

# O LORD, ABIDE WITH ME!



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH LENT 2018



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### Opening Hymn:

### Opening Liturgy:..... With TLH 390: Drawn to the Cross

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sins ...*

**C: Lord Jesus, in this holy season, Your living and powerful Word penetrates to the very depth of my soul. With the probing instrument of Your holy Law, You expose my sinful heart and life, convicting and condemning me. Yet with the powerful and permeating Gospel of redemption you also come to me – assuring me of forgiveness and peace through Your saving merit. In repentance and faith I now come to You, O Lamb of God, looking to the cross alone. Abide with me, precious Savior. Forgive me, strengthen me, and renew me for Your Name's sake.**

*P: Lent brings us the assurance from heaven that "Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God Who has taken away the sin of the world". Upon your confession of sin and expression of repentance and faith in your Savior's redemptive merit, God has called me to announce to you with joy and confidence the forgiveness of your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Sing [♫]: Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ Crucified, I come.**

**Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ Crucified, I come.**



**The Passion Reading:** .....A Harmony of the Gospels

**Confession of Faith:** .....Luther's Explanation to the Second Article

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.



## THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

**Response:** .....TLH 194: Abide with Us

*P: But the [disciples at Emmaus] constrained Jesus, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. [Luke 24:29]*

Sing [♪]: "Abide with us, the day is waning,"  
Thus prayed the two while on the way;  
We read that Thou, O Lord, remaining,  
Didst all their doubts and fears allay.  
Incline Thine ear, Thou King of Grace,  
When, praying thus, we see Thy face.

2. At eventide, Thy Spirit sending,  
Help us, O Lord, our watch to keep,  
In prayer devout before Thee bending  
Ere our eyelids close in sleep,  
Confessing sin in deed and word  
With hope of mercy from the Lord.

3. Abide with us; with heavenly gladness  
Illumine, Lord, our darkest day;  
And when we weep in pain and sadness,  
Be Thou our Solace, Strength, and Stay.  
Tell of Thy woe, Thy victory won,  
When Thou didst pray: "Thy will be done."



**Sermon:** .....See back of bulletin for text and themes

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Lenten devotions based on TLH 552: "Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide"

**Sermon Response:** ..... TLH 552: Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide

1. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me! February 28
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me! February 14
3. Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,  
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,  
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.  
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me. February 21
4. Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me. March 7
5. Thou on my head in every youth didst smile,  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.  
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me. March 14
6. I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me! March 21
7. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me. Easter
8. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me! Good Friday



**Post-Sermon Hymn:**

**Offering, Prayer, & Lord's Prayer (Lord's Supper on Ash Wednesday):**

**Benediction (by Pastor or Choir):**

**Closing Hymn:**

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**Stanza 2: As Earth's Joys Grow Dim**.....Matthew 6:19-20

<sup>19</sup> "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

**Hymns:** TLH 145; TLH 430, st. 1-2, 7-8; TLH 410

**Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2018 (Pastor John Hein)**

**Stanza 3: As Thou Dwell'st with Thy Disciples** ..... 1 John 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- <sup>2</sup> the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**Hymns:** TLH 170; TLH 166; TLH 558

**February 21, 2018 (Pastor David Schierenbeck)**

**Stanza 1: As the Darkness Deepens** ..... Isaiah 9:2

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

**Hymns:** TLH 154; TLH 174; TLH 562

**February 28, 2018 (Pastor David Baker)**

**Stanza 4: As the Friend of Sinners**.....John 15:13

<sup>13</sup> "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

**Hymns:** TLH 155; TLH 172, st. 1-4, 8, 10; TLH 457

**March 7, 2018 (Pastor John Hein)**

**Stanza 5: As Thou has not Left Me** ..... Psalm 25:7

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

**Hymns:** TLH 157; TLH 165; TLH 551

**March 14, 2018 (Rev. Paul Fleischer)**

**Stanza 6: As Thy Grace Foils the Tempter's Power** ..... Hebrews 2:18

<sup>18</sup> For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

**Hymns:** TLH 159; TLH 144, TLH 555

**March 21, 2018 (Rev. Daniel Fleischer)**

**Stanza 8: As Thy Cross is Held Before My Closing Eyes** ..... 1 Corinthians 1:18

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Good Friday – March 30, 2018 (Pastor John Hein)**

**Stanza 7: As I Triumph Even in Death** ..... 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

<sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Easter – April 1, 2018 (Pastor John Hein)**