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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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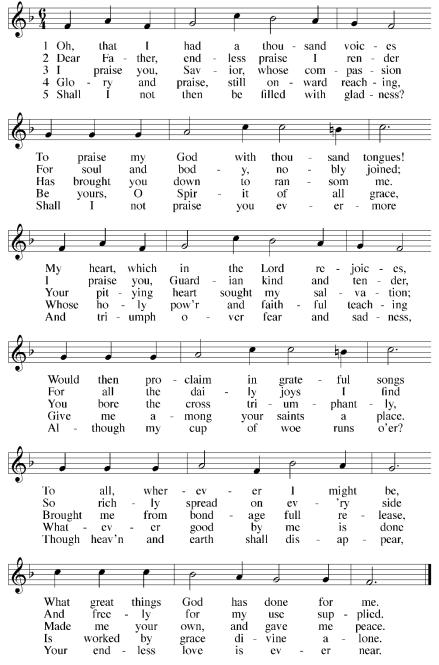
Welcome!

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.

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.

HYMN: OH, THAT I HAD A THOUSAND VOICES



Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

Stand

- M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



OH, TASTE AND SEE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

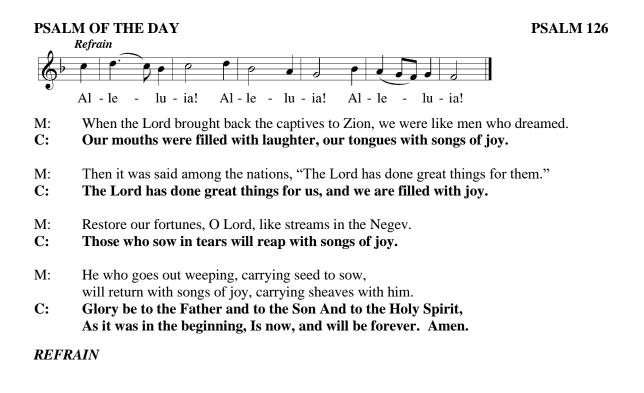
C: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

"Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.



SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light 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.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Verse of the Day:

C: Alleluia. Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. (Psalm 119:105)

GOSPEL

MARK 2:23-28

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: WE NOW IMPLORE GOD THE HOLY GHOST

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Text: German hymn, c. 13th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-4; tr. composite. Tune: NUN BITTEN WIR (99 11 10 4) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt. Stand

APOSTLES' CREED I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

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, King eternal, we give thanks for the multitude of your mercies which you have so graciously showered upon us. Grant that we may ever be mindful of your magnificent gifts and the vast ocean of your kindness.

Most of all, we give thanks for the great love which you have given in Christ Jesus, whom you sent for our salvation. For the forgiveness of our sins through him, for our deliverance by his power from the dominion of death and the devil, and for the promise of eternal life, we glorify you.

Grant, O Lord, that as you first loved us, so may we love you with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might. Teach us to walk as obedient children in your holy commandments. And as we wrestle against the powers of spiritual darkness in all our temptations, give us the strength we need to win the victory of faith.

May the sunshine of your love descend upon our homes and grant that our children may be reared in thankful devotion and all their days walk in your praise.

We entreat you, O loving Father, for your mercy and grace upon all who face adversity or trial. Be the health of the sick, the joy of the sorrowing, the staff of the aged, the companion of the lonely, and the strength of the weak.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

Grant us all these petitions, O Lord, and whatever we may ask in the depths of our own hearts, for the sake of him who died that we might ever live with you. 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.

- M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

> The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN: HOW CAN I THANK YOU, LORD 1 How Ι thank you, Lord, For all your lov - ing can 2 It your work That is а lone Ι am now con -3 Lord, have raised me То vou up joy and ex - ul -4 Grant that your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways 5 0 Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli -That kind have tient ly Borne ness, you pa _ ed: O'er Sa - tan's work in You vert _ me clear - ly ta tion And shown the way That Lest Ι should fall gain And giv en а Sav - ior. Son tion: 0 of God. Ac ca with When blind ness! dead in me in my _ man - y have your pow'r as sert ed. Your mer cy and your leads _ tion. My sins are washed a me to sal va Grant give me lose the that he way to heav en. cept my ad -0 ra tion; 0 Ho - ly Spir - it, _ Ι sins And tres - pass - es lay, Ι kin - dled, That a - fresh each grace rise morn Have turned my Lord. with way; For this I thank you, Now my strength In my in - fir - mi ty; Mav he re faith - ful be Mv ev er guide That Ι may God. ev - 'ry ho ly Your an ger dav. _ ston heart In heart new - born. У to а heart soul All vil I ab - hor. and e -То heart serve new my you will - ing - ly. here And there with serve you you a - bide.

Text: attr. David Denicke, 1603-80, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

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