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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



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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: SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD



1 Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom  
 2 Now to the ends of the earth, See, his sal -  
 3 Sing a new song and re - joice! Pub - lish his  
 4 Join with the hills and the sea Thun - ders of



won - ders be - long! Re - joice in his  
 va - tion is shown, And still he re -  
 prais - es a - broad! Let voic - es in  
 praise to pro - long! In judg - ment and



tri - umph and tell of his pow'r! Oh,  
 mem - bers his mer - cy and truth, Un -  
 cho - rus, with trum - pet and horn, Re -  
 jus - tice he comes to the earth. Oh,



sing to the Lord a new song!  
 chang - ing in love to his own.  
 sound for the joy of the Lord!  
 sing to the Lord a new song!

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*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.



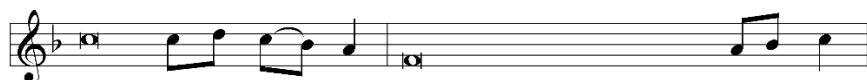
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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



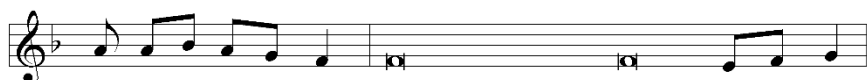
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

**ACTS 11:19-26**

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

## PSALM 98

*The congregation will sing the refrain to the tune of As with Gladness Men of Old.*

*Pastor will read the verses of the Psalm.*

**C: To the Lord a new song sing; Praise our God with songs of joy.  
He has done a wondrous thing. All on earth, your songs employ  
To the Lord a new song sing; He has done a wondrous thing!**

M: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**C: To the Lord a new song sing; Praise our God with songs of joy.  
He has done a wondrous thing. All on earth, your songs employ  
To the Lord a new song sing; He has done a wondrous thing!**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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## NEW TESTAMENT

## 1 JOHN 4:1-11

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

C: **Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**  
**If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.** (John 14:23 cf. NIV)

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

## JOHN 15:9-17

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

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*

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How his right arm the vict'ry won.  
How dearly it has cost him!

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
Yet deep and deeper still I fell;  
Life had become a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works availed me naught,  
No merit they attaining;  
My will against God's judgment fought,  
No hope for me remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left naught but death to be my share  
And hell to be my sentence.

4 But God beheld my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And, mindful of his mercies great,  
He planned my soul's salvation.  
A Father's heart he turned to me,  
Sought my redemption fervently;  
He gave his dearest treasure.

5 He spoke to his beloved Son:  
"Tis time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown,  
And bring mankind salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with you forever."

6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother,  
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;  
A servant's form like mine he bore  
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me--  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine,  
And evermore you shall be mine;  
The foe shall not divide us.

8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood,  
Me of my life bereaving.  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life shall from death the vict'ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to my Father I depart,  
The Holy Spirit sending  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
My help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be,  
Teach you to know and follow me,  
And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught  
Be all your life and teaching;  
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one's man-made laws  
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.  
This final word I leave you."

Test, Trust, Tell

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, we give you our heartfelt thanks for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, whom you sent that we might have life and have it to the full. For this great salvation, for our deliverance from the dominion of death by his resurrection, and for the sweet hope of heaven, we glorify you, O Lord God, and sing forth the honor of your Name.

Bless the Church and let it be, both here in this congregation and everywhere, a loving union of people in faith and good works. For all who toil in industry, we pray that they may prosper and receive the fruit of their labor. To all who serve you in the professions, grant the satisfaction of a noble work. Bless the farmers and all who produce the fruits of the soil, that they may have favorable weather and a bountiful harvest, and ever acknowledge you as the Giver of our daily bread.

Bless our homes that they may reflect your love and forgiveness. Bless all our loved ones. Especially do we remember the sick and those who mourn. Let them seek you and receive your gracious help and be mercifully delivered from all their distresses.

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

Now, O Lord, keep us steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in your work, that we may know our labor is not in vain. In the name of Jesus we pray always. 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: SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR**



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,  
 2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,  
 3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er  
 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,



Source of life and truth and grace, Word made  
 King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the  
 In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and  
 So may we for oth - ers live. Free - ly



flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors  
 storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its  
 health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and  
 have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly



all our hu - man race, You our head,  
 cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -  
 joy - ful, young and old. Is there want  
 may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold



who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will  
 tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent  
 or pain or sor - row? Make us all the  
 and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of



ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and  
 hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for  
 bur - den share. Are there spir - its crushed and  
 land and sea; We but stew - ards of your



pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.  
 plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.  
 bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.  
 boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.