

Abiding Faith Lutheran is a gathering of people growing in generosity, discipleship, and outreach.

WORSHIP

Are you feeling hopeless lately?

- As businesses closes, politicians argue, covid cases increase...
- As your heart is unsettled and your mind clouded...
- As virtual school and work seem virtually pointless...

Where is your Hope that you'll be ok... it will get better... life will be smooth, someday?

Only in Heaven.

Only in Heaven we will be free from pain and suffering and hopelessness.

Only in Heaven will we live in peace and joy and comfort with Christ and His Angels for eternity.

Our Hope is in Heaven. Amen.

CONNECT

Worship Options

Live @ 9:15 or 10:30 | Touchless | Socially-distant | Sanitized
Stream @ 10:30 on YouTube or Facebook Live

Sunday School

Take home studies for all ages.

Small Groups

Men, Women, Teen, and Support meet monthly

Daily Devotions

2 minutes | 1 psalm | comfort for today | videos on Facebook or IG

Social

YouTube, Facebook or Instagram

Web

abiding-faith.org

CONTACT

Thank you for joining us today!

It was my pleasure to serve you with God's Word.

Please contact me on my cell at 615.692.4343 or
Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com if I serve you in any way.

May God bless your week!



HYMN #727 THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE

1 There is a high - er throne than all this
 2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -

world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
 fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song

will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
 where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye

made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
 as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -

hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
 comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund - 'rous

an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies

their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,

strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who

reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, & the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

And also with you.

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given us his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord

Lord have mercy.

For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ

Christ have mercy.

For the well-being of your Holy Church in all the world & for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord


Lord have mercy.

Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power, and keep us in your tender care

Amen.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.


C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in


all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,


you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;


you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,


but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,


how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.


O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,


you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;


you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ISAIAH 52

Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again.

²Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion. ³For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed." ⁴For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. ⁵"And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD. "For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the LORD.

"And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. ⁶Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I."

PSALM 84

Verses are sung responsively. Refrain sung in unison after musical introduction to the refrain.

Refrain



Let us go re-joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm tone



How lovely is your dwelling place,*

O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,*

for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;*

they are ever praising you. Refrain

Better is one day in your courts*

than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*

blessed are they who trust in you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain

1 THESSALONIANS 4

¹³ Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words.

