

# Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

*Connecting Hearts to Jesus*

9700 W. Newberry Rd. Gainesville, Fl. 32609



**The Fourth Sunday** *after the* **Epiphany**

*February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 8:00am & 10:45am*

## **Reminders and Announcements**

### **Bible Studies at 9:45 a.m.**

**Pastor Glover's Class** meets in the fellowship hall after breakfast. All are welcome to attend this class as we study the book of Revelation.

**Girlfriends Bible Study:** All ladies are invited to this Bible study group which meets in the library in building 3.

**The Bible one Book at a Time:** Chuck Moss leads this group which meets in the building 1 classroom. We are currently studying the book of John.

**Parents & Tots Sunday School** meets at 10:00am in the youth room.

**Bible Breakfast** immediately follows the 8:00am service.

**Youth:** All middle school and high school youth are invited to meet on Sundays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm for Bible study, fellowship and fun. Dinner is included.

**January Book Club** has been rescheduled for this Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00pm in the Octagon Room of Building 3. The book is The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate. Virginia Pagenkopf is our hostess.

**February 11, 2024:** There will be one service at 10:45am next week. While breakfast will be canceled that day, all are invited to the **Annual Chili Bowl Cookoff** in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. Bring your favorite chili recipe in a crockpot, or simply buy your bowl (\$5) and sample from the many delicious entries. Cornbread, crackers and drinks are provided.

**The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday services on February 14th at 12:15pm and 7:00pm:** A soup supper will be provided every Wednesday during Lent from 5:45-6:45pm. If you would like to provide soup or bread, please sign-up on the clipboard located on the welcome table in the Narthex.

**Meals of Hope on May 18, 2024:** Mark your calendar to participate in Abiding Savior's annual food packaging event to help feed those in need in North Central Florida. You may donate towards the cost of this event on the church website, [www.abidingsavior.info](http://www.abidingsavior.info). Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to serve our community.

## **Communion Statement**

In accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we believe and confess that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the forms of bread and wine. Our gathering at the Table of the Lord is not a mere symbolic eating and drinking. Receiving the body and blood of Christ together at this Holy Table is Confessing that we who here receive this Sacrament share this common belief. Such celebration of the Sacrament carries two pastoral concerns:

- That all communicants understand that what God is giving to us in His Supper. The New Testament speaks of grave harm that will come upon anyone who does not “discern the Lord’s body” (1 Corinthians 11:29). We desire that you receive this gift to your good and never to your harm.
- Each one should be able to examine themselves and recognize their sin and need for God’s grace, lest we contradict Christ by sin against Him and sin against His people. In this Sacrament we are most fully at one with Christ and with one another, and so we should come to this Table at peace with Him and at peace with all our sisters and brothers.

Because Communion at the table of our Lord is such a confession of common faith, worshipers who have a different understanding or who hold a differing confession of faith, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament should first speak with an Elder or the Pastor before communing. For those with health concerns, gluten-free wafers are available on request and non-alcoholic wine is available in the center cups of each communion tray. Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest at the communion rail.

# + Order of Worship +

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

*Stand*

## Hymn of Invocation: 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# + Confession and Absolution +

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

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

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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, 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.

## Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

# + Service of the Word +

## Introit

*Psalms 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6*



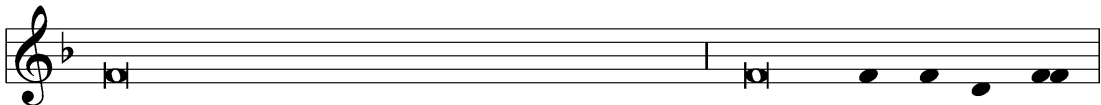
**[L]** I will sing | to the LORD,\*  
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.  
Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;\*  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,  
lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”\*  
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.  
But I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*  
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
I will sing | to the LORD,\*  
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**[A]** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **[C]** Lord, have mer - cy.



