



Autumn's Reminder

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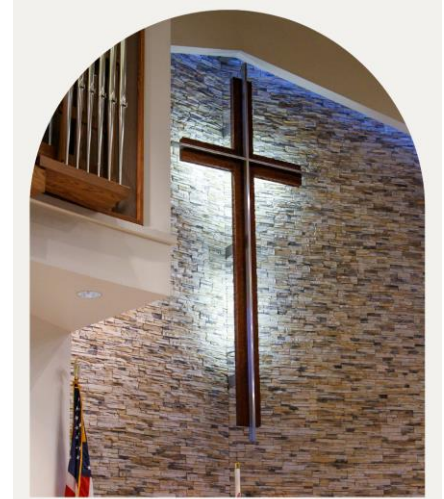
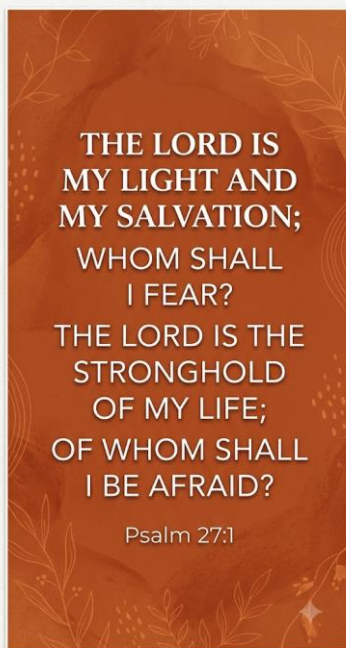
If you live in a climate where the leaves are turning, you know how beautiful the season of autumn can be. Lush green landscapes transform into brilliant layers of red, orange, yellow, and gold. Breezes carry the whisper of impending change as those leaves hang on, summer's swan song, portraying God's beautiful creation with colorful splendor.

Yes, creation has a way of preaching beautiful truths about our Creator God. "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). The autumn leaves can prompt us to think about our Creator God who is also our *Savior* God. Those lovely leaves are about to let go and fall to the ground, their work complete. And that's a beautiful picture of what Jesus did for us.

The whole story—the words those lovely leaves cannot speak—is found on the pages of Scripture. In God's Word we learn that true loveliness is more than meets the eye. "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16). When Jesus' work was fully complete, he let go of his life. His brilliant, perfect season on earth inspired and amazed many people, and it had to

come to an end in order to usher in a new season—one in which the world's sins are paid in full. Fallen leaves have no life in them. They wither and are trampled and buried. Likewise, our sinful selves died with Christ. That old version was crucified and buried with him, as the apostle Paul describes in Romans 6. But God did not leave us to blow in the wind or wither on the ground. Paul continues: "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him" (Romans 6:8). That's a promise of eternal life, and it's also a promise for this life: Each day we repentant sinners are empowered to lead more love-filled and lovely lives because we are alive in Christ.

The falling leaves serve as a reminder to repent regularly—to let go of the previous season and confidently arise to a new and glorious season in Christ. "If anyone is in Christ... The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).



Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 pm | Informal Worship

Sunday 8:00 am | Classic Worship

Sunday 10:15 am | Praise Worship

Children's Church

Sundays during 10:15 am service

Returning September 13th

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 am

Adult Education Room

Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Gathering Grounds

Congregation Meeting

Sunday, October 4th

after 10:15am Worship Service

Sanctuary

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

More information within



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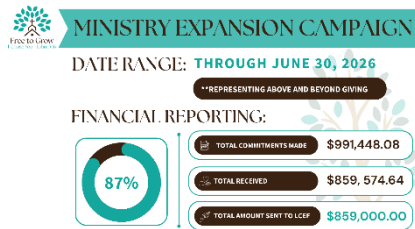


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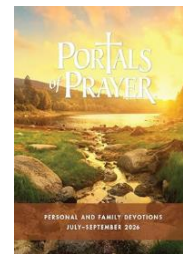
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Thank You, Veterans,

Abiding Savior will be honoring our Veterans during our Saturday and Sunday services on November 7th and 8th. The service will feature special video honoring our veterans and members currently serving. This Veterans Day, let's pause to honor those who have worn the uniform. We thank God for your selfless service, your bravery, and the sacrifices made to protect the blessings of liberty.



