

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 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 festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins this coming week. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

PRELUDE

Prelude on HAVEN OF REST

George D. Moore
arr. James Pethel

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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

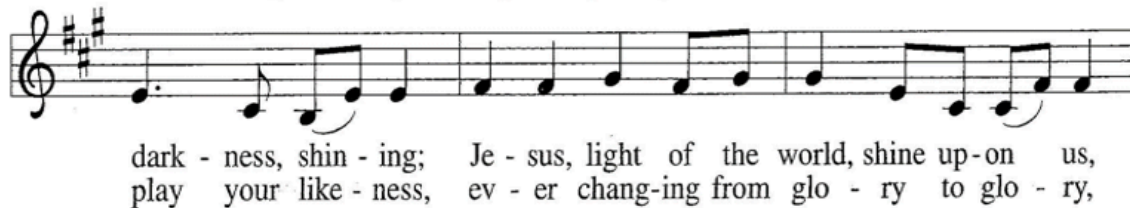
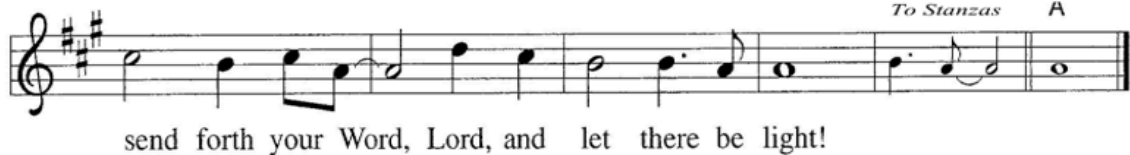
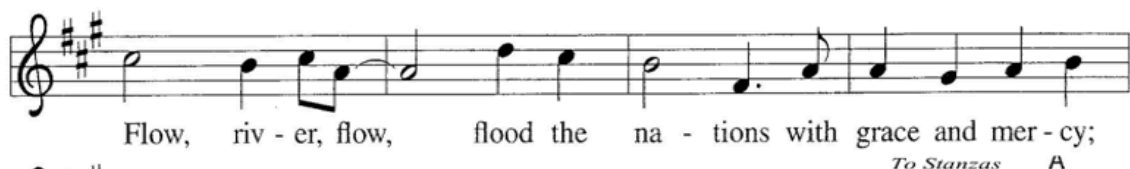
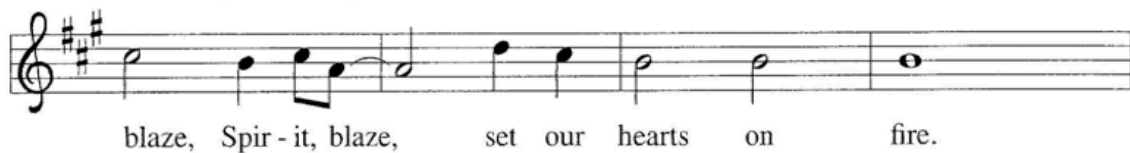
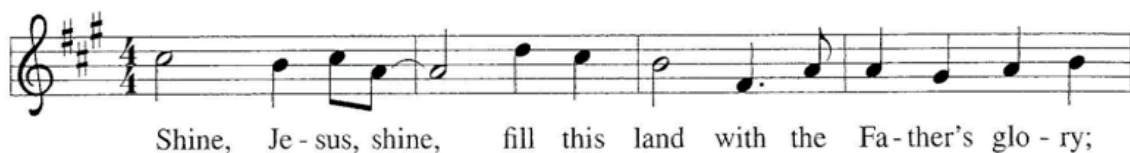
C **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine **ELW 671**



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

Text and music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950 Text and music © 1987 Make Way Music, admin. Music Services in the Western Hemisphere

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.

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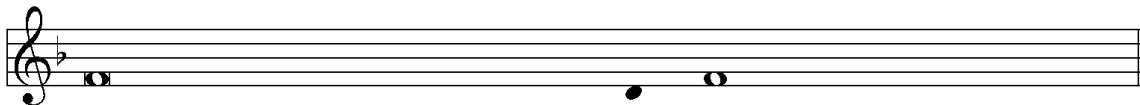
All sing, as able.

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.

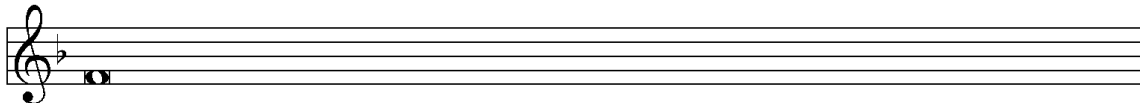
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God,

C in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through 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

Exodus 24:12–18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

L A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled

on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 99

The Psalm will be spoken responsively, by verse.

- 1 The Lord is king; let the people tremble.
The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 **The Lord, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.
- 4 **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your name, O Lord,
they called upon you, and you answered them,**
- 7 you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
- 8 **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their
evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16–21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

L A reading from Second Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the	power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses
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of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day

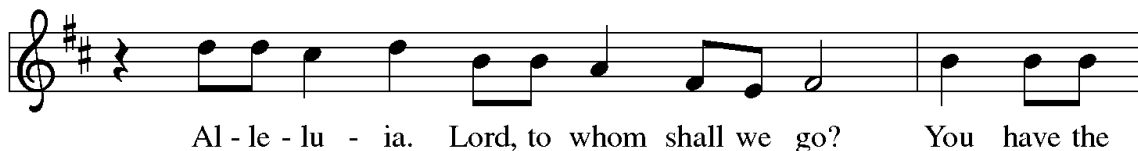
dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said,

“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **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

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain ACS 917



1	Daz - zling	pres - ence	on	the	moun - tain:	hu - man	eye	had
2	From	this	mount	of	mys - tic	splen - dor	to	the
3	From	the	heights	of	new	cre - a - tion,	Christ	be - holds
4	Let	our	praise	ring	from	each	moun - tain,	in - to
							deep - est	



nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,
press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,
world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,
val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,



heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.
on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.
brings us now to sights un - seen.
we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - d'rous voice from
"Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i -
Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he
To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,
ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,
bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish
end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.
Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.
as each life with grace is filled.
to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956

Music: WAVERLY, Karen E. Black, b. 1960

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NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth our home.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,

C **Receive our prayer.**

A Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of the holiness and belovedness of Christ, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,

C **Receive our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for a just end to violent conflict in Iran, Sudan, Palestine, Ukraine, and wherever violence is used as a tool of coercion or oppression. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God

C Receive our prayer.

A Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Jim, Don, Josepe, Ryan, Grace, Jackson, Donna, Jeanne, Valeriy, Jennifer, Mark, John, and Karen & Ken. *(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. Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

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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CHOIR ANTHEM

Immortal, Invisible

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith

Music: Welsh hymn melody

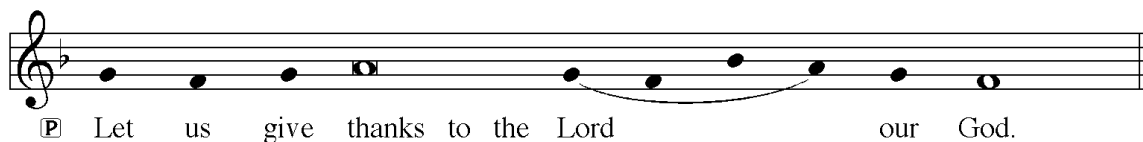
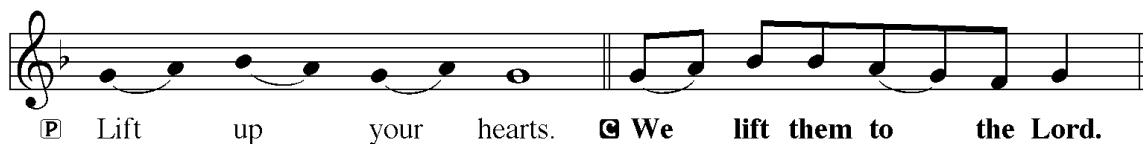
arr. Robert Sterling

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all God's be-ne-fits to me? I will
of-fer the sa-cri-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 God of majesty,

C no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with hope that the reign of God is near, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:

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.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.”*

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

***C* We come to taste and see the goodness of God.**

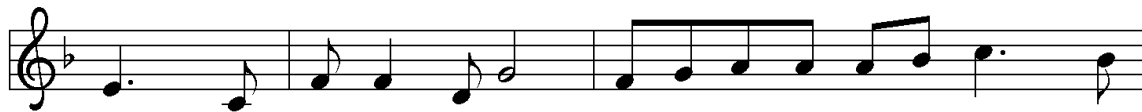
You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please observe distancing at the rail, hold your hand flat for the bread, and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.



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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Beautiful Savior **ELW 838**



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Stand, if you are able.

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

C Amen.

A Radiant God,

C we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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 re- veal 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 May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness **ELW 867**

All stand, as able, and sing.



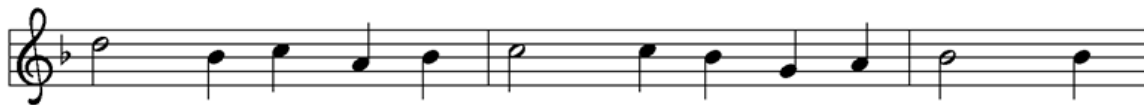
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

With Trumpets and Horns
(from “Water Music”)

George Frideric Handel
arr. Edward Broughton



The altar flowers were donated by Sybille Schroeder dedicated to her mom's birthday.

Next Week's Lessons:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11

Serving in Worship		
	Today, 2/15	Next Week, 2/22
Altar Guild	Cindy Pawlo	Cindy Pawlo
Counter	Howard Corneilson	Anna Santino
Assistant Minister	Sandy Carlson	Doug Laird
Lector	Demetria Laird	Sue Stirrat
Communion Assist.	Doug Laird	Cindy Pawlo
Usher/Greeter	Howard Corneilson	Sandy Carlson
Acolyte	Mary Kasakove	Sibylle Schroeder
Soloist	Maria Jerez	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Ray Mueller	Tyler Rice

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Serena: Hours for the week Wednesday, Feb 18: 12:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Thursday, Feb 19: 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Sunday, Feb. 22: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Catherine Belfiore: Thurs 2/19, 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 Wetzell, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, Audrey Moehringer, 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, Chris Laird, Linn Fisher, Nancy Ayotte, Jenn DiDino, Nancy Tullo, Sue Corneilson, Mary and Gene Kasakove, and Barb Phinney

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.

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This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, February 15:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Little Learner's Sunday School
- Valentine's Themed Coffee Hour
- Lament & Hope Gathering, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, February 16:

Tuesday, February 17:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper?
- Tullo's Ballroom 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18:

- Prayer Services @ Mt Olive Manor, 4:30 p.m.
- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 19:

- "Grief and You"-Coping Strategies; Zoom Study, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 20:

Saturday, February 21:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, February 22:

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

Monday, February 23:

Tuesday, February 24:

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

Wednesday, February 25:

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

Thursday, February 26:

- "Grief and You"-Spiritual Dynamics of Grief; Zoom Study, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 27:

- Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, February 28:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays in Lent, 6:15 p.m. - Soup Supper
Wednesdays in Lent, 7:00 p.m. - Lenten mid-week services

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