

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Connecting Hearts to Jesus

9700 W. Newberry Rd. Gainesville, Fl. 32606



+ First Sunday in Lent +

February 18, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Information & Announcements

Bible Studies Today

Pastor Glover's Class

meets in the fellowship hall after breakfast. All are welcome to attend this study of the book of Revelation.

Girlfriends Bible Study

All ladies are invited to this Bible study group which meets in the library in building 3 at 9:45 a.m.

The Bible: One Book at a Time

This group meets in the building 1 classroom at 9:45 a.m. We are currently studying the book of John.

Parents & Tots Sunday School

meets at 10:00am in the Youth Room

Bible Breakfast immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service.

Noisy Offering Today! Bring loose change and make a joyful noise as we give. Each month's Noisy Offering supports Meals of Hope.

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

Midweek Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Soup Suppers on Wednesdays beginning at 5:45 p.m.: No need to hurry home to cook before service. Soup is served in the fellowship hall. If you would like to provide soup or bread, please sign-up on the clipboard located on the welcome table in the Narthex.

Lenten Daily Devotion Books provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries are available on the welcome table in the narthex.

Easter Lily Orders: Place an Easter Lily in the church in memory or in honor of someone special in your life. The cost of each lily is \$10. Order forms with envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Orders must be turned in by March 24.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 24. Once again, there will be a worship opportunity at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday of Holy Week. **The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter) will be celebrated on Sunday, March 31 at both the 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Divine Services.** A pancake breakfast will be served by our youth between services and an Easter Egg Hunt for younger children begins at 9:45 a.m.

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. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to serve our community.

Girl Scout Troop project: A Brownie troop that meets at Abiding Savior is undertaking a community service project to benefit the humane society. Donations of dog and cat food, toys and Nylabones may be placed in the cardboard collection box in the foyer of building 3 for the next three weeks.

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 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

Opening Hymn: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C 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.

Absolution

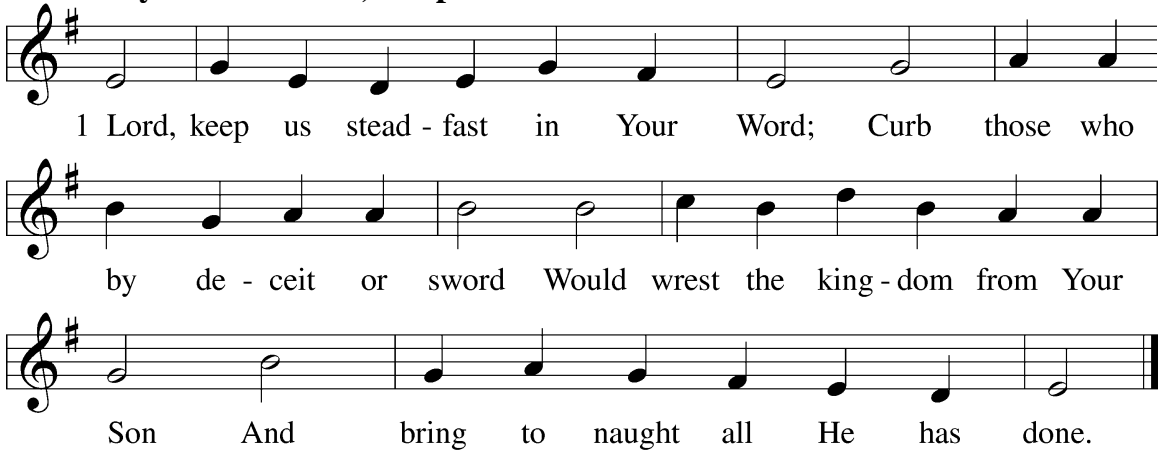
[John 20:19–23]

P 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. **C** Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

st. 1



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Genesis 22:1-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on

Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

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

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9–15

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.**”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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: 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 1–4

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Catechesis

Luther's Small Catechism – The Lord's Prayer - The First Petition

- P** The first petition of the Lord's Prayer is thus:
- C** Hallowed be Thy name.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.
- P** How is God's name kept holy?
- C** God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Gathering of Offerings & Prayer Requests

Voluntary

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Prayer of the Church

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

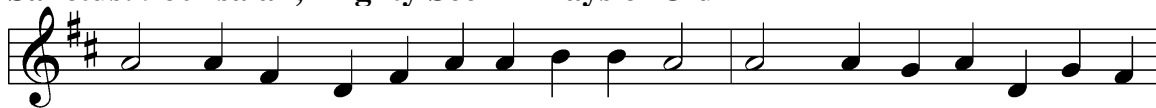
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus: 960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



