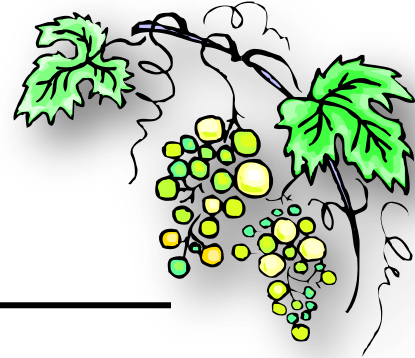


# ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

A Welcoming Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## The Grapevine

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# RALLY SUNDAY FAIR & POTLUCK SEPTEMBER 13

### RALLY SUNDAY EVENT

This is your opportunity to learn about all the wonderful ministries at Abiding Savior. You have the opportunity to chat with the ministry leaders, ask questions and if God puts it on your heart, sign up and share your special gifts through volunteering of your time and talents.

Last year we had tables set up from all the wonderful ministries, and that went well. This year we will do the same, with more tables. We will hold both a 9:00 am service and 11:00 am service, with our Rally Sunday Fair starting at 5:00 pm. We will have a couple of bouncers for the children, snow cones, hands-on tables (ex: blood pressure checks, youth table with crafts for the kids), and a potluck dinner in Hestad. We ask that you invite your family, friends, and neighbors – together we can be involved in making our community a better place by sharing God's Love.

If you are a ministry leader, please plan to coordinate your space needs with Lynn LeFebvre or Eleanor Brierley, no later than August 23. If you would like to bring something for the potluck, we ask that you make enough for 10 people. Any questions or concerns, contact Eleanor Brierley or Lynn LeFebvre at 480-947-7495.



### RALLY FAIR & POTLUCK

SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Fair & Potluck

Ministry Tables  
Bouncy  
Snow Cones  
Popcorn  
Crafts

Blood Pressure Checks



# A Note From Our Pastor . . .



## Special Events & Services

**September 13**  
**Rally Fair & Potluck**  
**5:00 PM**

**September 20**  
**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**



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I am thinking, again today, of what it now means to have turned sixty years of age. One of the really short answers, as it comes to me now, is absolutely nothing. It is, as someone said here not too long ago, "Only a number." But then, they aren't sixty yet. And so, to myself, I say, "Easy for them to say. Wait until they get where I am today!"

Like so many of you, I am beginning to experience the real costs associated with growing older. Aches and pains, followed by an increasing number of visits to the doctor, not to mention one test and/or procedure after another are continual reminders of the challenges we face.

Again, I think about all this and soon find myself asking, "Wow! How much more depressing can this get, anyway? Under these most ordinary kinds of circumstances, I am done. I have had it. With nothing left in the old, proverbial tank, please just leave me alone."

But these aren't "most circumstances". And they are certainly not "ordinary". For even while many of us find ourselves lacking in the strength of our once, so-called, "hay day", we still have Christ with us. And this, let me remind you, is no small thing. He never stops giving us what is needed to complete our work.

Listen, again I pray, to the prophet, who speaks: ***"Comfort, comfort my people, says our God. Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."***

As peculiar as it may sound, even the youth get tired and weary. This is just the way it is with life. The "grace" that comes from the prophet is this: we may all lose it from time to time; and sure it gets harder as time passes by. But worry not. Renewal's at hand. For the eagle is coming; and on his wings, we will be lifted up to still greater works in Christ!

So, how about that. Sixty is really just a number. And so is ten, sixteen, twenty-one, forty, and even seventy-five or eighty plus. Be renewed with me; and then, together, we will see even the greater things Christ has in store for us!

Looking, with expectancy, to the days ahead,

Pastor Shealds

## Abiding Savior School

*“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

*Proverbs 22:6*

We are ending our summer program and preparing for the fall session. School will begin on August 19<sup>th</sup>. We still have room in our preschool classes and we are praying diligently for more children.