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT LITANY

Betty Evans 76 February 29, 2020 Revelation 21:4

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away **Amen.**



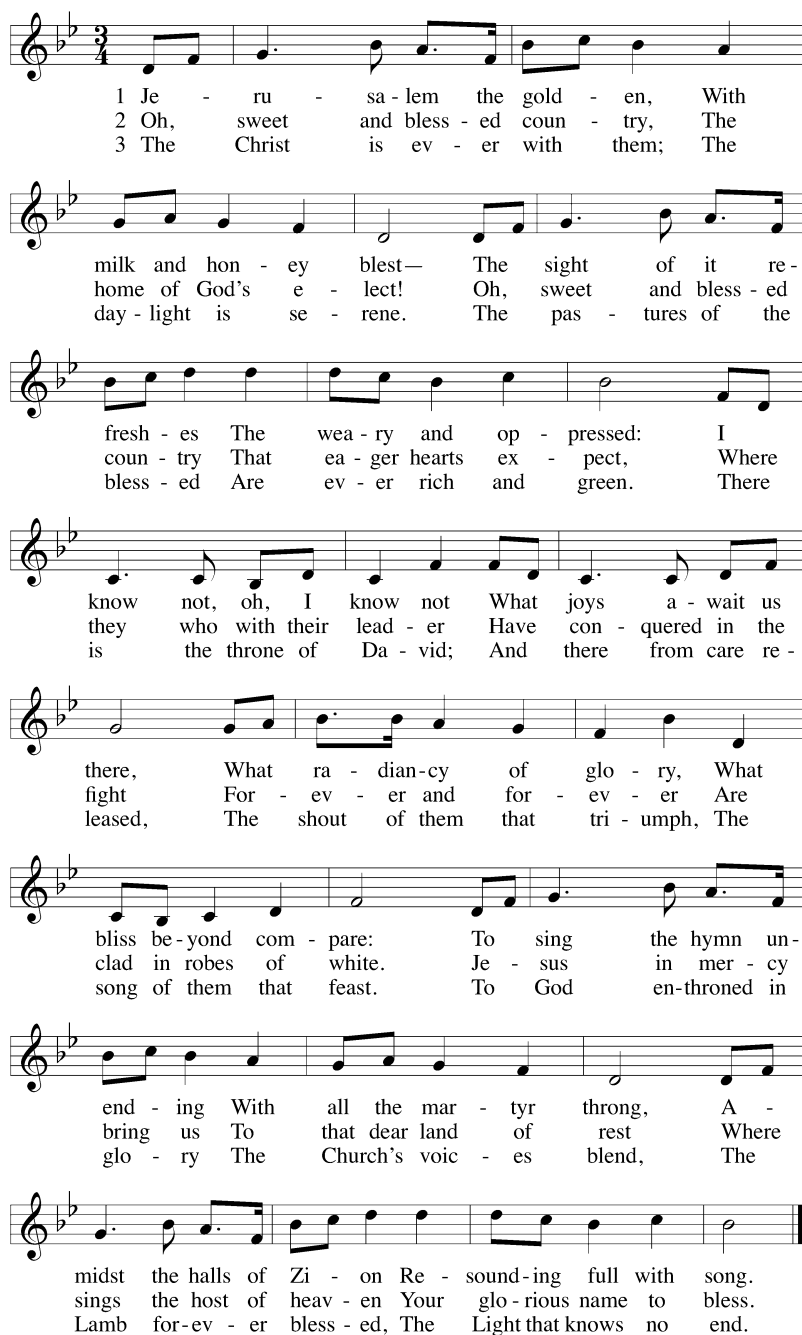
MATTHEW 25

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' ⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' ⁹ " 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' ¹² "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' ¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

HYMN: #728 JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound-ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for-ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

SERMON: 1 THESSALONIANS 4

Where is your hope?

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND OFFERING

- **Text2Give** Text the amount to 615-490-0996
- **PayPal** Visit abiding-faith.org/give
- **Swipe Debit/Credit Card** Login to iPad near Coffee with PIN 1041
- **EFT** Set up recurring withdrawals from your bank. Contact Ted Ewald, Treasurer

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S SUPPER

We prepare to receive a heavenly meal called the **Lord's Supper**. Depending on your preparation (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), this Meal can either bring forgiveness or judgment to you. We invite members of Abiding Faith or other WELS and ELS congregations to eat and drink. Other guests are asked to speak with Pastor Schleis before eating/drinking so you can be properly prepared. Thanks.

The Lord be with you	And also with you.
Lift up your hearts	We lift them up to the LORD.
Let us give thanks	It is good and right so to do.
to the Lord our God	

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



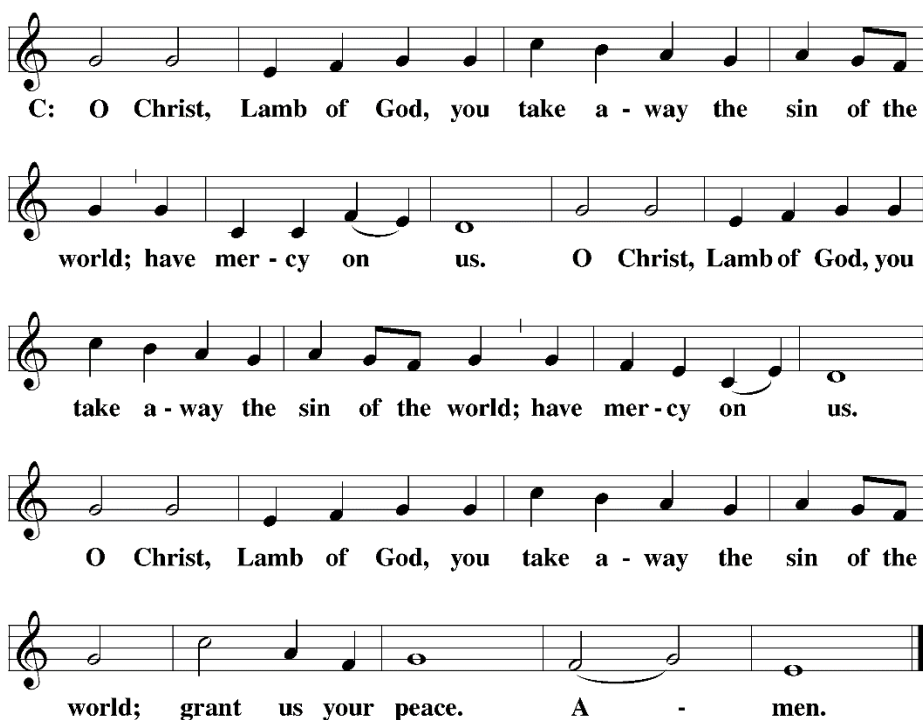
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