Portals of Prayer



Portals of Prayer is now available. Pick up your copy at either the desk in the Narthex or in the Gathering Grounds. Next edition coming soon!



- Fellowship and Outreach Ministries -

Annual Chili Cook-Off



Now is your chance to show that your chili is an award winner at our annual cook-off!

Saturday, **September**

19th at 6pm. Pickup a sign up sheet in the narthex or visit the Weekly Church News for the link.



Trivia Night and Silent Auction

We are planning for the annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction on **November 14, 2026**. In preparation, we are assembling silent auction baskets that will benefit the **Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Ladies Guild Scholarship Fund**. The scholarship is for new and returning college students with aspirations to work in the Lutheran churches and schools after their education.

We invite you to participate by donating tickets to a sporting event (football, baseball, basketball, etc.), theater tickets, amusement park (Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm) tickets, or gift cards. Your donated item will be displayed at the event with signage recognition.

Please send your donation to the church before **October 16th, 2026**. Please contact Keigh Lee Horn if you have any questions, khorn@abidingsavior.com

Christmas Carol Festival



Rejoice, Rejoice! Join us in singing carols and hearing joyful settings of Advent and Christmas music, featuring the Festival Chapel Choir, orchestra, and soloists, church and school handbell ensembles, student singers, Abiding Praise musicians, and narration.

Free admission; offerings encouraged and will offset music event costs. Sunday, December 6th, 3:00pm at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School.

Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes



Each year we provide boxes with everything needed for a full

Thanksgiving dinner to local families! This year is no exception. Be on the lookout for more information to participate in this wonderful cause. We appreciate your partnership!

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



We will be participating in the annual Samaritan's Purse-

Operation Christmas Child. The boxes will be dedicated and prayed over on **November 18th**. More information to come.

Cozy up this Fall!



We're looking for volunteers to help run the Gathering Grounds coffee shop on Sundays.

Without help, we won't be able to keep it open. Even a once a month commitment makes a difference! You can sign up to volunteer [here!](#)



The Great Giveaway

Donate gently used or new items for The Great Giveaway. Volunteers are also needed on the 25th and 26th. Contact sammfitt@gmail.com for more information.

It's Seussical the Musical Time!



Join us for "Seussical the Musical Jr." to be our fall production. This is a play full of beautiful

music and is filled with overlapping Dr. Seuss stories like "Horton Hears a Who," "Mazie La Bird," "The One Feathered Tale of Miss Gertrude McFuzz", and more!... all led by that mischief maker, The Cat in the Hat! The performance will be **Thursday, November 19th, 2026 at 6pm** in the gym and admission is free!

-Youth Ministry-

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Is Starting Soon! We're excited for another year of Youth Ministry at Abiding Savior! Students have opportunities to grow in their faith, build friendships, have fun, and discover what it means to live out the love of Jesus every day. Everyone Is Welcome! Youth Ministry is open to all 5th–12th grade students in the community, whether they attend Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School or not. Youth Ministry is a church ministry, not a school program.

Club 56 & JHM

5th–8th Grade | Club 56 + Junior High. **Wednesdays | 6:00–7:30 PM** | **Gym** Join us each week for games, snacks, Bible study, small groups, and time to connect with friends. Our first Youth Group night is September 9!



High School Ministry

9th – 12th Grade | High School | **Every Other Sunday | 5:00–6:30 PM** | **Youth Room** our high school students will gather every other Sunday for faith, friendship,

conversation, and fun as they grow their relationship with Jesus and navigate life as a high school student.



Get Involved!

We'd love your help supporting Youth Ministry! You can bring a snack for Youth Group or make a donation to help provide snacks, events, retreats, and other opportunities for our students. [Sign up to bring a snack](#) [Donate to Youth Ministry](#) **Stay Connected:** Follow us on Instagram [@aslc_youth](#) and visit our [Youth Ministry LinkTree](#) for schedules, sign-ups, and event information. We can't wait for another year of growing together, having fun, and helping students know and live out the love of Jesus!