Our annual Innisbrook fund raiser will begin on August 24<sup>th</sup>. This fund raiser includes wrapping paper and Christmas gifts as well as an assortment of chocolates. There will be brochures in the Church office and school office if you are interested. The school makes a 50% profit on all items sold. The fund raiser will end on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our Chapel for the fall session will begin on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Shealds will be teaching the 10 Commandments, one each week, after the children learn about creation. As a reinforcement of the commandments, the children make a booklet with a crafts done each week for each commandment.

Fry's Food Store should be starting their Cool Cash program the beginning of September. When I have more information, I will pass it along and put our number in the Church bulletin. We will again hope to make the \$500 minimum which requires purchases made in the amount of \$50,000. We have appreciated all of your help in the past.

Please continue to save the Box Tops for Education labels, ink cartridges and old cell phones for us to redeem.

In His Name,  
Barbara McElrath  
Director

## Shepherd's Warehouse

*“A Generous man will himself be blessed for he shares his bread with the poor.”*

*Proverbs 22:9*

Praise the Lord! We don't have a new home but we have new landscaping. Drive by and take a look.

We want to thank all the members for the bottled water. It sure came in handy in this hot weather. We are doing fine right now with the water. Thank you to our new angel in the clothing room. She sure has a lot of patience and is working very hard. Thank you goes out for the school supplies. The supplies have helped many of the neighborhood students.

We are starting to collect aluminum cans for the Shepherd's Warehouse. HELP – HELP – HELP

We thank the Lord and all who help keep the Warehouse going.

In His Care,  
Renate

## Health Ministry

### Ankle Exercises Help Reduce Risk of Falls

In a recent study, it was found that people over the age of 70 were able to reduce their risk of falls by simple ankle exercises. They did this by flexing and extending their feet, while using elastic bands for resistance. They started out three times a week with low resistance and gradually increased the resistance over six weeks. Strengthening the muscles in their feet and ankles improved their balance and mobility.

-UC Berkeley Wellness Letter, July 2009

### CPR Class

If you took the CPR class here at Abiding Savior last fall, your card will expire in November 2009. If you want to re-new your card you will need to sign up for the class. As soon as a confirmation is made on the date and time we will notify those who are interested. We are looking at late October, early November. Also, if there is anyone in the congregation who would like to take this class, please call Lynn at the church office to sign up.

### **Free Prostate Screening**

Scottsdale Health Care is offering to check your PSA level **free** on September 26 from 8:30am - Noon at:  
Virginia G. Piper Center  
10460 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Call **882-4636** to schedule an appointment.

### **Flu Shots**

We will offer flu shots here at Abiding Savior on October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am - 2:00pm. This will be for the **seasonal flu** (Influenza). Per The Mollen Clinic the H1N1 (Swine flu) vaccine will possibly be out by mid to late October. This is given in 2 series. You would get your first one then 30 days later the second one. You might want to ask your physician if he or she recommends you getting the Swine flu vaccine. The Mollen Clinic will update me on this and let us know if they will be offering them. If so, we will offer them here.

In His Service,  
Lynn LeFebvre

### **Youth Ministry**

This fall we are starting a new Sunday school curriculum called Witness. We will learn from the Bible how to live the Good News. Another change will be, instead of having pre-k – 4<sup>th</sup> grade all in one class, we will split them into two classes. The older kids will still be 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up. September will be the month for our “Teen Total Image” program. I will be sending out letters to parents the last week in August. Please fill out the permission slip and get it back to me, if you would like your daughter to participate in the program.

I would like to thank Bianca Demoulin for the wonderful art work she did in room 2. Bianca painted Hermie the Catapillar on the wall in our Sunday school class.

In His Service,  
Lynn LeFebvre

### **Women’s Ministry**

Attention Women of Abiding Savior

Our first Women’s Ministry meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup>. We only have a few weeks between our first meeting and the October potluck. We are looking forward to a very productive first meeting.

