

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday



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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: JESUS, SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your  
 2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can  
 3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your  
 4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with  
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and  
 take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at  
 life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our  
 joy will fol - low on Till the work of  
 sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.  
 your com - mand, We will fol - low you.  
 feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
 grace is done, There to live with you.  
 ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.  
 Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.

*Stand*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### 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.



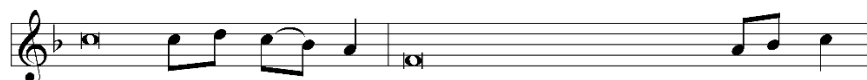
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



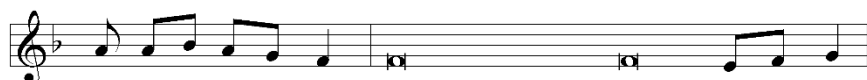
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

**ACTS 4:23-33**

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.'

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

*Refrain*



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

M: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**

M: he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

M: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: **Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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 3:1,2**

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

**JOHN 10:11-18**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me--just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

**M:** This is the gospel of our Lord.

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



## NICENE CREED

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

*Please be seated*

HYMN OF THE DAY: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant  
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der  
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my  
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 Your goodness fails me never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
 Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

God Gifts Us with Lavish Love

*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 Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks for glorifying your Son Jesus in his resurrection from the dead after he had offered himself as Priest and Sacrifice for all the world. We praise you for transforming the “little while” of the crucifixion sadness into the joy and victory of the resurrection. Help us lay hold of Christ’s promise of eternal life, and receive it in hope. Give us this glorious consolation by a true and living faith.

Grant the comfort of your promises to the sick, the sorrowful, the broken-hearted, and the perplexed. Cast out from our hearts all fear of death and the unknown. Instill in us patience in every adversity. And enable us to receive all your many blessings in gratitude and with contentment.

*Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here*

And, finally, as our eternal dwelling place is with you, O Father, grant us who are but strangers and pilgrims on earth, such a measure of your power and grace that we may resist all evil, fight the good fight of faith, and in the end receive the victor’s crown of life. These things we ask in the glorious hope of an eternal day with you, trusting in your Son, Jesus 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 HYMN: LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared This feast for  
 2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel  
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined To an - y  
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious  
 5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this



our sal - va - tion; It is your bod - y  
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in your pres - ence  
 hab - i - ta - tion, But you are pres - ent  
 Word be - liev - ing That your true bod - y  
 truth em - brac - es: Your bod - y, Lord, is



and your blood, And at your in - vi - ta - tion  
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,  
 ev - 'ry - where And with your con - gre - ga - tion.  
 and your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.  
 ev - 'ry - where At once in man - y plac - es.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to  
 And though your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry  
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by  
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, And there is  
 I leave to you how this can be; Your Word a -



you for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.  
 and your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing.  
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.  
 naught you can - not do, For you, Lord, are al - might - y.  
 lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;  
 Help me when doubts assail me.  
 Remember that I am but dust,  
 And let my faith not fail me.  
 Your supper in this vale of tears  
 Refreshes me and stills my fears  
 And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive  
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
 And, truly grieving for our sins,  
 May prove by our behavior  
 That we are thankful for your grace  
 And day by day may run our race,  
 In holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,  
 Be praised throughout all ages!  
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
 The world against it rages.  
 Grant that this sacrament may be  
 A blessed comfort unto me  
 When living and when dying.

**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: I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

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1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my  
 stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to  
 lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he  
 an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) *Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen*, Leipzig, 1784.