

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ, and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share their contact information with the usher if they would like a follow-up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

Offering: The Ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), online bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

Holy Communion: We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward, or come forward at the end for the common cup. We offer either wine or juice and allergen-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. You are also welcome to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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WORDS FOR REFLECTION

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage on the Palm Sunday Path. Just as Jesus is confronted from the beginning of his public ministry with the lures he must reject and the forces he must confront to be faithful to his mission, so we must recognize the true nature of what we must reject and confront when we follow in his footsteps.

PRELUDE

Etude in C Major

Louise Dumont Farrenc

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For disregarding voices from the margins, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P Beloved people, God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of [†] Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days **LBW 99**



1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
4 Be with us through this sea-son, Lord, and all our earth-ly days,

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Music: CAITHNESS, Psalter, Edinburgh, 1635

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in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
so teach us to de - ny our-selves that we may know God's love.
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE



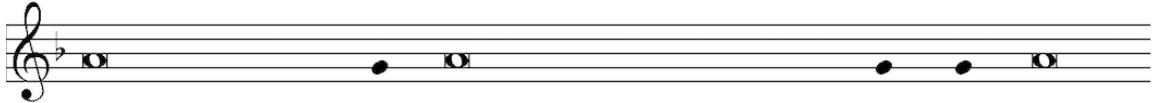
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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,



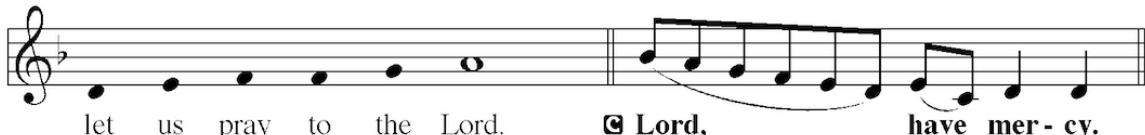
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor- ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord,

have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God,

C **our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

L A reading from Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the

serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand, if you are able.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness when they wander 40 years as the consequence of failing to trust God. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one without failing.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter:

A musical score in common time with a treble clef. The key signature is C major. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that

you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A musical score in common time with a treble clef. The key signature is C major. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows. All stand and sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Your Spirit in the Desert ACS 923



1 As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to
2 As your fire and cloud - y pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to
3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shad - ow, and dire thirst may
4 Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's
5 God of des - ert, God of prom - ise, you have bid us



dust and stone, so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to
Ca - naan led, may your pres - ence be our com - fort, may your
sear and sting, you have prom - ised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing
pull and strife, where be - yond our fear and cling - ing stands the
jour - ney on through the days of dust and dark - ness to the



cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the
man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the
for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the
thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the
ris - - ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the

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Music: ROSEVILLE, Michael D. Costello, b. 1979

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The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff uses a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are: "wil - der - ness" (repeated five times), "so to walk where Christ has gone.", "wil - der - ness with God's man - na as our bread.", "wil - der - ness to the wa - ters of the spring.", "wil - der - ness to the thresh - old of new life.", "wil - der - ness to the ris - ing of the dawn." The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL LEADERS

P The following people have been elected by the congregation to Leadership on the Church Council. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these siblings in Christ will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A Tyler Schiess is elected for his first full term on Council. Aaron Hyndmann and Sibylle Schroeder are elected for their second full term. Howard Corneilson and Shelli Skeels are elected to complete one-year unexpired terms for the Palermos who have moved away.

P A reading from First Corinthians: “There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation:

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

P I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you. Attend to us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all grace, grant strength and faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Attend to us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all creation, nurture life on this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Attend to us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all people living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge corrupt powers, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Attend to us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Evelyn, David, Charles, Patricia, Alia, Aimee, Lydia, Dean, April, Bella, Bodhi, Barbara, Susan & William, Scott, and Audrey. (*Pause to allow additional prayers to be offered.*) We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. Attend to us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all people, provide guidance and hope for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. For any among us who hunger for justice, empower our advocacy. Attend to us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our guide, our strength, and our salvation.

C Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources, in recognition and thanksgiving that all we have comes from God.

P Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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OFFERTORY

Song Without Words (no. 1)

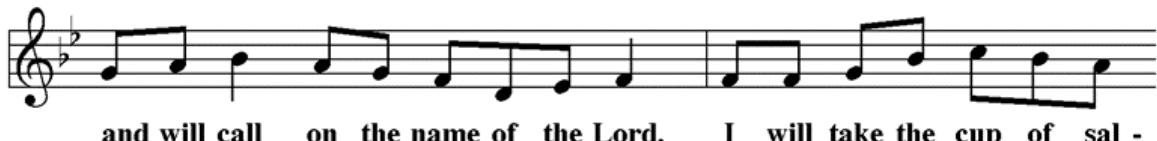
Felix Mendelssohn



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all God's 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
 pre - sence of all God's peo - ple in the courts of the Lord's house,
 in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

A O God, maker of heaven and earth,
 C your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into communion with the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.
 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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In time of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Jesus, unite us as we 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.