In His Service,  
Eleanor

### **For the Love of Words**

These past few months have been busy ones at the library. The books that were previously donated now stack high with the ready-to-shelf group, which is growing taller and taller. As I cleaned, read, classified and categorized, I was delighted to find new ones that I know you would enjoy reading also. These newer books have mostly hard-board covers and so far there are only a few duplicates. When you come by, ask for them since there isn’t enough shelf space to display them all.

One little book puzzled me. It didn’t have a publishers name or a title and looked as though someone tried to make a book, then I found a blank fly leaf with only one signature at the top. It simply said, “Sister Hested.” It has now been covered and is here for display. That is the fun part of a library, finding surprise books, the kind you just know you have to read. Perhaps your surprise book is waiting at the library.

Drop in and I’ll help you find it.

In His Service,  
Dorothy Pientka

## Cursillo Corner

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Ultreya 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Holy Trinity, 739 West Erie Street, Chandler

**NOTE: Abiding Savior is hosting this Ultreya. Volunteers are needed, please contact Regina or Bill Jenkins if you are available and willing to serve.**

**PLEASE CONTACT REGINA OR BILL JENKINS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING TO ANY OF THE ULTREYAS.**

### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends:

Men's Weekend #123, October 8 – October 11  
Women's Weekend #124, October 22 – October 25

### Reunion Ultreya/Annual Meeting:

Saturday, November 7 6:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.  
Desert Cross, 8600 South McClintock Drive, Tempe, AZ

## For Your Information

† - CHANGE OF ADDRESS – PEGGY ARK, 1390 N. Main St. #2923. Euless, TX 76039-2941  
Phone: 817-319-1488 email: [peggy.ark02@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peggy.ark02@sbcglobal.net)

You may read Peggy Ark's letter; it is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

† - Thanks to my dear Abiding Savior Family,

I want to thank all of you so much for your prayers and support during Don and my struggles for the past months. We are overwhelmed with the cards and prayers coming our way all the time. We can feel the support every day.

As most of you know, God has put another speed bump in our life's road and we need continued prayer for both of us for strength and guidance.

Once again, our undying gratitude to all of you; as I have no "immediate" family here, you will never know what your kindness means to us.

God Bless You All,  
Cindy Chapin  
Don Hartwig

† - Thank you for the privilege of giving "The Pedestal" to hold the Memorial Book Case. The case was made about 20 years ago by Dale. It would make him so happy to have it out on display.

I hope many of you will give monetary memorial to Abiding Savior when you lose a loved one. This will be listed in our Memorial Book and will be preserved for years and years.

Thank you and much love to my church family.  
Phyllis Stokes

† - Just a friendly reminder that there is a cost for the altar flowers. We must rely on anyone wishing to have altar flowers purchased for a special occasion to repay the Church for the cost of the bouquet. It is easy to forget to include the cost of the flowers in your offering so we are giving everyone a "heads up". Thank you so much for your wish to provide living flowers for our worship service.

† - Sunday School!

The new Sunday School semester starts on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We have wonderful programs planned for the 4, 5 & 6 year olds, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders as well as the older kids. Please consider giving one Sunday a month to helping with these programs. Those of you looking for an opportunity to serve Abiding Savior will find this program to be very rewarding.

In His Service,  
Eleanor

***Malachi 3:3 says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."***

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next bible study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining Silver.

As she watched the Silverman, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says; "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the Silverman if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the Silverman, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy – when I see my image in it." If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

And, whatever you're going through, you'll be a better person in the end.

***God of justice, we remember before  
you those who suffer want and anxiety  
from lack of work. Guide the people of  
this land so to use our wealth and  
resources that all people may find  
suitable and fulfilling employment and  
receive just payment for their labor;  
through your son Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.***

**CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009  
10:30 IN THE SANCTUARY  
  
ANNUAL REPORTS DUE  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20  
FROM ALL MINISTRIES**

**You may e-mail the reports to:  
[debra@abidingsaviortempe.org](mailto:debra@abidingsaviortempe.org)**

## ATTENTION WORSHIP SUPPORT CHAIRPERSONS

Please write a brief description about the Ministry you Chair in the Worship Support Ministry and return it by September 20, 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Debra Ohlinger in the church office at 480-947-7495, during office hours.