LORD'S BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN: #551 V1 FOR ALL THE SAINTS



1 For all the saints who from their
2 You were their rock, sol - diers, faith - ful,
3 Oh, may your diers, faith - ful,
4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low -
5 And when the fight is fierce, the

la - bors rest, All who their faith be -
and their might; You, Lord, their cap - tain
true, and bold Fight as the saints who
ship di - vine! We fee - bly strug - gle;
war - fare long, Steals on the ear the

fore the world con - fessed, Your name, O
in the well - fought fight in the
bly fought of old And win with
they in glo - ry shine, Yet all are
dis - distant tri - umph - song, And hearts are

Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
dark - ness drear their one true light.
them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
one with - in your grand de - sign.
brave a - gain and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

OPPORTUNITIES

BUILD FAITH TODAY: Would you like to join our church family? Pastor Schleis teaches a Faithbuilders class that builds faith through the basic teachings of the Bible. We meet for class around your schedule – evenings, weekends, daytime, etc. Interested? Text Pastor Schleis @ 615.692.4343 or email Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com

MINISTRY SUPPORT UPDATE: Thank you for your generous support of our ministry. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure allow us to fulfill God’s mission and vision for us.

Honor the LORD with all your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10



TAKE HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL: Inside your worship folder is our Sunday School lesson based off of our RESILIENT – Christian Support Group. Adults and teens, please take this lesson home and ponder/pray/praise as you study God’s Word and apply it to your RESILIENT life. ☺ Questions? Text Pastor @ 615.692.4343 or email Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com

MARRIAGE MOMENTS: Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Subscribe to these free marriage resources @ welscongregationalservices.net/subscriptions/



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: Nearly half of American adults have high blood pressure. Most of the time there are no obvious symptoms. When left untreated, the damage that high blood pressure does to your circulatory system is a significant contributing factor to heart attack, stroke and other health threats. The parish nurse will be available to check your blood pressure before and after services on Sunday, November 15th. I will also provide some high blood pressure tools and resources.

SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE: December is a crazy-busy month. How can we keep our focus on Christ with so many things to do?



Ladies, come for Advent by Candlelight, an event to slow down and take time to prepare hearts and minds for Christ! Please plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship, beautiful music and delicious food. Plan on bringing an appetizer or desert. Contact Kim Irwin or Rhonda Cobb for more information.

TEEN NIGHT: Virtual school and virtual friendships can feel virtually worthless. Stressed? Overwhelmed? Worried about 2021?



Teens, let's get together! We'll play some games, have some fun, eat some food, but most importantly be honest how we are feeling and find comfort in Christ, community, and smores around the fire.

Free and bring a friend!

RESILIENT: How will you manage stress differently in 2021? Instead of finding comfort in food/drink/devices, how about conversation?



Join us for Resilient, our Christian Support Group, for Christian community and comfort. This group is open to all regardless what you are struggling with – anxiety, depression, worry, grief, abuse, loss...

GRILL KINGS: Guys, how will you make 2021 different from 2020? January is a great month to begin new healthy habits.



Join us for Grill Kings, our men's ministry where with God and good grub we admit our weaknesses, create lasting friendships, and find comfort in grace, not our works.