

April 11th, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter



8470 Landen Drive
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*At Abiding Word
We gather around the Word (worship),
We grow in the Word (education),
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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Welcome!

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) As a safety precaution there will be no after service coffee or refreshments. If you would like to socialize responsibly before and after the service, please use the fellowship hall. To allow for social distancing, please don't linger in front of the kitchen and bathroom.

Holy Communion

Our worship service is open to all. The forgiveness received in the Lord's Supper is proclaimed to all throughout the service. However, the Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is to be received by those who have been instructed about its meaning and the unity it expresses. *For this reason, we ask that guests speak with the Pastor before partaking of the Holy Supper.* So that you can be sure that unity of faith and teaching exists we invite you to participate in a Bible Information Class. This class will prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Please contact Pastor about class times.

Lutheran Worship

The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. Through the sermon, Lord's Supper, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

As we adjust to live worship

We are taking many precautions to make our regular Sunday service as safe as possible. In keeping with our Governor's mandate, please wear a facemask while inside the building. Masks are available on the table by the bulletin announcements, if you forget your mask. If you socialize before or after the service please do so outside or in the fellowship hall. If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding worship or ministry please inform Pastor or our elder, Ken Leib.

HYMN: COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

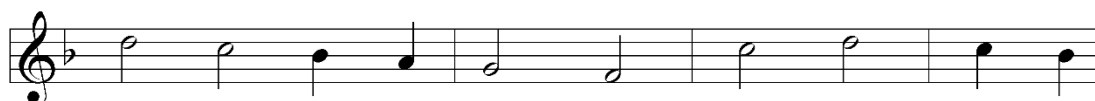
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1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant
 2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is
 3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be -



glad - ness! God has brought his Is - ra - el
 fly - ing From his light, to whom we give
 stow - ing Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more



In - to joy from sad - ness. See the spring of
 Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Nei - ther could the
 Pass - es hu - man know - ing. Come, you faith - ful,



souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on And from
 gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nor the
 raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God has



three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.
 watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.
 brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, adapt.
 Tune: GAUDEAMUS PARITER (76 76 D Trochaic) Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547.

Stand

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

C: **Amen!**

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed. Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

C: **For God, who created light to shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.**

M: For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

C: **If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.**

M: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

C: **Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

M: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Romans 6:4; 14:18; 1 Corinthians 15:54,55,57; 2 Corinthians 4:6; 5:17,17; Ephesians 5:8

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall,
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!
 5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.
 Now no more the grave en - thrall;
 This a - lone can sin de - stroy;
 Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing
 You have con - quered in the fight; You have
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
 saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!
 One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.: tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68, alt.
 Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivanceice, 1566.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and Sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 3:12-20

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus.

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,



in the land of the liv - ing.

M: Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: **I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”**

M: I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

C: **I have set the LORD always before me.**

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

M: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

C: **You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

REFRAIN

NEW TESTAMENT

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)

Stand

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

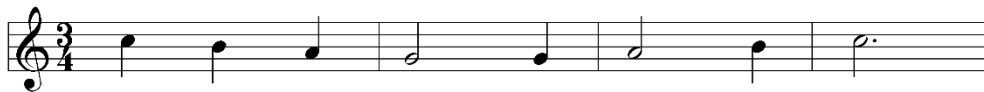
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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C: We believe in one God,	<i>Dt. 6:4</i>
the Father, the Almighty,	<i>2 Cor. 6:18</i>
maker of heaven and earth,	<i>Is. 51:13</i>
of all that is, seen and unseen.	<i>Col.1:16</i>
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,	<i>1 Cor. 8:6</i>
the only Son of God,	<i>Jn. 3:18</i>
eternally begotten of the Father,	<i>Heb. 1:2,5</i>
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,	<i>Jn. 1</i>
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.	<i>Jn. 10:30</i>
Through him all things were made.	<i>Jn. 1:3</i>
For us and for our salvation,	<i>1 Th. 5:9</i>
he came down from heaven,	<i>Jn. 6:38</i>
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,	<i>Lk. 1:35</i>
and became fully human.	<i>Gal. 4:4</i>
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.	<i>Mk. 15:15</i>
He suffered death and was buried.	<i>1 Cor. 15:3-4a</i>
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.	<i>1 Cor. 15:4b</i>
He ascended into heaven	<i>Ac. 2:33-34</i>
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	<i>Heb. 1:13</i>
He will come again in glory	<i>Mt. 25:31</i>
to judge the living and the dead,	<i>2 Tim.4:1</i>
and his kingdom will have no end.	<i>Lk. 1:33</i>
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,	<i>Job 33:4</i>
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	<i>Jn. 15:26</i>
who in unity with the Father and the Son	<i>Jn. 4:24</i>
is worshiped and glorified,	
who has spoken through the prophets.	<i>2 Pet.1:25</i>
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.	<i>Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20</i>
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.	<i>Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38</i>
We look for the resurrection of the dead	<i>1 Cor. 15:21-22</i>
and the life of the world to come. Amen.	<i>Rev. 22</i>