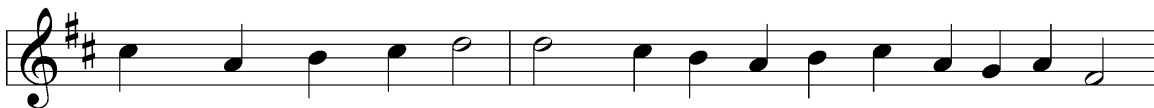
Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth - er two a - loft they soared; One to the oth - er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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

Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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

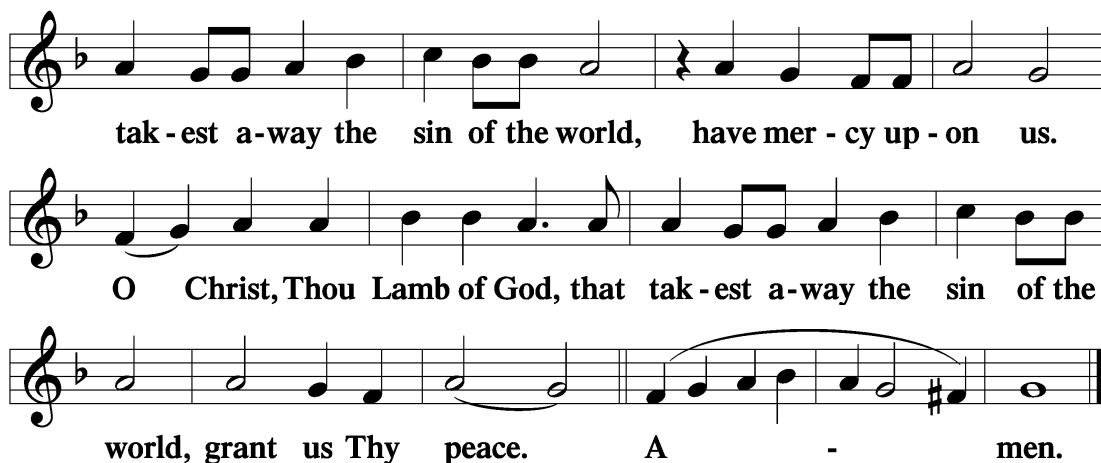
John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

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.

Stand

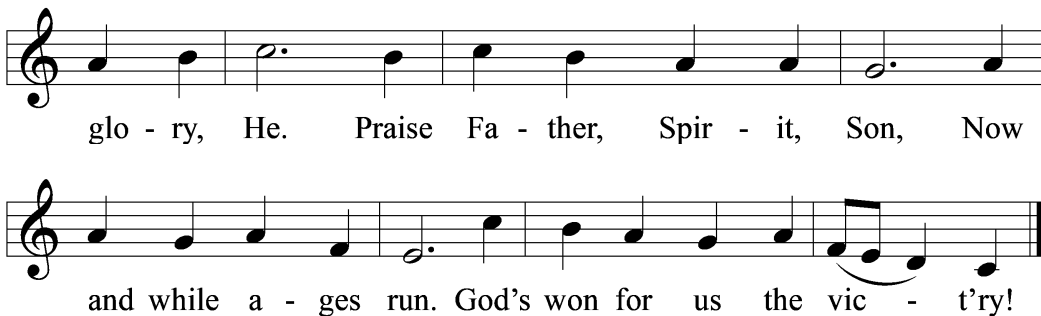
Post-Communion Canticle: O Lord, Now Let Your Servants Go



O Lord, now let Your ser - vants go, Your Word to us ful-

fill - ing. Our eyes see that Your Son most dear Our sins to

take was will - ing. The Gen-tiles' Light has come, And Is-rael's



Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

sts. 1, 4



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And
prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal
for our sin, And free us from our past.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

Postlude

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Mr. Joshua L. Mazur – Director of Music Ministry

Serving today at	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
<i>Elder of the Month</i>	Mike Brannon	Scott Mooney
<i>Reader</i>	Phyllis Leone	Liz Torrence
Last Week's Attendance <i>Combined Service at 10:45am: 112</i> Midweek Attendance <i>12:15 a.m.: 39 7:00 p.m.: 46</i> Last Week's Offering Total: \$ 10,593 Building: \$ 120 Fiscal Year-to-Date (7/1/23-2/11/24) <i>Avg. weekly attendance: 129</i> <i>Total offering: \$ 233,301</i> <i>Avg. weekly offering: \$ 7,070</i> <i>Total building fund: \$ 9,821</i>		Next Week's Readings February 25 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 Gospel: Mark 8:27-38
Birthdays	Anniversaries	Manage Your Online Giving Here
<i>Camden Fissenden 2/18</i> <i>Linda Struckmeyer 2/18</i> <i>Dean Brown 2/19</i> <i>Priscilla Townsend 2/19</i> <i>Alison Glover 2/21</i> <i>Kerry Pett 2/21</i> <i>Nancy Strattan 2/22</i>	<i>Bill & Dee Carman</i> <i>2/19</i>	

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