**[A]** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**[C]** Lord, have mer - cy.



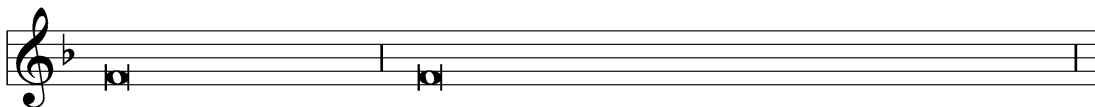
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



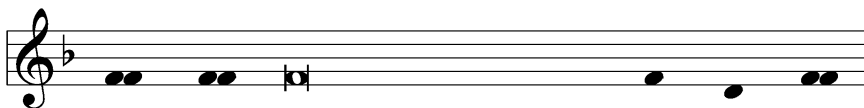
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



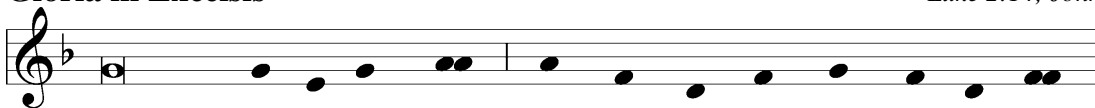
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:21–31*

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing,

and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows on them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,

that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:

who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,

calling them all by name,

by the greatness of his might,

and because he is strong in power

not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.



He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**L** Praise the LORD, all | nations! \*  
Extol him, all | peoples!  
For great is his steadfast | love toward us, \*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name; \*  
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 9:16–27*

<sup>16</sup>If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

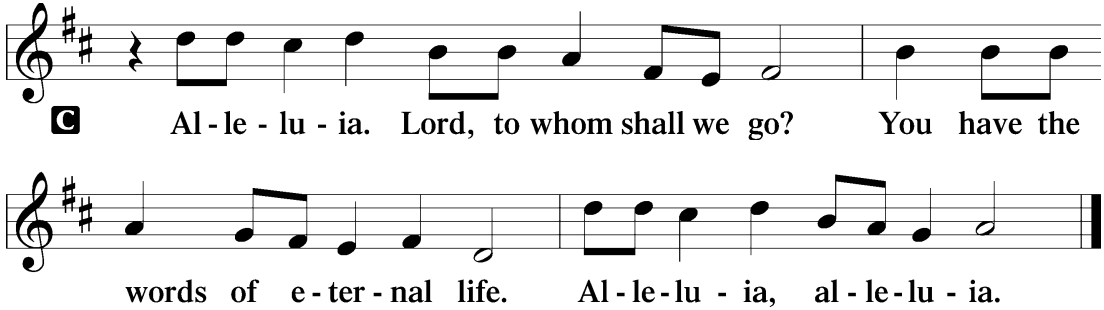
<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*



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

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:29–39*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "**Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.**" <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

### Sermon

### Catechesis

*Luther's Small Catechism - The Third Article of the Apostles Creed*

- P** The third article of the Apostle's Creed, concerning sanctification, is:
- C** 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.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
- P** This is most certainly true.

### Gathering of Offerings & Prayer Requests

#### Voluntary

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### Prayer of the Church

#### Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to

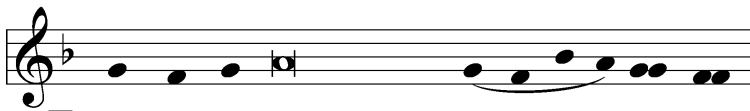
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## + Service of the Sacrament +

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink

His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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 Our Lord

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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 cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

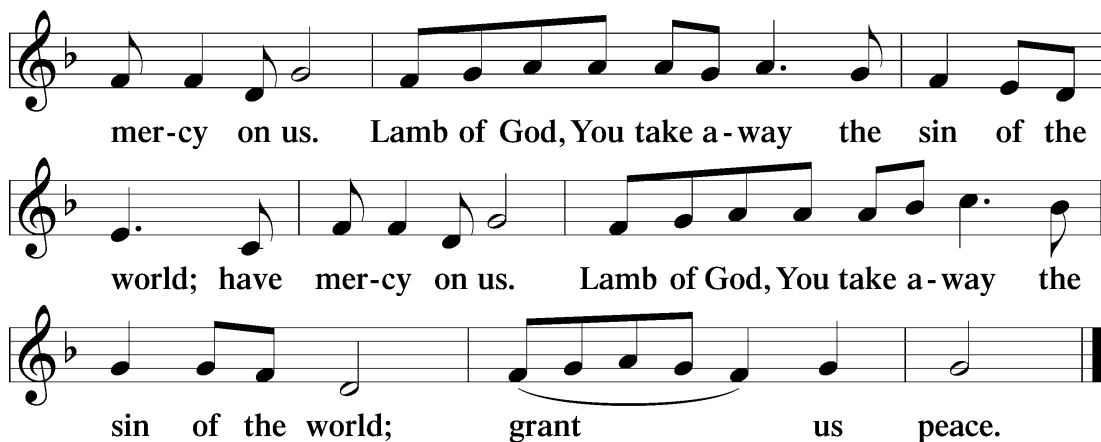
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Stand*

