

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SERVICE OF COMMUNION
November 8, 2026

[**P**]=Pastor [**A**]=Assistant **[R]**=Reader **[TFF]**=This Far By Faith Hymnal ***=Stand if you are able

OPENING
PRELUDE

*** BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and, of the Holy Spirit
[C] Amen

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
[C] Amen

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[P] Most merciful God.
[C] We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

[P] 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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*** SHARING THE PEACE:**

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[Congregation] And also with you.

*** OPENING HYMN – Come, we that love the Lord**

***GREETING OF PEACE**

[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**

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

[P] Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth**.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: Praise Him**

[Congregation] Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.
From the rising of the sun, until the going down of the same,
He's worthy! Jesus is worthy! He's worthy to be praised!
Glory! Glory! In all things give Him glory!
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.
For God is our rock, hope of salvation; a strong deliverer, in Him I will always trust!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised. Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[A] Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

[C] O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is
darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the
house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the

Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? [21] I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. [22] Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. [23] Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. [24] But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream**.**

MUSICAL SELECTION : The Choir

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

[R] The Word of the Lord
[C] Thanks Be to God

***ALLELUIA VERSE: HALLELUJAH**
[C] Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. *(Repeat)*

***THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: St. Matthew 25:1-13**
[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

[P] The Gospel of the Lord
[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll *St. John 11: 32 – 35*

*** SERMON HYMN: At The Cross**

*** THE APOSTLES CREED**

[P] Let us join together and confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

[Congregation] 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**

OFFERING

[A] Please take this time to prepare your tithes and offerings. Those worshipping on site should bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary. Those worshipping off-site should mail their offering or visit the congregation's website (abiding-savior-lutheran.org) to give online.

ANTHEM: The Choir

*** OFFERTORY:**

[C] God Has Smiled On Me –
God has smiled on me. He has set me free. God has smiled on me. He's been good to me. *(Repeat)*

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray.

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] The Lord be with you.
[C] And also with you.
[P] Lift up your hearts.
[C] We lift them to the Lord.
[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give God thanks and praise

[P] It is indeed ....
Holy, holy, holy Lord , God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed.....

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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. Amen

[P] In bread and cup, the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:

COMMUNION

Lamb Of God

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.

Blessed Assurance

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

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord. He is worthy to be praised and adored. So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord. ***(Repeat)***

SENDING

PRAYER

[A] Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

BENEDICTION

[P] The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

[C] Amen

*** CLOSING HYMN: This Little Light Of Mine**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bible Study is on Wednesday: NOON at the CHURCH and via ZOOM / at 7pm via Zoom. The Gospel of Luke.
- Pastor's Office Hours: Wednesday 10- Noon; make an appointment (919) 760-5482 or stop - in.
- The fall, 2026 semi-annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2026, following the worship service. At that time, the 2027 spending plan will be presented. The spending plan which will be shared prior to the meeting. Please add the date to your calendar.

MISSION: We are Gathered and Sent to Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus

DISMISSAL

[P] Go in peace. Encourage one another.

[C] Thanks be to God.

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