



ABIDING SAVIOR
Lutheran Church and School

SEPTEMBER 2020

DAY BY DAY



ROOTED
ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

I am excited to invite you to join us for another round of the Rooted Experience at Abiding Savior. The Rooted Experience will launch on Saturday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m.

Registration opened on Thursday, August 20th. To learn more or register to be a part of this exciting experience at Abiding Savior, please visit our website at:

<https://abidingsavior.com/church/learn/>

You may be asking yourself, "What is Rooted?"

Think of Rooted as a journey designed to deepen your *Connection With God, His Church, and Your Purpose*. Rooted is more than a program, seminar, or small group. In a world that is experiencing a pandemic, racial tensions, political discord, anxiety, isolation, mental health challenges, and emptiness, Rooted offers group experiences designed to help you see God and hear His voice in new and surprising ways. It will connect with other people on a similar journey through life. Rooted is a catalyst for life-change.

The Rooted Experience is a ten week faith journey that is personally transformational. We are planning

to offer several groups. We hope to offer opportunities on various days and times based on people's interest.

Look for more details in our weekly emails and online. Come and grow with us as a disciple of Jesus.



Peace in Christ,
Pastor Glenn
Philippians 3:12



New Stations Broadcasting 'The Lutheran Hour'

Welcome to the following stations and their listeners, who joined The Lutheran Hour family recently!

KKLA
99.5 FM
Glendale, CA
Sundays, 1:30 p.m.

KREP
92.1 FM
Belleville, KS
Sundays, 7:00 a.m.

KGMS
940 AM
Tucson, AZ
Sundays, 3:30 p.m.

KRSL
990 AM/ 98.1 FM
Russell, KS
Sundays, 8:03 a.m.

WKWC
90.3 FM
Owensboro, KY
Sundays, 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Looking for a station in your area?

Find a broadcast guide at
lutheranhour.org.

You can also listen through these national outlets:

SiriusXM – Family Talk Channel 131
Sundays, 10:00 a.m. EST

iHeartRadio/Spotify/iTunes
Podcast on demand

The Lutheran Hour Classics – Airing 24/7
lhm.org/SENTradio

Prayer Points

- Ministry outreach in Paraguay
- Individuals seeking help through **Project Connect** booklets
- Those who question God's love for them



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Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday through Friday | 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

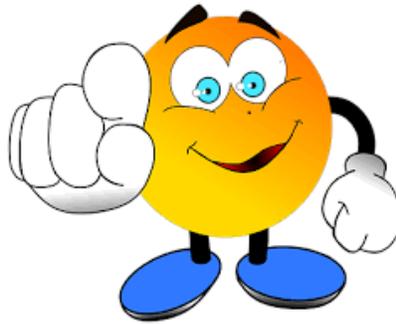
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Visit us on our website at
www.abidingsavior.com



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HEY!
You in the Pew . . .

Hey you, I have missed seeing you in 'your' pew. So... have you found your 'spot' on the patio at 8:00 a.m. or do you have your 'spot' at home where you watch the 10:15 a.m. service? Isn't it amazing how in the midst of such major changes, some things just don't change at all.

Is it that we like the familiarity of the same seat, or just that we don't have to make a decision as to where to sit?

Whatever the reason, please remain faithful in your worship, whether in person, or online.

Be sure to check the website and read the weekly emails to keep up to date with the latest information on events.

Keep Abiding Savior in your prayers as we hopefully will soon be allowed to safely meet together again for various events and activities that we have enjoyed in the past and some new events as well.

May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

*In His service and yours,
Robin DeLong-Hanrath*

ASLC Seniors

Because of the COVID-19 virus issues, the Seniors will NOT restart our meetings in September as we usually do after our summer recess. Since we can't predict when it will be right to start our monthly meetings again, please wait for an announcement and telephone call. Until we meet again, God be with all of you and be safe.



Mark your calendar now for our upcoming flu shot clinics which will take place Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Shots are available for ages 8 and above. Details will follow.



LWML Mites



Mite Boxes are used to further God's kingdom through the mission grants. Its name comes from the lesson of the widow's mite. Mite Boxes are available from the church office. Place your Mite Box in an obvious place so you can "feed" it. Return your filled Mite Box to the church office and exchange it for an empty box and start filling again! As we continue to support Mite Box projects, may God bless our efforts to spread the good news.