Looking to Support our Youth and Families?

Help equip our Confirmation families by sponsoring a student for \$250. Your gift helps provide A Catchechism Lutheran Study Bible for each student, Monthly shared meals during Confirmation discussions,

and A Confirmation Faith Retreat for students to reflect on faith and share what Jesus means to them! Donations can be made through cash or check to the Church Office or Zelle (church@abidingsavior.com – Memo: Confirmation Donation)

Young Adults Bible Study

Young Adults Bible Study Is Back! Calling all young adults ages 18–29! Our regularly scheduled Young Adults Bible Study is back, starting **September 10 at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room**. Join us for snacks, games, and meaningful Bible study as we explore everything from books of the Bible to topics we encounter in everyday life. Most importantly, we'll spend time learning how to keep Christ at the center of it all. Whether you've been part of the group before or are joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you be part of the ministry! Interested in joining the group or have questions? Email AlexisUpchurch at aupchurch@abidingsavior.com.



-School Ministry-

SEPTEMBER 11
FIRST RESPONDERS DAY
Honoring Our Heroes • Remembering September 11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 | 8:25 AM

Our school community will gather together for a special morning of remembrance, prayer, gratitude, and patriotism.

OUR MORNING WILL INCLUDE

SCHOOL-WIDE PLEDGES
We will come together as a school to honor our country.

PRAYER
We will pray for all those affected by the events of September 11 and for the brave first responders who serve and protect our communities.

HONORING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS
We warmly invite parents in our school community who are first responders to join us as our special guests on this day.

We are grateful for the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of all first responders. **THANK YOU!**

SHOW YOUR PATRIOTIC SPIRIT!
Students are encouraged to wear patriotic clothing to school!

GREAT CHOICES INCLUDE:

- Solid red, white, and blue
- American flags
- Stars and stripes
- Patriotic or American symbols

PLEASE REMEMBER:
Red, white, and blue clothing should be patriotic in nature. Please avoid clothing that simply features red, white, and blue characters, graphics, or images that are not related to America or patriotism.

NO HAIR DYE **FREE DRESS DAY RULES APPLY.**

WE REMEMBER • WE HONOR • WE GIVE THANKS

ASLS
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Wednesday, Sept 16

7 - 9 p.m.
stop by anytime

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Lake Forest, CA 92610
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WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPT 15 @ 6:38 PM

TICKETS:

\$20 (VIEW LEVEL)	\$25 (LOWER-LEVEL OUTFIELD)	\$45 (FIELD LEVEL)
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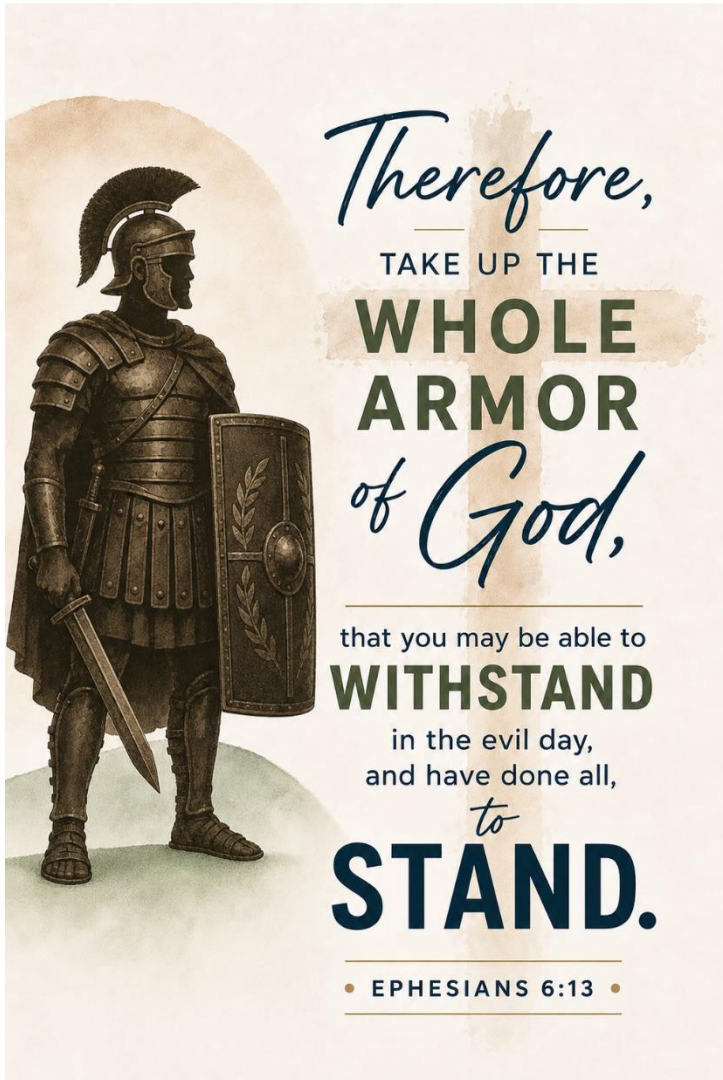
A PORTION OF EVERY TICKET SOLD GOES DIRECTLY TO OUR SCHOOL CHOIR PROGRAM.

