponed: The chili cook off has been postponed until February 20th.

2021 Giving Statements: Giving statements have been emailed in PDF files. If you have not received one or would prefer a paper copy, please notify the church office.

2022 Altar Flower Chart is up on the narthex wall near the church office. If you would like to purchase altar flowers for a Sunday in 2022, The cost is \$40. You may place a check in the offering plate with “Altar Flowers” on the memo line.

Mailboxes have been updated. If you do not have a mailbox, please let the church office know and we will add your name to the list.

New Member Class, Sundays 2pm. This class is 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.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School Chior will be performing at Abiding Savior on March 17. *If you are willing and able to house a pair of students for a night*, contact the office for more information.

Name tag orders can be written down on the clipboard next to the welcome table. Write your name how you want it to appear, you will have a name tag in your mailbox by next Sunday.

Portals of Prayer for January-March 2022 are now available on the welcome table.

Thrivent Action Teams - Please contact Susan in the church office if you are a Thrivent Benefit member and would be willing to lend one of your Action Team allowances for use here.

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

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP PREPERATION

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Verse 1

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
To find where demons dwell.

Verse 3

In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the
night,
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
With just one more surprise.

Verse 2

When you hear the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
Whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun.

Final Verse

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P In the midst of darkness, gloom, and sin, our God calls to us with the light of His salvation. Let us come to Him in repentance and faith to receive His gift of forgiveness, light and life.

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

P Almighty God

C **We come before You confessing our sin of choosing ways that lead away from You, ways that lead to darkness and death. As You have sent Your Son into our darkness to bear our sin and be our Savior, show us the light of Your salvation, give to us Your forgiveness, and lead us in the way of forgiveness and life; for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you. 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

Gloria in Excelsis: 867 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

sts. 1, 4-5



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -
4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of
5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger
God's own Word, To place in Him their
cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.
con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,
doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, before the foundation of the world You chose us in Christ to be Your sons and daughters. Grant us to behold every human life as created, redeemed, and called to be Your precious treasures, that we receive each neighbor as gift and privilege with whom we may rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 15:12–17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said] ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit

and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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: 573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened
 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's



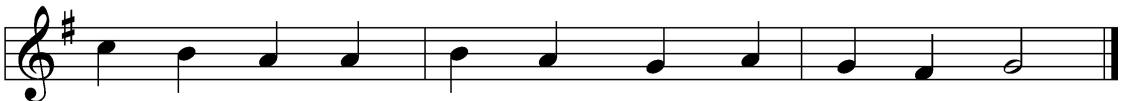
nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy
 heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall'd me, To Thy
 bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and



grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me
 heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;
 King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this
 For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,
 Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.
 if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
 ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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Sermon

Sanctity of Life... God Chose You, and That Changes Everything

Voluntary and Gathering of Prayer Requests

Stand

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Lord's Prayer

G **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.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

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

The Dismissal

Stand

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 lead 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.

Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

sts. 1-4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Postlude

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Serving Today

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

8:00 AM 10:45 AM

Acolyte: Emily Morgan *Acolyte:* Alice Townsend
Elder of the Month: Chuck Moss *Elder of the Month:* Jimmy Flateau
Reader: Chris Annis *Reader:* Dave Buth

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (January 30)

First Reading - Jonah 3:1-5,10
Second Reading - Ephesians 4:11-16
Gospel Reading - Matthew 24:42-47



*Today's altar flowers are
provided by the Mazurs in
celebration of Joshua's birthday*



Last Week's Attendance

8:00am: 43
10:45am: 33
Total: 76

Last Week's Offerings

Offerings: \$2,656
Building: \$ 0

2022 Year to Date

Average Attendance: 94
Offerings: \$ 17,559
Avg. Weekly Offerings: \$5,853
Building: \$ 150

Birthdays

Lenny Terry 1/24
Gabi Hein 1/26
Kris Pagenkopf 1/26
Brody Sain 1/27
Dustin Banks 1/27
Joshua Mazur 1/27
Duncan Shewchuk 1/28
Jenny Bolick 1/28

Anniversaries

James & Carla Flateau 1/26
Len & Muriel Young 1/26

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