Rock of Aging



Rock of Aging will resume on **Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.** with a Zoom Meeting, so watch your email for the information. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving in this ministry. To quote Audrey Henry "isolation is another "virus" that kills seniors. Families are welcome. This small group is dedicated to visiting the elderly shut-ins that are not able to make it to church on a regular basis. We let those that have served the church for many years (but can't participate the way they once did) know that they are still a part of our church family and they are loved. We bring our church family to them. Meetings are just once a month, and we ask you visit for about 1/2 hour each month, and perhaps make a phone call or two. Join us and see what we are about.



IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY

If you have a pastoral emergency when the church office is not open, you can call **661.505.8152** to be connected to the pastor's emergency line. In particular, we ask you to notify the church office if you or anyone in your family is hospitalized.



The ASLC Holiday Boutique is November 7th and 8th. We are looking for crafters and vendors interested in selling their items at the boutique. Applications are available at the church office or by emailing Lori Beniche at LBeniche@abidingsavior.com.



Who could ever have dreamed....



Who could ever have dreamed what would be happening during the ensuing months when this photo was taken on January 1, 2020 celebrating the Lutheran Hour Ministries' Rose Parade float entitled Anchored in Jesus...also how pertinent that message would be during 2020!!!

We ask for your prayers for the Spirit's guidance regarding the matter of alternative celebration plans for January 1, 2021.



AGENDA



OPENING DEVOTION
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Speaker of The Lutheran Hour®



MINISTRY MESSAGE
Kurt Buchholz
LHM President & CEO



MINISTRY UPDATE & RESOURCES
Rev. Dr. Tony Cook
Vice President, LHM Global Ministries



TRAINING AND Q&A
Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
LHM Director, Design & Development



HOST AND MC
Jennifer Prophete
Manager, Community Development, LHM Global Ministries

You are invited to join us virtually on September 26, 2020 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. PST and hear from our Lutheran Hour Ministries leaders! You will:

- Hear about featured products;
- Learn about programs
- Attend a *Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age* training session.

Participants will attend virtually from home. Every registered participant will receive a link to the live streamed event.

Register now using District 26 Southern California and use the link below:

<https://lhm.regfox.com/III-fall-2020-district-event>

You will receive a confirmation by email. Watch your email for updates.



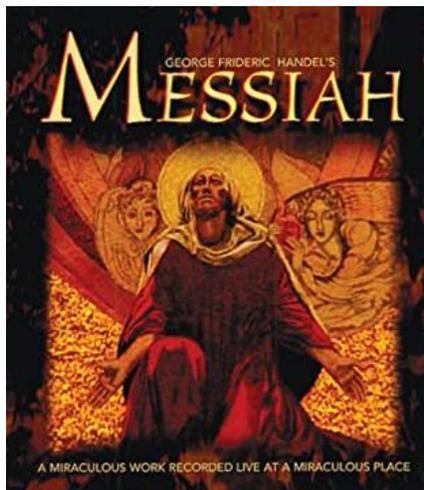
If you served in the military and have pictures both past and present, we would like to include them in a video we are planning for Veteran's Day. If your picture was in last year's video there is no need to resubmit it. All new pictures need to be received by Sunday, October 21. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Beniche at LBeniche@abidingsavior.com.



In 1741, George Handel completed Messiah in time for an orphans' charity concert. At age 56, George had given what he had considered his farewell concert. Discouraged and dejected, Handel felt like a failure. That's when a wealthy friend, Charles Jensen, gave Handel a libretto based on the life of Christ, taken right from the Bible. At the same time, Handel received a commission from a Dublin charity to compose a work for a benefit performance.

With the libretto in hand, Handel set to work. He became so absorbed in his work that he never left the room of his small London

house, rarely stopping to eat. Within six days, he had completed part one. In nine more days, he had finished part two, and in another six, part three. The entire orchestration was completed in another two days. In all, 260 pages of manuscript were filled in 24 short days. Handel's title for the commissioned work was simply *Messiah*.



With tears running down his face, Handel recounted that while writing what has become the hallmark of that work, the "Hallelujah Chorus", "I did think I did see all heaven before me, and the great God himself."