Please be seated.

P Come to the table.

C We come to feast on God's goodness and mercy.

You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please observe distancing at the rail, hold your hand flat for the bread, and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each staff containing a different part of the Lord's Prayer. The first staff begins with a 'C' and the words 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The second staff begins with 'sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.'. The third staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff begins with 'sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes connected by beams and others separated by vertical stems.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen

COMMUNION HYMN

Kyrie Eleison W&P 81

Stand, if you are able

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the im -
 2 That we may live out your im -
 3 For peace in our hearts, for for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
 passionate re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A God of our salvation,

C we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey of faith. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



C Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace; your word has



been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which



you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:

A light to reveal you to the na-tions and the
 glo-ry of your peo-ple Is - ra-el.
 Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the
 Ho-ly Spir-it, as it was in the be-gin-ning,
 is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THE BENEDICTION

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, \pm bless you now and always.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

All stand, as able, and sing.

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song **ELW 808**



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - - ney;



I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - ly you saved by your love,



Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

Johann Sebastian Bach

We are happy to welcome Dorian Morales back with us, who brings a wealth of performing and composing experience (and even an Emmy!). Dorian currently teaches privately and at the Piano Workshop at Chester. He is the House Pianist for the Graycliff Manor and the Grove, and plays weddings and special events.

Dorian also plays piano for Christian Science Church of Summit.



Flower dedication, if any

Next Week's Lessons:

Gen 12:1-4a

Mark 12:1-12

Serving in Worship		
	Today, 2/22	Next Week, 3/1
Altar Guild	Cindy Pawlo	Sandy Carlson
Counter	Anna Santino	George Pawlo
Assistant Minister	Doug Laird	Mary Kasakove
Lector	Sue Stirrat	Maria Jerez
Communion Assist.	Cindy Pawlo	George Pawlo
Usher/Greeter	Sandy Carlson	Doug Laird
Acolyte	Sibylle Schroeder	Cindy Pawlo
Soloist	TBD	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Tyler Rice	Ray Mueller

OFFICE HOURS**Pastor Serena:** Wed 2/25: 3:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Thurs 2/26: 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Sun 3/1: 9:00 am-1:00 pm**Catherine Belfiore:** Thurs 2/26, 9:00am-1:00pm.

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Joshua Olsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginets, Jennifer Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore, David Breault, Charles Wetzel, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, Leslie Picinich, Hailey Ochs Plante, Kate Draven, Dawn Huber, Heinz, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Shariff Stewart, Lisa Wolper, Maxine Wolper, Samy Dawood, David Laird, Peter Jensen, Joan Lewis, Jose, Brian Henkel, Judy Day, Mary Beth Mueller, Joseph DeSantis, Nancy Ayotte, Jenn DiDino, Nancy Tullo, Sue Corneilson, Mary & Gene Kasakove, Barb Phinney, Sarah Laird, Judy Wayman, and Evelyn Jorgensen.

Those in mourning: The family of Otto Schroeder; The Persson Family on the loss of Kayla; those mourning Dan Filin (partner of Pastor Serena's mom); The family of Dawn Parks; the loved ones of Carole Ernstrom; those mourning Maria's mother, Juanita; the friends, family of Kenneth Johanson, and The family of Barb Phinney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church office hours:** Pastor Serena will generally hold office hours on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means on other days (Saturday is her day off). If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.
- **Food Pantry Needs for January:** Peanut butter, Parmalat milk, fruit, juice, hot dogs & buns, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, crackers, cake mixes, gluten-free pasta.
- **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested please sign up by the last Sunday of the prior month. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or send an email to Catherine Belfiore (aplcbuddlake@gmail.com) with your dedication and the date you want the flowers on the altar and send your check to the church.
- **Interested in hosting a coffee hour?** Not hard. Just bring some store-bought baked goods. Coffee is already prepared ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Questions: Call Demetria Laird at 973-398-9614.

ART, MUSIC, AND LITURGY

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This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, February 22:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Council Meeting, 11:30 am

Monday, February 23:

Tuesday, February 24:

- Tullo's Ballroom 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25:

- Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m.
- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 26:

Friday, February 27:

- Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, February 28:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.
- District meeting @ Redeemer Succasunna, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, March 1:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Little Learner's Sunday School
- Fellowship time + Sermon talk-back.

Monday, March 2:

Tuesday, March 3:

- Tullo's Ballroom 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4:

- Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m.
- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5:

Friday, March 6:

Saturday, March 7:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. - Worship & Music Committee

Wednesdays in Lent, 6:15 p.m. - Soup Supper

Wednesdays in Lent, 7:00 p.m. - Lenten mid-week services

Sunday, March 29, 2:00 p.m. - Palm Sunday Vigil for Justice in Trenton

For all live-streamed services, click (or type) the link below:

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