

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

We thank God that you have joined us this morning for worship.

If you are visiting with us, we thank God you are here and pray our worship together will be a mutual blessing. If you are looking for a church home, we hope Abiding Savior can meet your needs. Please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors.

We ask both members and visitors to kindly fill out attendance cards and pass them to the center aisle. The ushers will gather them during the Sermon Hymn which follows the Children's Message. Feel free to add a prayer request for the Pastor to include in the congregational prayer.

We love children here at Abiding Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so that young children can see what is happening during worship. If you should want to make use of our cry room or nursery, please ask one of our ushers for directions.

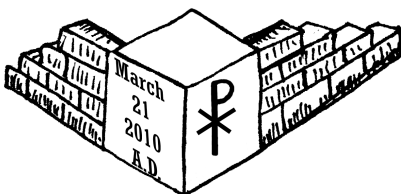
Ministers

Rev. Dr. Thomas Rogers.....Senior Pastor
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Rev. Richard Schumm, EmeritusAssistant to the Pastors
Mr. Matthew Walton.....Youth Director
Dr. Carolyn Sims Principal
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Order of Worship

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 21, 2010 – 7:50 & 11:15 a.m.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RUTH GEISLER, ORGANIST

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

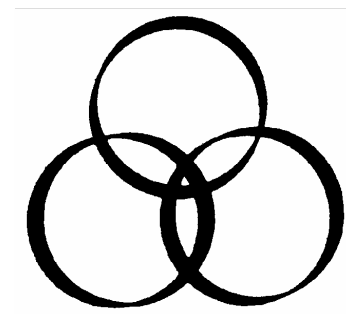
LW 197

“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through your Word to me draw near;
Preserve that Word in purity That I your child and heir may be.

Your Word it is that heals my heart, That makes me whole in ev'ry part;
Your Word of joy within me sings, True peace and blessedness it brings.

To God the Father, God the Son, To God the Spirit, Three in One,
Honor and praise forever be Now and through all eternity!



INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

*Worshippers are invited to kneel for the Confession and Absolution.
Those who desire not to kneel may sit or stand.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Those who sow in tears

All: shall reap with shouts of joy! *Psalm 126:5*

Pastor: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

All: shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.
Psalm 126:6

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Maker and Creator, repenting in sorrow for all we have done wrong and seeking from Him the joy of forgiveness.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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.

All: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* *LW 276*

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty, ever-living God, it was Your gracious will that Your Son should endure the cross for us, and thus free us from the power of the evil one. Help us, as we remember Jesus' suffering, to give Him thanks by living as His disciples ought to live -- redeemed from sin and freed to serve. We pray in the Name of Him in whom we are free indeed, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 43: 16-21

This is what the LORD says-- he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Your name.

Look to the Lord, who did atone For sin, O fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

THE EPISTLE READING**PHILIPPIANS 3: 4B-7, 8-14**

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

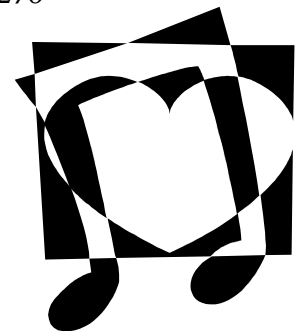
All: **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to sing:

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

See all our sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb has made us whole.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry human soul.

To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 20: 9-19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter twenty.



THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL



He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. "Then the owner of the vineyard said, `What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. `This is the heir,' they said. `Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "`The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be honest. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Prayer and member/guest cards will be collected during the singing of the following hymn:

SERMON HYMN

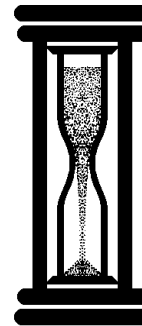
LW 91

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
 Love to the loveless shown That they might lovingly be.
 Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take
 Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need
His life did spend!

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days
Could gladly spend!



THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and † the life of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

God doesn't need our money, but in His grace He gives us the privilege to be stewards of everything He has entrusted to our care. We can do more together than separately. As one body in Christ, our congregation has agreed to offer our first fruits to support ministries and missions that enable us to communicate Christ's love to everyone, everywhere; and our love for Him. Your sacrificial gift enables this holy work.