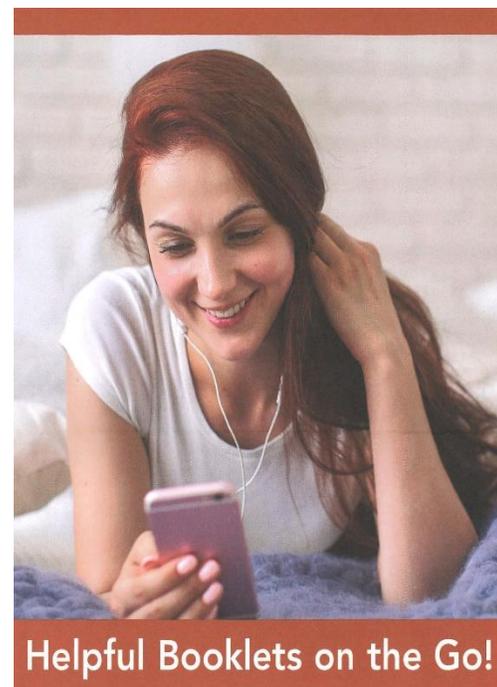
Handel's awe-inspiring composition, with its inspiring lyrics and stirring sounds, may be the closest we come on this side of Heaven to experiencing what John (and indeed Handel himself) saw when the doors of Heaven were opened to them:

"Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a huge crowd, or the roar of might ocean waves, or the crash of loud thunder: 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns'" (Revelation 19:6).

It is the victory song that resounds in Heaven when Jesus comes to judge the wicked and joins with his bride – the faithful believers from all time.

You don't want to miss that!!

Scripture – Revelation 19:6: Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a huge crowd, or the roar of mighty ocean waves, or the crash of loud thunder: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns."



Helpful Booklets on the Go!

Occasionally, we offer free topical booklets in *Hope for You*. Do you find them helpful? Now, with our **Project Connect** app, you can carry the entire collection with you on your phone or tablet!

Do you have spiritual questions? Do you or a loved one struggle with loneliness, addiction, cancer, or Alzheimer's? You can search by topic to find encouraging words. Want to share ten minutes with a child or grandchild? We've included our children's booklets on the app, too! It even allows you to share helpful booklets by email, social media, and text message.

You can find the **Project Connect** app *free* on the Apple app store, Google Play, and Amazon. Visit lhm.org/apps to discover even more apps from Lutheran Hour Ministries! ♦



GOD'S STUBBORN LOVE

A word of encouragement from Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour®

In the late 1800s, rumor held that archaeologists had excavated an Egyptian tomb and found ancient grains of wheat inside. What would happen if we planted them today?

A more recent dig unearthed a pottery vessel containing Judean palm seeds—2,000 years old, according to radiocarbon dating. The seeds were planted ... and they sprouted!

After 2,000 years of dormancy, they returned to life.

God has brought new life to you and me through Jesus. He created humankind in His own image to enjoy fellowship with Him. When they rebelled by sinning, His heart broke for the whole human race. But He committed to rescuing us.

You are the planting of the Lord.

We see an illustration of His commitment when He confronted Pharaoh.

As governor of Egypt, Joseph, the Israelites' ancestor, invited his family to join him there. Centuries later, they lived in bondage under Pharaoh. So the Lord sent Moses in His name to request their release.

When Pharaoh resisted, God increased pressure through a series of plagues. By Exodus 9, six plagues had come. Each time, Pharaoh promised

the people's freedom ... then relapsed into rebellion.

This time, God sent hail, a seventh plague, to pound Pharaoh's land. It destroyed crops, trees, livestock—every living thing on the ground's surface.

Pharaoh's heart was stubborn. But God's love for His people was more stubborn.

Consider parents who refuse to abandon their daughter trapped in addiction. They keep giving her second chances, even though they have good reason not to.

They also love her with a stubborn love. A tough love. They confront her addiction. They remove material support. It tortures them to do this—but they do it because they love her.

Exodus is a record of God's stubborn love for His people. In truth, the stubborn rebellion in Pharaoh's heart plagues all people. Mankind's core problem is its broken relationship with the Creator. Like Pharaoh, we don't listen well.

Yet, amid the seventh plague, Exodus 9 mentions some Egyptian wheat: "The flax and the barley were struck down, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud. But the wheat and the emmer were not struck down, for they are late in coming up" (Exodus 9:31-32 ESV).

