



NOVEMBER 19, 2023
25th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

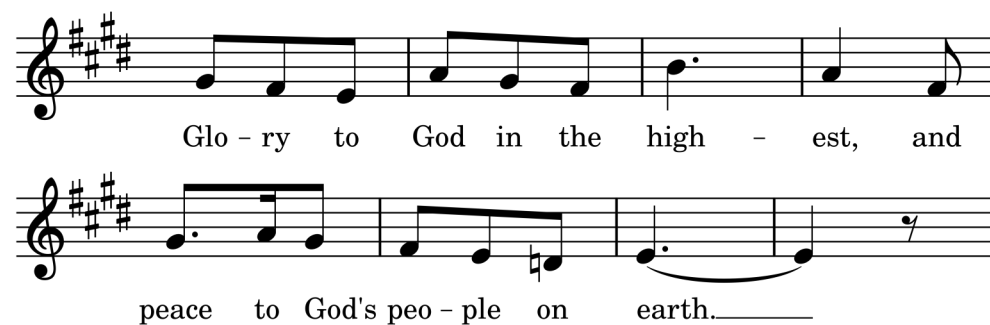
PRELUDE	"Come Ye Thankful People Come"
KYRIE	#157
CALL TO WORSHIP	"Now the Feast and Celebration" #167
WELCOME	
SONG OF CELEBRATION	"Give to Our God Immortal Praise" #848
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY	
BLESSING & RECOGNITION	In honor of Dawn Wetzel's years of service to Abiding Love
THE READINGS	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful"
THE GOSPEL	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
SERMON	
SONG OF THE DAY	"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" #694
PROFESSION OF FAITH	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
SPECIAL MUSIC	(8:30) "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" (11:00) "For All That You Have Done"
OFFERING PRAYER	
COMMUNION	"Lamb of God", "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord"
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BLESSING	
SENDING SONG	"Praise and Thanks and Adoration" #783
MISSION AND PEACE	Traveling Mercies
POSTLUDE	"Praise His Greatness"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, we gather in praise and thanksgiving to you. Lead us in living gratitude for the gifts of grace and blessing that flow in abundance from you. Amen.

EZRA 3: 10-13

¹⁰ When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David, king of Israel. ¹¹ With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love to Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. ¹² But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. ¹³ No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.



PSALM 95: 1-7

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Antiphon
³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
Antiphon
⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Antiphon

2 CORINTHIANS 9: 10-15

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

MARK 14: 22-26

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." ²³ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ "This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵ "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God." ²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO ABIDING LOVE!

It is one of our greatest joys to welcome new people into membership in our community. We are blessed to have guests and visitors growing closer in relationships and involvement in the life of the church. Membership in the congregation provides full participation in the leadership and missional direction of Abiding Love. If you would you like to become a member we would be happy to welcome you! We are currently inviting everyone interested in membership to contact Pr. Brad and to complete a Member Information form (ask an usher for a copy). A New Member gathering for interested people will follow.

If you have any questions, contact Pr. Brad:
bhighum@abidinglove.org or 512-892-4040

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ABIDING LOVE!
May you know God's love as you sing, pray, proclaim, and serve.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNION AT ABIDING LOVE.
Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing may come forward and cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

25TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Living Gratitude

Paul encourages the early Christian community to approach all of life from a place of thankfulness, *"giving thanks in all circumstances ... holding fast to what is good."* (1Thess.5) He calls us, as people of faith, to focus always on what is good and honorable, just and true. (Phil.4) These reflect the goodness and grace of God and naturally invoke a generous spirit of gratitude in us ... gratitude for a loving God, for the gift that life is, and for the hopefulness of fresh possibility. The Gospel's invitation for our lives is simply to live in gratitude for God's grace!

CONNECT WITH ABIDING LOVE

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ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 am Worship w/Communion
9:45 am Faith Formation
9:45 am Confirmation
11:00 am Worship w/Communion
5:30 pm HS Youth Activity
6:00 pm ASCI Diversity Band Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CC Closed
11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry
5:00 pm Bread For All
6:45 pm Junia Café Group
7:00 pm AA (HS Room)
7:00 pm Sarah Circle

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

CC Closed
10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)
7:00 pm Alanon (C)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

CC Closed
10:00 am Hannah Bible Study (C)
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:00 pm Music Rehearsals
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:45 pm Cantata Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CC Closed
Thanksgiving Day—ALLC Office Closed
6:00 pm Alanon (L)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

CC Closed
ALLC Office Closed
1:00 pm Bunco (UC)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Christ the King Sunday
8:30 am Worship w/Communion
9:45 am Faith Formation
11:00 am Worship w/Communion w/ Mixed Blessings
4:00 pm Hanging of the Greens
6:00 pm ASCI Diversity Band Rehearsal

SERVING

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Preaching and Presiding

Rev. Brad Highum

Acolyte

(8:30) Brianna Carty
(11:00) Molly Enno

Altar Guild

(8:30) Di Brophy and
Tricia Slovacek
(11:00) Denise Alaimo

Assisting Minister

(8:30) Margaret Dove
(11:00) Joyce Flachmeier

Children's Message

Tyler Parks

Communion Assistant

(8:30) Kurt Lowe
(11:00) Garth Hillman

Lector

(8:30) Pat Dove
(11:00) Dale Sump

Music

Gus Sterneman
Stephanie Morrison
Sanctuary Choir

Ushers

(8:30) Beverly Sones
Randy Sones
(11:00) John Berkeland
TJ Shoaf

Tech

Zee Zepeda
Greta Rymal
Anna Marie Gonzales
Cindy Atwell

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday
November 22, 2023
7:00 pm



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 26, 4:00 pm

Gather with friends from Abiding Love to trim the tree and decorate the worship space for Advent and Christmas. All ages are welcome!



*"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you."*

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

November 19: Living Gratitude

November 22: Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, 7:00 pm

November 26: Christ the King
Hanging of the Greens