



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Gainesville, Florida

Palm Sunday

April 3, 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 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 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.

Holy Week 2022:

April 14, 7:00 p.m: **Maundy Thursday Service**

April 15, 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m: **Good Friday Service**

April 17, 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m: **Easter Sunday**

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 for an online link.

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

Young at Heart Ladies Bible Study meets the second Tuesday of the month in Building One. The next meeting will be this Tuesday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. led by Marj Evans.

Call Committee Update: We learned a few days ago that one of our remaining candidates has received another Call. We do not know whether he will accept or decline that call. We also do not feel it is right to bring only one name to a Call meeting. In consultation with our District President the recommendation is to consider new and previous names. He will provide more names for consideration so we may have additional names to bring to the Call meeting. We will keep you updated as to the progress.

Youth Information:

- 2 Thrivent Action teams are needed for upcoming events. Please contact Danny and he will help you apply for them.
- The youth are planning to do their annual Easter egg hiding on April 16th. If you are interested in purchasing eggs you can use the link provided here <https://abiding-savior-lutheran-square.site/>
- We are also taking Easter Breakfast orders. You can buy them at the site listed above.
- Candy donations (non-chocolate) and small non-candy items for the Easter eggs may be placed in the narthex this week.

Our annual Meals of Hope Meal packing event will return on Saturday, May 21st, after a two year pause. There will be two shifts to sign up for or if you feel really energetic you can sign up for both. An online link is available on the church website, or simply use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer. Bring your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family for a fun event. All the meals we pack go to help the food insecure in our area.

Shifts: 9:00 -11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Easter buttons available on the welcome table, compliments of Ann Stone.

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

Health and Safety Update: In our continuing effort to keep our facilities safe during these uncertain days of pandemic we have installed a new system for air quality in all our classrooms and common areas (sanctuary, fellowship hall, choir room, etc.). This system is designed for commercial use. The supply air will be treated with an ionization process to reduce certain bacteria and viruses (including COVID-19), reduce smoke and odors, as well as other particles in the air. This will provide a better environment for everyone using our building..

Job Opportunity: A babysitter is needed for a 2 1/2 year old from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Contact Nancy Strattan for more information.

Preschool Job Opening: Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool has an opening for a Christian preschool lead teacher beginning in August 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicant will be responsible for planning and implementing a Christian and developmentally appropriate early childhood program for a Preschool 2s class. Must be a self-starter, patient, loving, flexible, reliable, and a team player. Hours are 7:30-1:30, with the possibility of extra after care hours. Bachelor's degree required. Early childhood teacher experience preferred. 40 Hour DCF Training preferred and must pass Level 2 background screening. Paid holidays, paid time off, and health care benefits included. Salary based on credentials and experience. Contact Preschool Director Brenda Arden at 352-331-7770. Send resume to Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool, 9700 W Newberry Rd., Gainesville, FL 32606.

Upcoming Musical Opportunities – Something for Everyone!

April 24th at 3:00 pm **Handel's MESSIAH** at the Reilly Arts Center in Ocala. Joshua Mazur conducts the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Chorus in a rousing presentation of Handel's most famous oratorio.

Tickets available for purchase from the Reilly Arts Center at www.reillyartscenter.com

April 29th at 7:30 pm **MELODIOUS ACCORD** in the Sanctuary at Abiding Savior. Capella Nova and Bradford High School Choirs present a beautiful program of choral music.

May 16th at 7:00 pm **A NIGHT AT THE OPERA: VERDI'S NABUCCO** with Dinner & Dessert in the FLC. Verdi's Nabucco permanently established Verdi's reputation as a great composer of opera..In Verdi's retelling of the Old Testament stories of King Nebuchadnezzar II's religious conversion, King Nabucco's hubris and ambition almost result in him losing his beloved daughter as well as his kingdom.

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

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PROCESSION

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

Collect

- P** Let us pray...
Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 12:12–19

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and

raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Processional Fanfare

Brass Buddies

Processional Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Confession and Absolution

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

P Almighty God, You heard how quickly the “hosannas” turned to shouts of “crucify him.” Because the story of Your cross is a story of love for each of us we can confidently bring our confession to You, trusting that You will forgive our sin.

C **Lord God, we stand before Your cross and we are in awe of Your plan to save the world from sin and death. Your gift of love and mercy that comes through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ brings forgiveness of sin. Forgive us all our sins of thought, word and deed. Forgive those things done and undone. We cannot save ourselves.**

P The innocent Son of God bled and died for us; wore a crown of thorns for us; walked the road to the cross to give us life in eternity with Him. In His stead and by His command, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray...

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake

With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's

mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name

No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 The streets with tu-mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:6–9

⁶Do you thus repay the LORD,
you foolish and senseless people?
Is not he your father, who created you,
who made you and established you?
⁷Remember the days of old;
consider the years of many generations;
ask your father, and he will show you,
your elders, and they will tell you.
⁸When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,
when he divided mankind,
he fixed the borders of the peoples
according to the number of the sons of God.
⁹But the LORD's portion is his people,
Jacob his allotted heritage.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:37–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the nineteenth chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord

³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, **“I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”**

⁴¹And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, **“Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ

Confession of Faith

P God is the almighty Father, Maker of heaven and earth, and He leads me to say:

C I BELIEVE IT!