Pharaoh's wheat plantings survived. The ancient Judean palm seeds sprouted again. Likewise, God brought new life to us—and He remains committed.

Jesus stubbornly loved us. It tortured Him to bear our sin upon Himself. He took it to the cross. God dealt with our sin and stubbornness not by displaying His power, but with surrender.

God raised Jesus from the dead. He has raised you to new life in Him.

He pours into you the life of His Word. He speaks to you through the Bible. He tells you, No matter how often you run away, I will keep coming for you. I will speak to you. I will forgive you. I will pour My life into yours.

You are the planting of the Lord (Isaiah 61:3)—and Jesus died so you could bloom again in Him. ♦

Did you know?

Each week on **The Lutheran Hour**, Rev. Zeigler takes listeners on a journey through the Bible, book by book. Tune in this weekend!

Want to catch up? Find past sermons at lutheranhour.org.

Preschool

Mary Wolfinbarger
Preschool Director



We are excited to have started a new school year on August 25. We have a very gifted staff, made up of loving Christian women.

Molly Nagel – Pre-K Teacher

Emily Hebel – 4 Year Old Teacher

Jennifer Estrada – 3 Year Old
Teacher

Laura Siegert – 3 Year Old Teacher

Stephanie Rivers – 2 Year Old
Teacher

Kathy Hardt & Ashley Rivers – P.M.
Staff

Mary Wolfinbarger - Director

This year, we are continuing to offer the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) screening/monitoring program as another way to partner with our families in their child's development. The questionnaire is a screening tool that will provide a quick check of their child's development. If you have a child ages 1 month to 5 years, and would like to participate (even if your child does not attend Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool), please contact Mary Wolfinbarger at mwolfinbarger@abidingsavior.com. We are also partnering with Help Me Grow and Start Well to provide additional services for our families.

Fall classes for children ages 2 through 5 begin August 25 and this year we do not require potty-training. Due to COVID-19, we are limiting our class sizes to 12 children each day. Please contact our admissions director, Yesi Naber, for more information on the center or to schedule an appointment for a tour. She can be reached at 949.830.1460 x 2113 or

ynaber@abidingsavior.com. You can also visit our website at www.abidingsavior.com.



Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



Abiding Savior Lutheran School started school on August 25. We have applied for a waiver and received approval for in-person instruction, which began on Monday, August 31. We will offer extended care for our families that need care.

We are very concerned about our students and families. We know that children need time to socialize and learn with other students. To meet those needs, we will be offering our students small group instruction one to two times a week during online instruction. This will allow our teachers to make connections with the students and make sure they are learning and staying on target. Abiding Savior has always been committed to a strong, Christian education and that will continue no matter what form of education we will need to offer.

We are confident that through all of this, God is going to do amazing things because He is a God of Abundance. Please continue to keep the school, teachers, and families in your prayers daily. Your support is so important to us all!

LHM Resources for Children



Send kids on a trip with Gospel Adventures! Watch videos where kids can meet kids just like them from another part of the world.

Where are we going?

This year's Gospel Adventures® will explore the rich culture of Mongolia!

Start Your Journey Today!



With remarkable landscapes from the Gobi Desert, the Altai Mountains, and more, Gospel Adventures: Go Mongolia is sure to be a journey to remember! Kids will be introduced to kids just like them living in Mongolia who carry their faith with them through day-to-day life. Teach your kids about the foods, animals, people and places of Mongolia with Gospel Adventures.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:30a-Large Print Center	2 9:30a-Senior Bible Study	3 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	4	5 9a-Altar Guild Prep
6 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar	7 LABOR DAY 11a-Prayer Group on Zoom	8 8:30a-Large Print Center 6p-Rock of Aging	9 9:30a-Senior Bible Study	10 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	11	12 9a-Altar Guild Prep 9a-Rooted
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WORSHIP | COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Abiding Praise Worship Service (Outside) - Sunday 8:00 AM
 Live Streamed Worship – Sunday 10:15 AM Service

Communion Offered

<https://abidingsavior.com/church/worship/videos/>



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While it's impossible to know or control what happens in the future, giving a gift through your will helps you find peace as you look ahead. You can provide for the people and causes that matter to you most.

Contact LHM's gift planning team to learn how you can provide the hope of the Gospel for future generations.

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