



# Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

*Connecting Hearts to Jesus*

The Ascension of Our Lord (*observed*)

May 12, 2024

# Information & Announcements

**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 which meets in the building 3 library at 9:45 a.m. We are currently studying Proverbs.*

**Study the Bible One Book at a Time** *This group meets in the building 1 classroom. We continue the study of the book of John.*

**Parents & Tots Sunday School** *is taking a break until July 14.*

**Meals of Hope, Saturday, May 18, 2024:** Join us for 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](http://www.abidingsavior.info). Two packaging sessions are available: 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to serve our community.

**Summer Bible Breakfast begins next week:** During the summer months, hot breakfast is discontinued and replaced with a continental style breakfast with items like fruit, donuts and sandwiches. The last Sunday for hot breakfast is May 19. Continental breakfast begins on May 26. As always, donations and clean-up help is appreciated.

**Church Council Nominations: Church Council Nominations:** At the upcoming June 9 congregational meeting, four Church Council positions will be elected. The candidates to date are: President-Phyllis Leone; Secretary-Sarah Sain; and Congregational Fellowship-Rhoda Chiarelli. The Nominating Committee (Jan Banks, Mike Brannon, Paul Moore, and Daryl Pring) are still seeking a candidate for the position of Christian Education. If you are interested in serving or know of someone you would like to nominate, please contact Pastor or any member of the Nominating Committee.

**Church Family Game Night:** Do you like board games, card games, snack food and friends? If so, join us for multi-generational fun on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Water, lemonade and popcorn will be provided.

**New Member Class:** New to Abiding Savior? Pastor Glover will hold new member classes on Sunday, June 2, June 23 and June 30 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending these three classes, contact Pastor Glover at [Pastorg@abidingsavior.info](mailto:Pastorg@abidingsavior.info) or call the church office.

**Combined Services Coming Up!** Join us at 10:45 a.m. on June 9 and July 7 as the entire Abiding Savior Family Worshipers together.

- June 9: A voter's meeting to elect new Church Council members and vote on the 2024-2025 FY budget begins at 12:15 p.m.. A luncheon will be provided immediately following the combined service.
- July 7: A combined service will be followed by an Independence Day celebratory barbecue (Danny will man the grill) and potluck. Just bring your favorite side dish or dessert; a sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex on the welcome table.

**School Security** upgrades and procedures have been implemented this year. To further safeguard the children in our care, we ask church members who wish to access Building 3 before 5 p.m. on weekdays to check in at the preschool office for a visitor tag.

**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](mailto:Youth@abidingsavior.info) or by phone at (352) 514-2371 to learn more.

## 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 a confession of common faith, worshipers who have a different understanding, or 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.

# + The Ascension of Our Lord +

## + Preparation +

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

*Stand*

### Hymn of Invocation: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

*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

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

### Confession of Sins

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

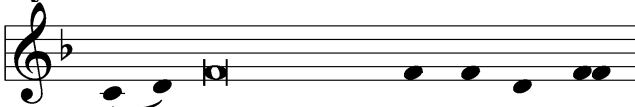
### Introit

*Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.  
The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”  
The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”  
The Lord is at your | right hand,\*  
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.  
**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.**  
God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

### Kyrie

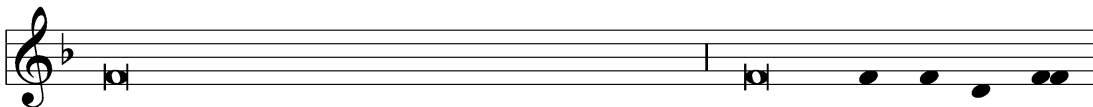
*Mark 10:47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



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



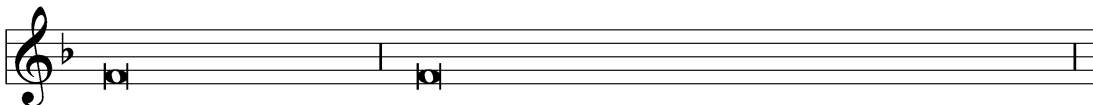
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



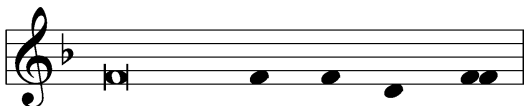
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



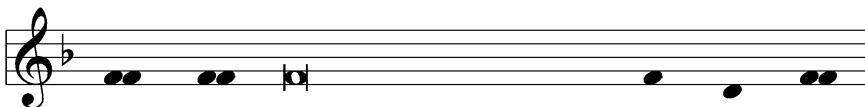
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



