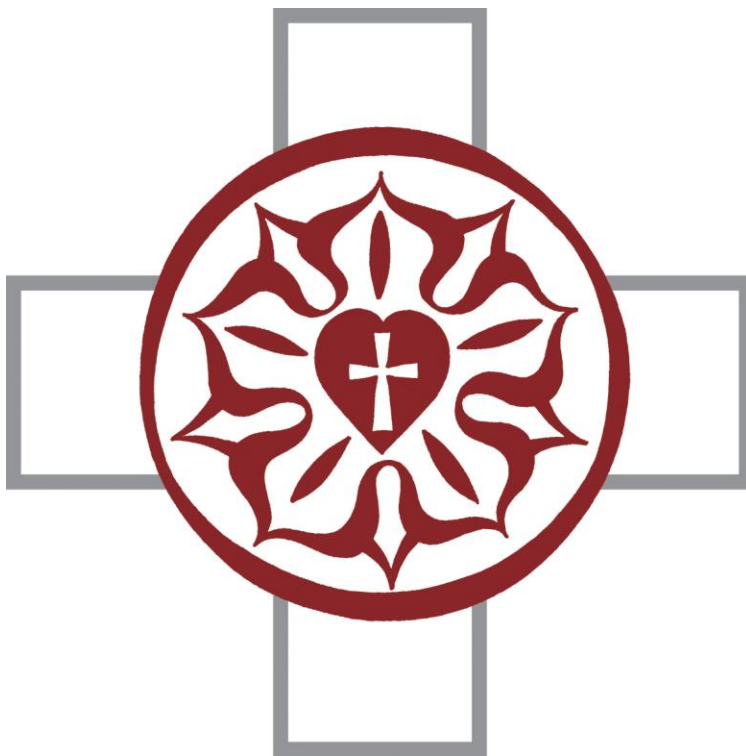


Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Connecting Hearts to Jesus

9700 W. Newberry Rd. Gainesville, Fl. 32606



+ Second Sunday in Lent +

February 25, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Announcements and Reminders

Bible Studies Today

Pastor Glover's Class *meets in the fellowship hall after breakfast. All are welcome to attend this study of the book of Revelation.*

Girlfriends Bible Study *All ladies are invited to this Bible study group which meets in the library in building 3 at 9:45 a.m.*

Study the Bible One Book at a Time *This group will not meet this week. Join us next week as we continue the study of the book of John.*

Parents & Tots Sunday School *will not meet today. We resume next week at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room*

Bible Breakfast immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service.

Youth: All middle school and high school youth are invited to meet on Sundays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Bible study, fellowship, and fun. Dinner is included! Contact Danny Schmitt at Youth@abidingsavior.info or by phone at (352) 514-2371 to learn more.

Midweek Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Soup Suppers on Wednesdays beginning at 5:45 p.m.: No need to hurry home to cook before service. Soup is served in the fellowship hall. If you would like to provide soup or bread, please sign-up on the clipboard located on the welcome table in the Narthex.

Mulch Movers are needed next Sunday after late service: Bring a change of clothes and work gloves and join the crew as we freshen the mulch on the playground behind building 3. Lunch will be provided.

Contact Information Update and Interest Assessment sheet: If you have not already done so, please fill out the form found on the small table in the Narthex. It can be filled out today and dropped in the designated box or taken home to complete and return to the office next week.

Lenten Daily Devotion Books provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries are available on the welcome table in the narthex.

Easter Lily Orders: Place an Easter Lily in the church in memory or in honor of someone special in your life. The cost of each lily is \$10. Order forms with envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Orders must be turned in by March 24.

Easter candy donations are being collected now through March 24. Please place the candy in the box located in the Narthex. Donated candies should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit in a plastic egg. Please do not include chocolates.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 24. Once again, there will be a worship opportunity at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday of Holy Week. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will also be observed at 12:15 p.m. services. **The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter) will be celebrated on Sunday, March 31 at 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

A pancake breakfast will be served by our youth between services and an **Easter Egg Hunt** for younger children begins at 9:45 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

Meals of Hope on May 18, 2024: Mark your calendar to participate in Abiding Savior's annual food packaging event to help feed those in need in North Central Florida. You may donate towards the cost of this event or sign-up to volunteer on the church website, www.abidingsavior.info. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to serve our community.

Book Club meeting time change: February's Book Club date has been changed from February 27 to March 5 at 7:00 p.m. The book selection is "Lady Clemantine" by Marie Benedict.

Children's Activity Sheets & Quiet Bags are available on the small table next to the welcome table in the Narthex. Please return the bags to the table after service.

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.

+ Order of Worship +

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

+ Confession and Absolution +

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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, and 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 +

Introit

Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
 for they have been | from of old.
 You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD! *
 He is their help | and their shield.
 The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us; *
 he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;
 he will bless those who | fear the LORD, *
 both the small | and the great.
 We will | bless the LORD *
 from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise 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.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
 for they have been | from of old.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through 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

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore,

we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon

Catechesis

Luther's Small Catechism - The Lord's Prayer - The Second Petition

- P** The second petition of the Lord's Prayer is thus:
- C** **Thy Kingdom come**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.
- P** How does God's kingdom come?
- C** God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Gathering of Offerings & Prayer Requests

Voluntary

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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 with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, 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 Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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

Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P 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 always. **C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle: 938 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: 690 Hope of the World

Postlude

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School



MULCH MOVERS NEEDED

Join us Sunday, March 3rd at noon
immediately following the late service as
we refresh the mulch on the building 3
playground.



Remember to bring a change of clothes
to move mulch so you don't mess up
your Sunday best. Lunch will be
provided.

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Rev. Graham B. Glover, Senior Pastor

Mr. Joshua L. Mazur – Director of Music Ministry

Serving today at	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
<i>Elder of the Month</i>	Mike Brannon	Scott Mooney
<i>Reader</i>	Hunter Hyland	Petra Townsend

Last Week's Attendance

8:00 a.m.: 69 10:45am: 49

Last Week's Offering

Total: \$ 5,077

Building: \$ 40

Fiscal Year-to-Date

(7/1/23-2/18/24)

Avg. weekly attendance: 129

Total offering: \$ 238,378

Avg. weekly offering: \$ 7,011

Total building fund: \$ 9,861

Next Week's Readings

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: John 2:13-22 (23-25)

Birthdays

Dee Carman 2/25

Joe Andes 2/27

Erin Crawford 3/1

Kyle Morgan 3/1

Dylielah Pogue 3/1

Anniversaries

Dean & Dianne Bown 3/5

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