Greeters	Judy Lee (9:00) Phyllis Stokes(11:00)
Lay Readers	Donna Hilt
Ushers	Bill Jenkins(9:00) Phyllis Stokes(11:00)
Altar Guild	Cindy Chapin
Communion Assistant	Cree Abbott
Acolytes	Lori DeVries
Coffee Host	Martha Weld
Sound/Lighting	Erv Toll

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 20

Executive Board	Phone Tree Ministry
Church Council	Health Ministry
Board of Elders	Music Ministry
Board of Deacons	Youth Ministry
Board of Trustees	Children's Church
Treasurer	Children's Time
Pastor	Vacation Bible School
Adult Sunday School	Women's Ministry
Confirmation	Mission Report
First Communion	Altar Guild
New Members	Library
Shut-ins	Prayer Chain
Visitation Communion	Cradle Roll
Bible Study	Hospitality Ministry
World Hunger/FoodCARE	Five O'Clock Angels
Outreach	Cursillo
Administration	Nursery
Office Volunteers	Shepherd's Warehouse
School Board	Worship Support Chairpersons
Abiding Savior School	Worship Support Ministry

# September

## Birthdays, Scriptures, Worship Support



- 2 Loretta Rumsey
- 3 Mark Weld
- 4 Yvonne Lamoree
- 5 Bruce Jameson
- 6 Maureen Bliiler  
Pat Boler
- 7 Harry Dodge  
Danielle Roth
- 9 Jean Cooke  
Shana Ohlinger
- 10 LaVonne Norwood
- 11 Florris Zimmerman
- 13 Niklas Lundy
- 15 Lana Welch-Rowland
- 18 Roy Hendrickson
- 19 Cree Abbott
- 20 Mary Carner
- 21 Cindy Allen  
Sr. Ruth Boomhower  
Bryan Toll
- 23 Peggy Ark  
Chase Cooke  
Kim Wolff
- 26 Kira Allen  
Erich Clauss  
Jason Fox  
Eldon Goebel  
Nancy Leholm
- 27 Barbara Anderson  
Margarete Dicken
- 30 Vickie Hendrickson  
Jan Lecker  
Erna Nelson

*Did we miss anyone  
or make a mistake?*

*If so,  
please contact  
the Church office  
480-947-7495.*



### WORSHIP SUPPORT

*September 6 - 10:00 Combined Service  
Rally Sunday - September 13 - 2 Services*

#### **9:00 Greeters 11:00**

Debra Ohlinger Ella Mae Willert  
Judy Lee

#### Lay Readers

6-Lenae Stenerodden Vera Larson  
13-Sandy Rhudy  
20-Pat Ashurst  
27-Lisa Cole

#### Ushers

TBA Conway Nelson  
Erna Nelson  
Vera Larson  
Travis Steele

#### Communion Assistant

Peggy Owens Pastor Shealds Smith  
Dee Kett Carol Parks  
Jo Jaffe  
Jessica Jaffe

#### Altar Guild

6-Martha Weld  
Dee Kett  
13-Cindy Chapin Linn Palmer  
Martha Weld Dee Kett  
Lori De Vries  
20-Tamara Hartrick Dee Kett  
Sue Golomb Betty Henning  
Lisa Cole  
27-Lori De Vries Dee Kett  
Sue Golomb Betty Henning  
Lisa Cole

#### Acolytes

6-Valerie Clauss  
13-Joey Alongi Jason Fox  
Jon Owens  
20-Christel Toll Jessie Owens  
Bryan Toll  
27-Kira Allen Jason Fox  
Brittney Kimbrell

#### Coffee

Martha Weld

#### Sound

Erv Toll



### SEPTEMBER 6

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
James 2:1-10, 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

