

# Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

We thank God that you have joined us for worship.

If you are visiting with us, we thank God you are here and pray our worship together will be a mutual blessing. If you are looking for a church home, we hope Abiding Savior can meet your needs. Please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors.

We ask both members and visitors to kindly fill out attendance cards and pass them to the center aisle. The ushers will gather them during the song following the Children's Message. Feel free to add a prayer request for the Pastor to include in the congregational prayer.

We love children here at Abiding Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so that young children can see what is happening during worship. If you should want to make use of our cry room or nursery, please ask one of our ushers for directions.

## Ministers

Rev. Dr. Thomas Rogers.....Senior Pastor  
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# Worship Service of Word and Song

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Saturday, September 26, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, September 27, 2015 – 9:30 a.m.*

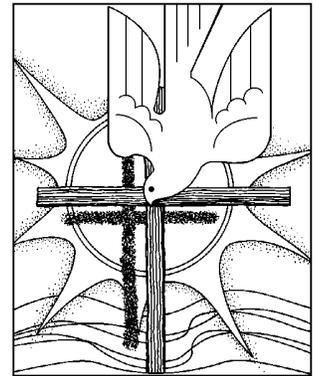
WELCOME

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OPENING CONGREGATIONAL SONG

*“Our God Saves” Sing Twice*

In the Name of the Father, in the Name of the Son,  
In the Name of the Spirit, Lord, we come;  
We’re gather’d together to lift up Your Name,  
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace;  
Hear the joyful sound of our offering as Your saints bow down,  
As Your people sing; We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings,  
And the world will see that Our God saves, our God saves;  
There is hope in Your Name; Mourning turns to songs of praise;  
Our God saves, our God saves.



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KIDS OF THE KINGDOM *9:30 a.m.*

*“Love God and Your Neighbor”*

*“If You Love Me”*

*by Natalie Sleeth*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

*Worshippers are invited to kneel for the Confession and Absolution.  
Those who desire not to kneel may sit or stand.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

All: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Pastor: Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**All: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**



Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

#### **EPISTLE READING**

**JAMES 5:1-20**

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

#### CONGREGATIONAL SONG

##### *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe so far, His grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!



#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

#### NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

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So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

*Please stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

**MARK 9:38-50**

John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*Worshippers are invited to stand and share the peace of the Lord with each other.  
Children can come down to the chancel steps for the children's message.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Prayer and member/guest cards will be collected during the singing of the following song:*

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG

#### *"Speak, O Lord"*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Children's  
Message



Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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## THE SERMON

REV. TOM ROGERS

### APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*God doesn't need our money, but in His grace He gives us the privilege to be stewards of everything He has entrusted to our care. We can do more together than separately. As one body in Christ, our congregation has agreed to offer our first fruits to support ministries and missions that enable us to communicate Christ's love to everyone, everywhere; and our love for Him. Your sacrificial gift enables this holy work.*

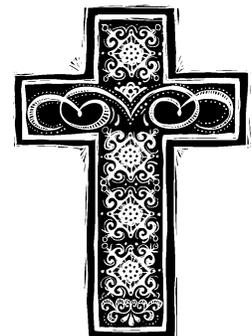
### CONGREGATIONAL MUSICAL OFFERING

#### *"Where Angels Fear to Tread"*

If it wasn't for Your mercy, If it wasn't for Your love,  
If it wasn't for Your kindness, How could I stand?

If it wasn't for Your cleansing, If it wasn't for Your blood,  
If it wasn't for Your goodness, How could I stand?

And yet I find myself again Where even angels fear to tread;  
Where I would never dare to come, But for the cleansing of Your blood.



With You there is forgiveness, And therefore You are feared.  
Jesus, it's Your loving kindness, That brings me to my knees.

And yet I find myself again Where even angels fear to tread;  
Where I would never dare to come, But for the cleansing of Your blood.  
In the beauty of Your holiness. In the beauty of Your holiness.

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## THE PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 for ever and ever. Amen.



## † HOLY COMMUNION †

**REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION** *As Lutheran communicants, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in this holy supper. Be mindful of the words of St. Paul: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) Are you truly sorry for your sins? Do you believe your sins are forgiven because Jesus died for them? Do you believe that Jesus gives you His own body and blood in the sacrament as a seal of that forgiveness? Do you have the sincere intent to do better in living the Christian life? – Then come, and receive assurance and strength from Jesus.*

**NOTE:** *In the center of each communion tray are a few glasses with grape juice wine for those who are on alcohol restrictive medications or who, for personal reasons, wish to abstain from wine. Also we have gluten-free communion wafers available for those who need them. They are in the small plastic containers on the wafer trays (patens). The empty plastic containers may be placed in the bags with the used communion cups.*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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 is my † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

### *"All Who Are Thirsty"*

All who are thirsty, All who are weak, Come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away in the waves of his mercy,  
As deep cries out to deep, we sing:  
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.



All who are thirsty, All who are weak, Come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away in the waves of his mercy,  
As deep cries out to deep, we sing:  
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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### *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen!

**CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

***“Your Grace Is Enough”***

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner’s heart,  
You lead us by still waters into mercy. And nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember Your people, Remember Your children.  
Remember Your promise, O God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, And all Your people sing along.

So, remember Your people, Remember Your children.  
Remember Your promise, O God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

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*Flowers*

The flowers which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by the **Wells** and **McRee** family in loving memory of **Doug Wells**.

## *We Pray For This Week*

Dean & Jan Schwartz, Bryan & Becky Seamer & Family, Lee Seib,  
Deborah Serrano & Family, Mary Seyler, Junko Shiki, Lynnette Siler,  
Sheilah Siminuk & Family, Sharon Simon & Family, Carolyn Sims

## *Keep in Your Prayers*

### **Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:**

Bill Bartlett	Jack Killion	Brett Riedlinger
Leigh Bassler	Brad Lucente	Junko Shiki
Richard Berman	Carol Lyons	Denice Soresi
Hamilton Blake	Jerry Mazzoni	Bob Stanley
Jay Campbell	Maria Meyer	Eileen Stewart
Nicole Duston	Jon Ninke	Jim Towles
Alexander Hernandez	Bruce Olson	Penny Waren
Betsy Hotsko	Ross Marchand	Vernita Warsinski
Patricia Howard	Jan McFarlane	McKenzie Watson
Elizabeth Hurley	Crystal Nylander	Ed Williams
Jeanne Kelly	Guy Reneau	Judy Williams
	Lee Seib	Blake Witte

### **We pray for those who are ill:**

Diane Brennan	Don Kuester	Tyler Seder
Irene Fabre	Jeremy Kuester	Lou Torres
Jennifer Fielding	Toti Manhan	Ray Waren
Christine Kirsh	Larry Reimnitz	

### **We pray for those who are recovering:**

Etsuko Busker	Jeff Conrad	Rocky Hewitt
Rosemary Colburn	Roger Gross	June Thomas

### **Prayers for those who mourn the death of a loved one, for comfort and strength:**

Family of Henrietta Mack, who passed away Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
A service celebrating the life of Henrietta will take place,  
Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

### **We keep in our prayers:**

*All those who are serving our country in the armed forces.*

