

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

We thank God that you have joined us this morning 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 Sermon Hymn which follows 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.

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Rev. Dr. Thomas Rogers.....Senior Pastor
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Order of Worship

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 15, 2015 – 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

CHRIS ROGERS, ORGANIST

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

The God of Abr’ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav’n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

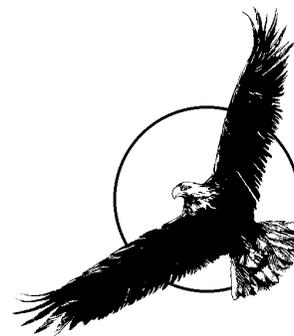
The God of Abr’ham praise, At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow’r,
And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow’r.

The God of Abr’ham praise, Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus’ blood.

He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heav’n ascend.
I shall behold His face; I shall His pow’r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.

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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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
All: who made heaven and earth.
Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
All: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
All: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“The God of Abraham Praise”

The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry, “Almighty King!
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!”

The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” They ever cry.
Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine! I join the heav’nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

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BLESSED
Trinity

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

DANIEL 12:1-3

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

HEBREWS 10:11-25

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Please stand for the Holy Gospel:

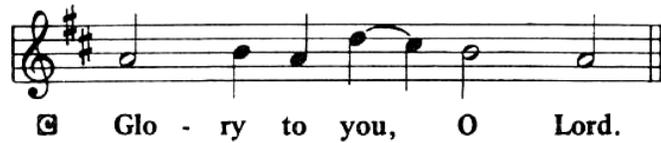
Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: **Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: **You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 13:1-13

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter thirteen.

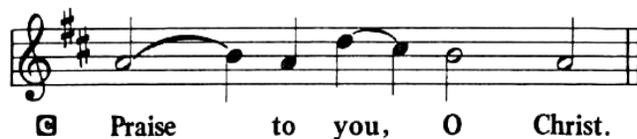


THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. "But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!



*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 hymn:

SERMON HYMN

"Built on the Rock"

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783-1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937, alt.
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THE SERMON

REV. JOHN SPROUL
CONSULTANT, LCEF CAPITAL FUNDING SERVICES

THE NICENE CREED

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 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.



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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition the prayer concludes:

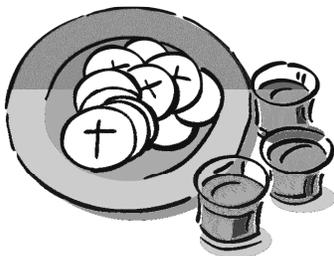
Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **We look now with joy to our Holy Communion at the Table of our Lord, rejoicing that He comes to us to bless us in this Sacrament of His Presence. Amen.**

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: "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) Are you truly sorry for your sins? Do you believe that 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? Is it your sincere intention to do better in living a Christian life? Then come, and receive assurance and strengthening 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.*

† HOLY COMMUNION †

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood. We pray together the prayer He taught us:

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 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.



Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope here given,
Though the night of death be fraught Still with many an anxious thought.

Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?

I am flesh and must return To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide In His glory, at His side.

Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.

Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet’s blast is heard.

O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!



POSTLUDE

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Flowers

The flowers which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord in loving memory of **Elaine Paul** by **Liz** and **Tom Paul**.

We Pray For This Week

Derek & Natsuko Whelply, Hal & Karen Whelply,
Glenn & Valerie Whitacre & Family, Scott Whitehouse & Family,
Don, Erika & Greg Wichmann, Stephen & Abby Wichmann & Family,
Cliff Williamson & Family, Thomas Winkelmann, Maggie Winn & Family,
Tonimarie Withey & Family

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

We keep in our prayers:

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

