



ABIDING SAVIOR
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 28th, 2011

11th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR SAVIOR GOD!

TO OUR VISITORS: Thank you for joining us for our worship today. Please remember to sign our guest register before you leave. It is a pleasure to have you with us and please come again soon!

IF YOUR CHILD becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the nursery which is located just off the entryway to the church.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION about Abiding Savior and its activities, please speak with Pastor Sauer to arrange an appointment or call him at 956-968-5228 during the week. He would be more than happy to speak with you.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

O Lord, Your thoughts and ways are above mine as the heavens are high above the earth, hidden are Your ways, and Your guidance often beyond our searching out. Work in me a heart that does not murmur or complain about Your will, but lead me to always be ready to say: You are the Lord, My God, and You do all things well! Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME:

HYMN: p. 45.....Father, We Praise You

THE LITURGY: The Service of Morning Praise, found on p. 45 in the front of the hymnal, Christian Worship.

THE PSALM today is Psalm 42-43 found on page 82.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS can be found on the insert.

SEASONAL RESPONSE: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Alleluia!

HYMN: 367.....Christ Be My Leader

THE SERMON:Romans 8:35-39

**Nothing Can Separate Us!
From Christ!
From Seeing Each Other Again!**

HYMN: 277:1, 4.....God, We Praise You

THE OFFERING

Visitors: We pass an offering plate during the service so that our worship may include bringing gifts to God. You are our guests and are not expected to give, but you are welcome to participate as your heart leads you to give.

THE KYRIE, P. 50

THE BLESSING, P. 51

HYMN: 332.....Go, My Children, with My Blessing

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CONNECTION

MANY THANKS to **Joel Sauer** for accompanying us on the computer organ this morning!

COPIES OF THE SERMON are being made each week for those who like to follow along, those who are hard of hearing, and **to take home to give to a friend**. These copies can be found in the entryway to the church. Thank You!!

*****OUR WEEK WITH CHRIST*****

Today	11:00AM	Farewell Potluck for Pastor Sauer
Wednesday	6:30PM	Abiding Savior Call Meeting
Saturday	9:00AM	Church Help
Sunday	10:00AM	Divine Worship

Abiding Savior's Mission:

As men, women, and children redeemed, restored and forgiven by Christ, Abiding Savior Lutheran exists to proclaim Christ to the community of Weslaco and the Rio Grande Valley, using the Gospel in Word and Sacrament by which believers are strengthened in their faith and through which the Holy Spirit creates faith in those who are lost.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ graciously supplies forgiveness for the soul and food for the body.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5

The Messiah is commissioned to call the nations into the mercies promised to David. The invitation is one of pure grace. For we had nothing to offer God ("no money"). The gospel invitation calls us to the new, everlasting covenant which alone satisfies our soul.

1 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. **2** Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

3 Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. **4** See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples.

5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your

God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

The Second Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

Our Lord seems almost oblivious to the looming problem of feeding a large crowd in such a remote place. He instructs His disciples to give the people food. After the disciples assess their meager resources, the Lord of creation gives thanks and produces more than enough to satisfy!

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. **14** When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. **15** As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." **17** "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. **18** "Bring them here to me," he said.

19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. **20** They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. **21** The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon Lesson: Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36** As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.