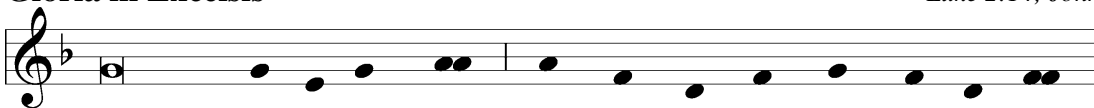
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



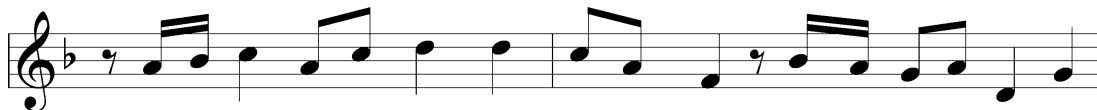
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 1:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.



<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “**you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “**It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**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: 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

**Sermon**

**Catechesis**

*Luther's Small Catechism - Confession*

*What is Confession?*

**Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

*What sins should we confess?*

**Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.**

*Which are these?*

**Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?**

## **Gathering of Offerings & Prayer Requests** **Voluntary**

*Stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

#### **Offertory**

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**☐ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to**



**me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will**



**call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-**



**va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my**



**vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the**

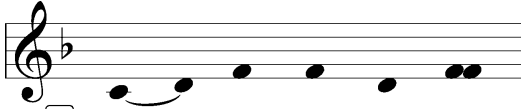


courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## + Service of the Sacrament +

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



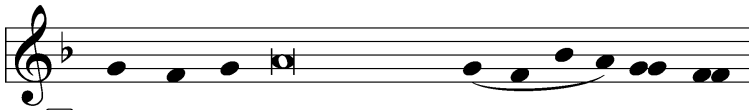
**C** And al - so with you.



**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.



## 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.

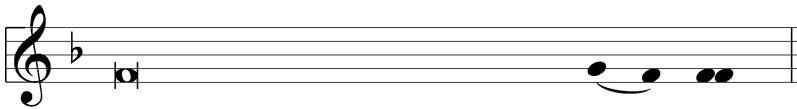
## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29

**C** 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 peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Stand*

### The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.





He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

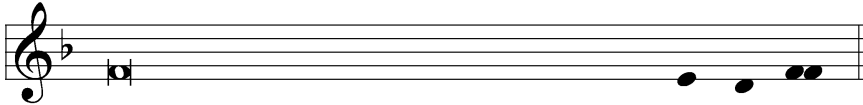
**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*



**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** A - men.

### Hymn to Depart: 701 Draw Us to Thee

#### Postlude

VBS 2024  
**JULY 8-11**  
5:15PM-8:15PM  
REGISTER AT:  
**ABIDINGSAVIOR.INFO**



HOSTED BY ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Saturday, May 18th 2024**  
**9-11am & 11:30-1:30pm**

**Sign up here :**

Founded in 2007, Meals of Hope has packed over 80 million meals that have been donated to communities in need across the nation and around the world. There are members of our community in Alachua county who are facing food insecurity right now. Our meal packing events send nutritionally balanced meals directly to those who need it. Bring yourselves or a team of people to help us put a dent in hunger!



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**Rev. Graham B. Gloyer, Senior Pastor**

**Mr. Joshua L. Mazur- Director of Music Ministry**

## Serving today

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

## Elders

Mike Brannon

Jimmy Flateau

## Readers

Kris Pagenkopf

Ann Stone

## Last Week

### Attendance

8:00 a.m. 74

10:45 a.m. 69

Total: 143

### Offerings

Total: \$9,400

Building Fund: \$35

Today's altar flowers are provided by  
Len & Muriel Young in thanks  
for the blessings of family.



## **Next Week's Readings May 19**

*The Day of Pentecost*

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

## Fiscal Year-to-Date

**(7/1/23-5/5/24)**

Avg. weekly attendance: 136

Total offering: \$320,637

Avg. weekly offering: \$7,125

Total Building fund: \$10,661

## Birthdays

Elliot Sain 5/12

Joyce Ihnow 5/15

## Anniversaries

Roger & Dina Dolz 5/12

David & Susan Buth 5/16

## **Abiding Savior's Online Giving Experience has Changed!**

There are three ways to use this new giving platform:

1. Go to the giving tab on the church website
3. or use the QR code below found below



Contact Danny or Susan for assistance if needed.