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

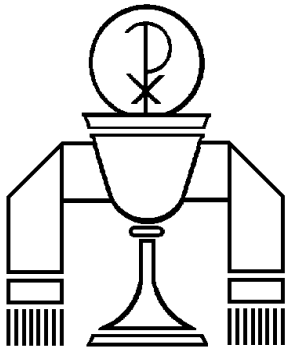
After each petition the prayer concludes:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**



REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: *As Lutheran communicants, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in this Holy Supper. Be mindful of the words of St. Paul: “We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28) Are you truly sorry for your sins? Do you believe that your sins are forgiven because Jesus died for them? Do you believe that Jesus gives you his own body and blood in the Sacrament as a seal of that forgiveness? Is it your sincere intention to do better in living a Christian life? Then come, and receive assurance and strengthening from Jesus. NOTE: In the center of each communion tray are a few glasses with grape juice wine for those who are on alcohol restrictive medications or who, for personal reasons, wish to abstain from wine.*

† **HOLY COMMUNION** †

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood. We pray together the prayer He taught us:

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 INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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 is my **✠** blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Glory Be to Jesus”

LW 98

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

Lift we then our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood.

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

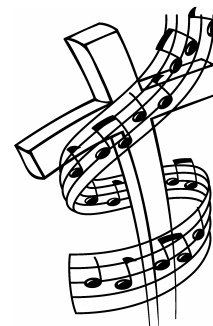
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?



When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity I'll sing on.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

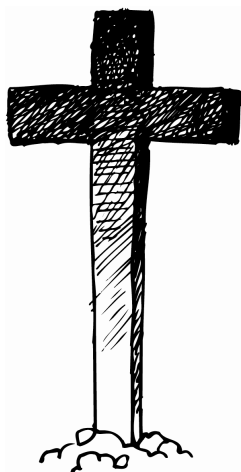
Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All: Amen!



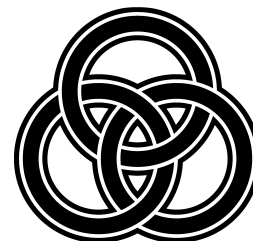
CLOSING HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation”

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.



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Worship Times

Traditional WorshipSunday, 7:50 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
 Contemporary Worship.....Saturday, 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
 Contemporary Communion Worship, Nytelife Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday SchoolSunday, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
 High School & Adult Bible Studies.....Sunday, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.

Flowers

The flowers which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord in celebration of **Matthew Horn's** Baptismal birthday.

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Margo Aguiñaga	Betsy Hotsko	Guy Reneau
Mary Andrade	Patricia Howard	Richard Ryan
Sam Beniche	Beth Howland	Denice Soresi
Richard Berman	Elizabeth Hurley	Eileen Stewart
Candy Blackinton	Bob LaFave	Jim Towles
Emily DeArmond	Brad Lucente	Penny Waren
Gary Docherty	Carol Lyons	Vernita Warsinski
Nicole Duston	Jan McFarlane	Susan Wendt
Lily Helen Enns	Crystal Nylander	Bettie Wilcox
Alexander Hernandez	Caitlin Passalaqua	Ed Williams

We pray for those who are ill:

Bill Bergman	Jennifer Fielding	Tyler Seder
Barbara Bonenfant	Jeanne Kelly	Lou Torres
Edna Broske	Jeremy Kuester	Kristina Travisano
Irene Fabre	Laurie Plautz	Doug Wells
	Larry Reimnitz	

We pray for those who are recovering:

Virginia Bulmer
Etsuko Busker

Vincent Carnevale
Joanne Green
Roger Gross

Mike McReynolds
June Thomas

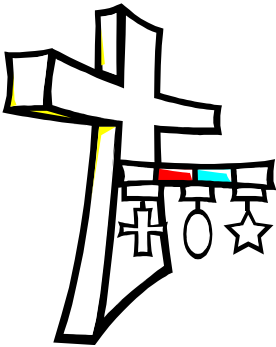
We pray for:

our Abiding Savior School 7th and 8th grade students for safety as they and their teachers and chaperones travel to & from Catalina Island and Washington D. C.

We keep in our prayers:

All those who are serving our country in the armed forces especially:

Craig Berry, Krystal Brooks, Scott Carr, Scott Chapman, Sean Crockett,
Jon Derhammer, Tyler Gilmore, Oscar Gonzales, David Gutierrez,
Zachary Hendry, Adam Justin, Jonathan Lehmeier, Joe Levell, Jerry Logan,
Kristianne Lopez, Garrett Ludke, Rex McMillian, Jim Nelson, Corey Polopek,
John Quade, Meghan Robinson, Scott Schladweiler, Troy Severson, Mike Sims,
Mike Smith, Julia Taylor, Greg Thomas, Bryan Tomberlin, Nat Towles,
John Turnbull, Bobby Vandenberg, Wayne Vandenberg,
Greg Walker, and Ryan Weisrock



We pray for our missionaries:

Fungchatou and Kalia Lo serving our Lord in Southeast Asia.
The Lo's ask us to pray for their family as they serve the people of Southeast Asia.
Pray that the Lo's would make wise and caring decisions as they reach out to people with educational and economic needs.