P Jesus is God’s only Son, our Lord, and He leads me to say:

C I BELIEVE IT!

P Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, and He leads me to say:

C I BELIEVE IT!

P Jesus descended into hell, rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and He leads me to say:

C I BELIEVE IT!

P Jesus will come again from heaven to judge both the living and the dead, and He leads me to say:

C I BELIEVE IT!

P The Holy Spirit has brought me into the Christian Church, the communion of saints, God's loved and chosen people, and He leads me to say:

C **I BELIEVE IT!**

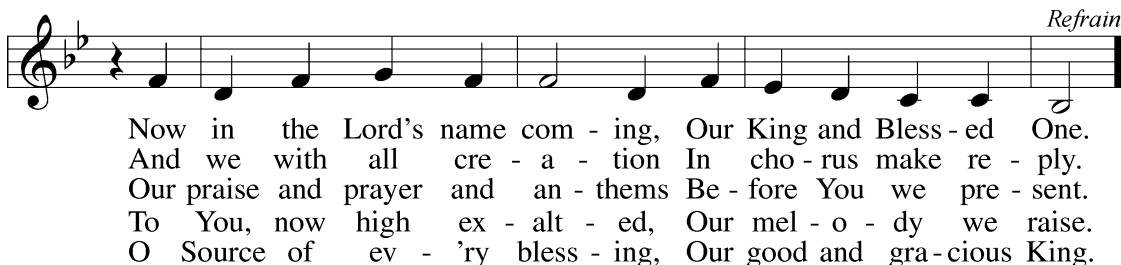
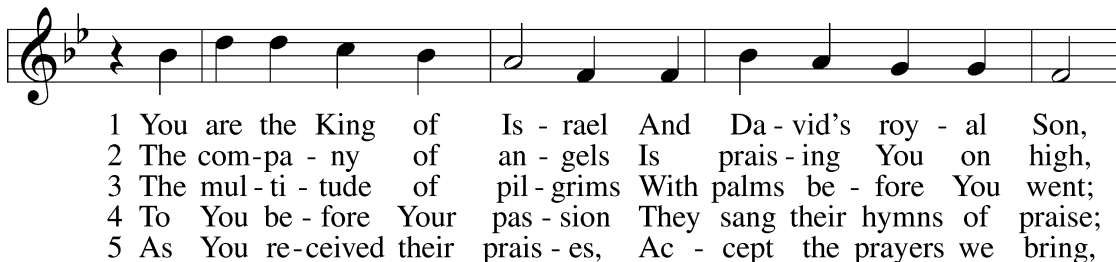
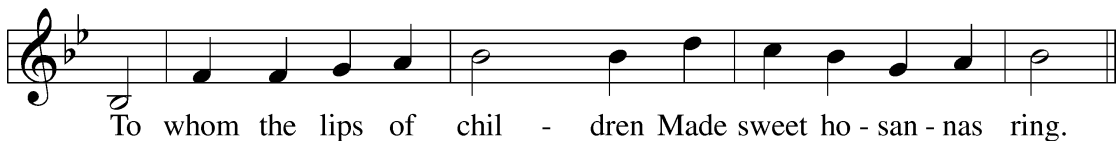
P The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and He leads me to say:

C **I BELIEVE IT!**

P This is most certainly true. And God leads me to say:

C **I BELIEVE IT!**

Hymn: 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Voluntary and Gathering of Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

- P** O Christ, You are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
C You are the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
- P** You are the risen Christ who is present in bread and wine.
C You are the Son of David and the Savior of the world.
- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death
until He comes.
C You save us and set us free from the powers of sin and death.
- P** Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
C Holy Spirit, come and lead us through this Holy Week and into a deeper
experience of Your love for us.

- P** Holy Spirit, come and place the cross of Christ at the center of our being.
C Holy Spirit, come and help us proclaim with our lives that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Words of Christ

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

sts. 1, 3



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Distribution

Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
 △ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,

Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and

va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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Prayer

Benediction

Hymn: 837 Lift High the Cross

sts. ref-2

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till
 all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,



Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.

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Postlude

Hymn: 837 Lift High the Cross

sts. ref, 5–6

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain

Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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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 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

Acolyte: Emily Morgan *Acolyte:* Alice Townsend
Elder of the Month: Chuck Moss *Elder of the Month:* Jimmy Fleteau
Reader: Phyllis Leone *Reader:* Liz Torrence

8:00 a.m. Choir

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

10:45 a.m. Praise Team

Carol Wilson	Dustin Banks
Ron Wilson	Hannah Mazur
Randy Coleman	Ralph Toppins
Zachery Sain	Colleen Toppins

Last Week's Attendance

8:00am: 59
10:45am: 56
Total: 115

Last Week's Offerings

Offerings: \$ 7,886
Building Fund: \$ 70

2022 Year to Date

Average Attendance: 106
Total Offerings: \$ 86,952
Avg. Weekly Offerings: \$ 6,210
Building: \$ 751

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (April 17)

First Reading - Job 19:23-27
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
Gospel Reading - John 20:1-18



Birthdays

Aaron Struckmeyer 4/12
Dina Dolz 4/14
Dan Lerch 4/15
Michelle Slaughter 4/16



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