### SEPTEMBER 13

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

### SEPTEMBER 20

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
James 3:13 – 4:3,7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

### SEPTEMBER 27

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

# Abiding Savior

Council, Staff & Prayer Chain

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## ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH COUNCIL

### Executive Board

Kurt Parks	President
Lisa Cole	Secretary
Eleanor Brierley	Treasurer

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Worship, Youth &  
Education Ministries

Tory Fearey  
Carolyn Hinkle

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Neighborhood Outreach

Scott Halvorsen  
June Peterson

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*Director ~ Abiding Savior School*

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*Security/Custodian*

## ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

### Morning Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer request from  
6:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m. or the previous evening.  
Call Martha Weld 480-874-3882

### Evening Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer requests  
Throughout the day until 6:00 p.m.  
Call Peggy Zude 480-945-4693

We will strive to be passionate followers  
of Jesus Christ who. . .

Pray daily

Worship weekly

Read the Bible daily

Serve at and beyond Abiding Savior

Relate with others to encourage  
spiritual growth

Give generously with a goal of  
10% and beyond

## THE GRAPEVINE

Please submit your e-mail requests for  
publication prior to 12:00 noon on the  
SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
TO

[debra@abidingsaviortempe.org](mailto:debra@abidingsaviortempe.org)  
or phone Church Office at  
480-947-7495

Sunday Bulletin deadlines are every Wednesday  
at 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming Sunday.

E-mail information for the Sunday bulletin to:  
[judy@abidingsaviortempe.org](mailto:judy@abidingsaviortempe.org)

## PEACE

The Lord bless you and keep you; the  
Lord make his face shine upon you and  
be gracious to you; the Lord turn his  
face toward you and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:24-26 NIV

# Abiding Savior's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!

~ 1960 TO 2010 ~

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Our Theme:

*The faces have changed! The buildings have changed!  
Even the palm trees have changed! BUT.....*

***JESUS IS THE SAME.....YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER."***

Hebrews 13.8

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## ***Prepare Yourself for the Celebration to Begin!!!***

Many ACTIVITIES (and mini activities) this coming year will help you recognize the faithfulness of God to Abiding Savior! While it is always a time to celebrate our blessings, we are taking the year 2010 to focus on them...a little more!

1. Would you like to learn of some of those who have been a part of our beginning?  
We hope you would BUT...we are not stopping there!
2. Would you like to know more about who we are today?  
We hope you would BUT...we are not going to stop there!
3. Would you like to learn more about where God is leading us into the future?  
We hope you would...

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration isn't to say "Ain't we been great!" It's to PRAISE God!!! Taking the time to SEE His greatness!!! And CELEBRATE!!!

It isn't a one day event to have a big party! It is many AND mini reminders (events, photos, history, etc.) during 2010. Celebrations of "Who we were." "Who we are." And, "Who we are going to be." It is to increase and celebrate our understanding of the presence of God through you and me and all that have come before us and those who will be added.

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**Join us!!! Come and see!!!** How all of this is going to happen!!!

Contact Carol Parks 480-946-2390

# ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

September

2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer 7:00 p Altar Guild	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 Combined Worship	<b>7</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer 6:00 p Women's Ministry	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>RALLY SUNDAY!</b> 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:20 Children's Sunday School 10:15: Coffee 11:00 Traditional Worship  <b>5:00 PM Potluck &amp; Fair</b>	<b>14</b> GRAPEVINE DEADLINE	<b>15</b> 1:30 Bible Study 7:00p Bible Study	<b>16</b> 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:20 Children's Sunday School 10:15: Coffee 11:00 Traditional Worship <b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 1:30 Bible Study 7:00p Bible Study	<b>23</b> 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer  GRAPEVINE on website	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:20 Children's Sunday School 10:15: Coffee 11:00 Traditional Worship GRAPEVINE In Narthex	<b>28</b> 6:30 Council Meeting	<b>29</b> 1:30 Bible Study 7:00p Bible Study	<b>30</b> 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer			

*By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.*