



# **Abiding Savior Lutheran Church**

**Gainesville, Florida**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 20, 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 a.m. – “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](mailto:struck60@gmail.com) for a Zoom link.

9:45 a.m. – 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 **Zachariah**. Contact [Chuck\\_Moss@msn.com](mailto:Chuck_Moss@msn.com) for a Zoom link for this class.

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

**Monday 7:00 p.m.** - A study of the book of **Colossians** is led by Joshua Mazur via Zoom. For the Zoom link, contact [Jmazur@abidingsavior.info](mailto:Jmazur@abidingsavior.info).

**Sunday School for children through 5th grade** - Join us in the Family Life Center fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. or contact Sarah Sain at [Sarah.d.sain@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.d.sain@gmail.com) for an online link.

**Parents and Tots Sunday School** in the nursery at 10:00 a.m. with Susan Moss.

**Wednesday Night Lenten Service & Soup Supper** Soup is served in the FLC from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent. *A sign up sheet to provide soup or bread can be found on a clip board by the welcome table. Services will take place each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.*

**Meet Pastor Frerichs Next Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>!** Pastor Paul Frerichs was Called to be Pastor here at Abiding Savior at the voters' meeting on Feb. 28th. Pastor Paul and his wife Debbie will be visiting us the last weekend of March. He will be meeting with church leadership on Saturday and attending both services on Sunday.

*We ask that those attending the early service to stay for breakfast in the FLC for a casual meet & greet. After late service, a light lunch will be served in the FLC and late service worshipers may use this opportunity to meet and greet the Frerichs.*

**Name tags are very important!** Wear your nametag on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in order to help Pastor Frerichs and Debbie put faces and names together. If you do not have a name tag, please sign your name as you would like it to appear on the clipboard in the Narthex. A new name tag will be available for you next Sunday.

**Meals of Hope:** After a two year hiatus, we will once again host a food packing event benefiting Bread of the Mighty on May 21st. If you would like to donate you can do so with a check in the offering plate or mailed to the church office with "Meals of Hope" on the memo line. You may also visit the church web site at [abidingsavior.info](http://abidingsavior.info) and find the "Giving" tab.

**Monthly Book Club:** The next meeting will be on March 29 on the book *My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton* By Stephanie Dray.

Contact Georganne Eibe at [savygg@yahoo.com](mailto:savygg@yahoo.com) for more information.

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

**Send Your Newsletter Articles** to [office@abidingsavior.info](mailto:office@abidingsavior.info) by the 25th of the month.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Hymn of Invocation: 764 When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love

- 1 When aimless violence takes those we love,  
When random death strikes childhood's promise down,  
When wrenching loss becomes our daily bread,  
We know, O God, You leave us not alone.
- 2 When passing years rob sight and strength and mind  
Yet fail to still a strongly beating heart,  
And grief becomes the fabric of our days,  
Dear Lord, You do not stand from us apart.
- 3 Our faith may flicker low, and hope grow dim,  
Yet You, O God, are with us in our pain;  
You grieve with us and for us day by day,  
And with us, sharing sorrow, will remain.
- 4 Because Your Son knew agony and loss,  
Felt desolation, grief and scorn and shame,  
We know You will be with us, come what may,  
Your loving presence near, always the same.
- 5 Through long grief-darkened days help us, dear Lord,  
To trust Your grace for courage to endure,  
To rest our souls in Your supporting love,  
And find our hope within Your mercy sure.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Confession of Sins

LSB 203

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

## Prayer for Forgiveness

- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Kyrie

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, in this time and place we gather to hear Your word and respond to You with our lives. Teach us how to be those who bear fruit in Your kingdom. Grow faith in us and lead us in the way of faithful, discipleship living. Help us to treasure each day as a gift and use it to its fullness in Jesus' name, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7–20*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked

to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’” <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality

as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 13:1-9*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “**Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?** <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



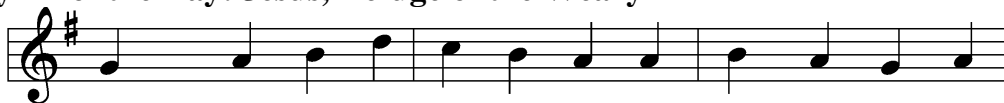
## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

# Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent  
 4 Through Your Word are faith - ful ser - vants Used as in - stru -



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry,  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing,  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing  
 ments by You, Point - ing to Christ's won - drous mis - sion:



Sav - ior from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your  
 See Your thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less  
 To be - hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry,  
 Per - fect Sav - ior, hope re - newed. As we jour - ney



eyes, of - fend - ed, Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;  
 death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;  
 part - ed nev - er From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,  
 on our mission Through Your Son our lives are blest



Yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed,  
 On - ly what Your grace has taught us  
 Grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er,  
 See - ing Je - sus as ful - fill - ment,



You have borne the pain of all.  
 Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.  
 One in whom we find our rest.

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Noisy Offering

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*



**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.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## **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.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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: 962 Agnus Dei — I

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 Your  
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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*Sit*

## Distribution

## The Dismissal

*Stand*

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the 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.

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.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

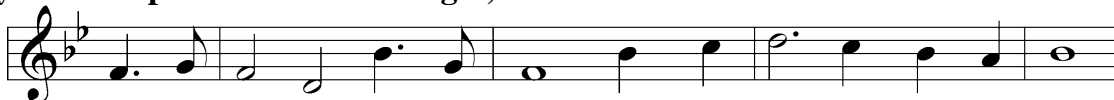
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

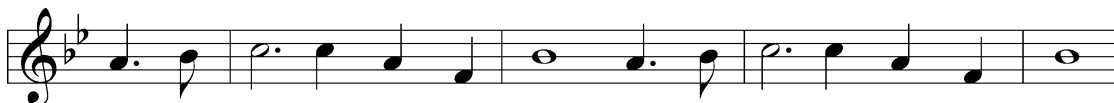
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78  
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

## Postlude

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# ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Connecting Hearts to Jesus*  
*The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*

## Serving Today

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

8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

*Acolyte: Liam Hernandez Acolyte: Norbert Lutz*  
*Elder of the Month: Mike Brannon Elder of the Month: Michael Arden*  
*Reader: Marilyn Palumbo Reader: Dave Buth*

### *8:00 a.m. Choir*

Hannah Mazur	Susan Moss	Lenny Terry
Bette Pring	Barbra Moore	Stephen Saxon
Carol Wilson	Joni Johnson	Ron Wilson
Phyllis Leone	Paul Moore	

### *10:45 a.m. Praise Team*

Colleen Toppins	Dustin Banks
Carol Wilson	Hannah Mazur
Ron Wilson	Joshua Mazur
	Ralph Toppins

### **Last Week's Attendance**

8:00am: 57  
10:45am: 54  
Total: 111

### **Last Week's Offerings**

Offerings: \$ 11,320  
Building Fund: \$ 222

### **2022 Year to Date**

Average Attendance: 102  
Offerings: \$ 71,034  
Avg. Weekly Offerings: \$ 6,458  
Building: \$ 653

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (March 27)**

*First Reading - Isaiah 12:1-6*  
*Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21*  
*Gospel Reading - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*



### **Birthdays**

Paula Richert 3/20  
Ron Wilson 3/20  
Vander Crawford 3/20  
Emily Morgan 3/25  
Billy Chen 3/26



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