Please be seated

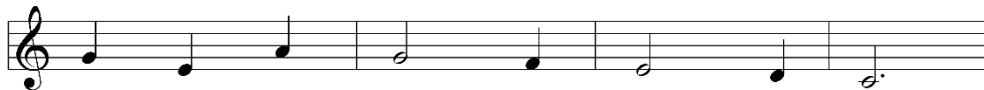
HYMN OF THE DAY: O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
 "My hands, my feet, my body see;
 And doubt not, but believe in me."
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been;
 In life eternal they shall reign.
 Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried.
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>9 On this most holy day of days
 To God your hearts and voices raise
 In laud and jubilee and praise.
 Alleluia!</p> |

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615, alt.

As Children of God We Are Victorious

Stand

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING

Financial offerings are a regular, proportionate, and joyful response of love by members of a Christian congregation. Our offerings are given to further the work of God's kingdom here at Abiding Word and around the world through the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to support our ministry.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O God of grace, mercy and peace: by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles, you have given us assurance that our faith stands upon a most true and sure foundation. Grant us the living witness of your Spirit that our hearts may rest firmly in this truth.

We thank you for your unspeakable gift of eternal life in your Son. Preserve and defend us from all assaults on our souls that we may hold fast to the confession of our faith. Deliver us from doubt and despair. Save us from worldly wisdom and false learning.

We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for your holy Word. Grant that we may be illumined by its heavenly light and instructed by its saving truth. And though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us to see him with the eyes of faith, lead us to love him and rejoice in him, and grant that we may receive the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls. Breathe upon your Church that it may faithfully preach your Word and proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people.

Forgive the sins of your people, O Lord. Strengthen the doubting and the faithless. Bring back the forgetful and the wayward. And comfort the anxious and the distressed.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

Finally, as we go from this holy place today, grant to us all peace and rest according to your good will, and bring us finally to your heavenly kingdom. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S 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 and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE (*Sung to the tune of From All that Dwell Below the Skies*)

M: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

C: **And may the Lord be with you too.**

M: Oh, praise Him!

C: **Oh, praise Him!**

M: With hearts uplifted thank the Lord.

C: **We lift them up. Be God adored!**

M: Oh, praise Him!

C: **Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

M: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, O Lord, holy Father, God of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Passover lamb, sacrificed to take away our sin and raised again that death might be swallowed up in everlasting victory. With thanks and joy we join the hymn offered by Your faithful always and everywhere.

THE SANCTUS (*Sung to the of Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*)

C: **Heav'nly hosts proclaim your glory,**

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All on earth repeat the story,

God of hosts, by all adored.

Blest is He who comes, victorious,

In the name of God the King!

Our hosannas, glad and glorious,

To the Lord of all we sing!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE AGNUS DEI (*Sung to the of Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*)

C: **Lamb of God, our mighty Savior**

All our sins You take away.

Lamb of God, by Your great favor,

Lord, have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, our prayers attending,

Never let your mercies cease,

But, Your Holy Spirit sending,

Grant us all Your gift of peace.

DISTRIBUTION

Please exit your pew from the right as you come forward for communion. Six communicants will come to the railing at a time (3 on the left railing; 3 on the right). Please stand in front of the first pew until the bread and wine are at the railing. Exit the railing to your left and dispose of the cups.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE YOU FACE TO FACE

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1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;
5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.
Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

THE THANKSGIVING (*Sung to the of Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*)

C: **Thank the Lord, His praises voicing,
For His promised faithfulness!
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing,
Tell His love, His name confess.
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Living God, who sets us free
By His mercy to inherit
Life and joy eternally!**

PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION (*Sung to the tune of God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven*)

M: May the good Lord bless and keep you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

M: May God lift His face upon you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

M: May God's shining face behold you
And God's favor e'er uphold you.
May God's peace and love enfold you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING HYMN: THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Dauids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.