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

PLEASE FILL OUT FLYER WITH PAYMENT (CHECKS PAYABLE TO ASLS).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

-2026-2027 Theme Verse-



STAND

Our 2026/2027 theme verse, STAND, is based on Ephesians 6:13: "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

Ephesians 6:13 reminds us that we do not face life's challenges in our own strength. God calls us to put on His full armor, trusting in His truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and Word.

As we face temptation, fear, disappointment, uncertainty, and difficult circumstances, God has not left us to face them alone. He equips us with everything we need to remain grounded in our faith.

Most importantly, we stand because Jesus first stood for us, defeating sin, death, and the power of the devil through His death and resurrection. Because the victory is already His, we can face each day with confidence and courage.

Throughout this school year, we pray that our students will learn what it means to STAND firm in their faith—trusting God's Word, relying on His strength, and knowing that He is with them in every circumstance.

When life is difficult, when our faith is challenged, and even when we feel we have done everything we can do, God's Word calls us to one thing: STAND.

PARENTS in Prayer

WEDNESDAYS
@ 8:15 AM

**GATHERING
GROUNDS**

MATTHEW 18:20

Join us as Abiding Savior parents come together to lift up our school, families, and community before the Lord.

Each week, we gather to praise God for who He is, pray for our own children, and pray for the needs and requests of the Abiding Savior community as they arise.

Whether you have been part of Abiding Savior for years or are new to our family, we invite you to join us as we pause, pray, and stand united in faith for all that God is doing in and through our school.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **4th Grade Trip Chipotle Fundraiser** | Wednesday, September 9th | 22379 El Toro
- **First Responders Day** | Friday, September 11th, 8:25am | Sanctuary
- **Choir Singing at Angels Game** | Tuesday, September 15th, 6:38pm | Angels Stadium
- **TK-K Sing in Church before Chili Cook-Off** | Saturday, September 19th, 5:00pm | Sanctuary
- **Chili Cook-Off** | Saturday, September 19th, 6:00pm | Courtyard
- **The Great Giveaway** | Saturday, September 26th, 8:00am | Gym
- **Congregation Meeting** | Sunday, October 4th after 10:15am Service | Sanctuary
- **Grades 1-2 Sing in Church** | Sunday, October 11th, 10:15am | Sanctuary
- **Trunk or Treat** | Saturday, October 24th
- **Reformation Sunday** | Sunday, October 25th
- **All Saints Day** | Sunday, November 1st
- **Veteran's Video and Grades 3-5 Sing in Church** | Sunday, November 8th, 10:15am | Sanctuary
- **Trivia Night and Silent Auction** | Saturday, November 14th, 6:00pm | Gym
- **Angel Tree Begins** | Thursday, November 22nd

Scholarship Fund



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and actively participate
in the message.



MAKE IT PERSONAL
Underline, take notes,
and record what God
is teaching you.



GROW IN HIS WORD
Build familiarity, confidence,
and a heart that's rooted
in Scripture.