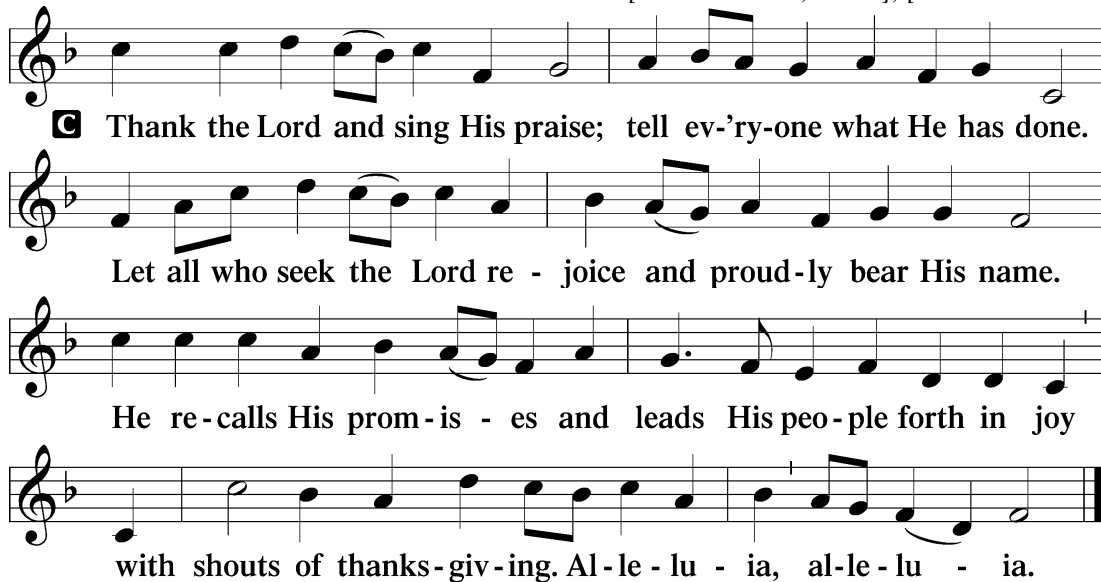
## The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Thank the Lord

*[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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*Rev. Graham B. Glover, Senior Pastor  
Joshua L. Mazur, Director of Music Ministry*

Serving today at	8:00am	10:45am
<i>Elder of the Month</i>	<i>Mike Brannon</i>	<i>Scott Mooney</i>
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Pete Schmitt</i>	<i>Brenda Arden</i>

<b>Last Week's Attendance</b> <b>8:00am:</b> 74 <b>10:45am:</b> 50 <b>Total:</b> 124  <b>Last Week's Offering</b> <b>Total:</b> \$7,053  <b>Fiscal Year-to-Date</b> <b>(7/1/23-01/28/24)</b> <i>Avg. weekly attendance:</i> 130 <i>Total offering:</i> \$215,200 <i>Avg. weekly offering:</i> \$6,942 <i>Total building fund:</i> \$8,706	<b>This week's altar flowers are provided by</b> <b>Dean &amp; Diane Brown</b>  <b>Next Week's Readings</b> <b>February 11:</b> <b><i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i></b> <i>First Reading: 2 Kings: 2:1-12</i> <i>Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-69:16-27</i> <i>Gospel: Mark 9:2-9</i>
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<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>Manage your Online Giving Here</b>
<i>Judith Newell 2/4</i> <i>Claudia Thomas 2/4</i> <i>Anna Hyland 2/8</i> <i>Gary Smith 2/8</i> <i>Saylor Slaughter 2/10</i>	<i>Mike &amp; Gabie Hein 2/10</i>	