

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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Order of Worship

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

PRELUDE

CHRIS ROGERS, ORGANIST

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“How Firm A Foundation”

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

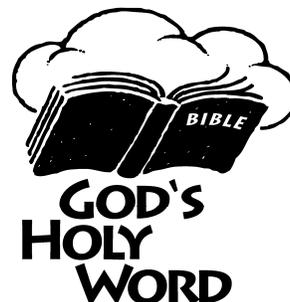
“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

Gracious God, You send great blessings New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise.

Refrain:

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings May bring glory to Your name.**

In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends. *Refrain*

Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain*

Text: Gregory J. Wismar, b. 1946

Tune: *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1825; setting: *Worship & Rejoice*, Carol Stream, 2001

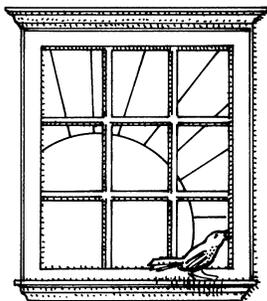
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.



Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 KINGS 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.



Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

HEBREWS 9:24-28

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Holy Gospel:

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 12:38-44

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

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."



Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*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

"The Temple Rang with Golden Coins"

The temple rang with golden coins The rich in bright array
 Contributed from gleaming hoards Their scales could scarcely weigh.

A widow came with copper coins And offered them in praise.
They were the last she had to give Or save for darker days.

When Jesus saw her costly gift And knew she had no more,
He praised a love that spared not self And called her rich, though poor.

At last He brought His offering And laid it on a tree;
There gave Himself, His life, His love For all humanity.

Lord, help us all, with You, to yield Whatever love demands
And freely give, as You have giv'n, With open hearts and hands.



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., b. 1923

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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.

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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A TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS

THE PRAYERS

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

After each petition:

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: Amen.

Pastor: We pray together,

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.

THE 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 of All Hopefulness"

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**



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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 **Joanne Green** by **Phyllis Burns**.

We Pray For This Week

Tom & Kari Welch & Family, Carole Wells & Family, Shawn Wendt & Family
Richard & Sandra Wendt, Linda Werner, Ruth Werner,
Dennis & Debbie Westergard, Grant & Ruth Wetzal, Sheri Whalen & Family,
Nathan Wheeler & 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.