

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church ***makes Christ known*** by ***welcoming all people*** to a ***supportive and accepting place*** to ***grow in faith*** and community and to ***serve the Lord*** as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share their contact information with the usher, if they would like a follow up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

Offering: The ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), through on-line bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

Holy Communion: We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward. We offer either wine or juice and gluten-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. Those who do not receive communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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WORDS FOR REFLECTION

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Pause for reflection.

P Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a broken, lost people your own, that restore us to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that give new life to all the beloved servants who are your church, waters that strengthen believers in faithfulness, waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity, waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us identity, freedom, and peace in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

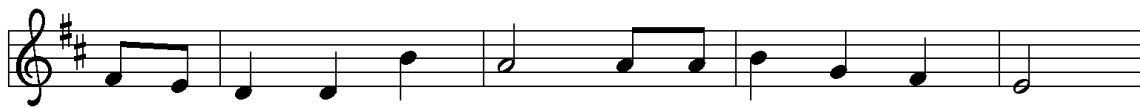
Baptized and Set Free **ELW 453**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



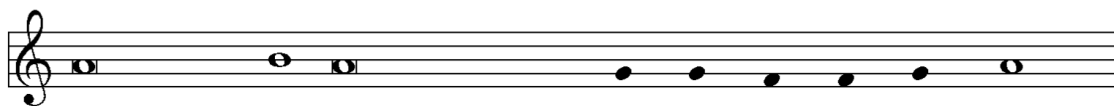
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord God,

C **you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:1–18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

L A reading from Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of

Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I

replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire

household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 148

The Psalm will be read responsively, by verse.

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 praise God in the heights.
- 2 **Praise the Lord, all you angels;
 sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**
- 3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
 sing praise, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
6 **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**
7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
8 **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
9 mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
10 **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**
11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
12 **young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
14 **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all
faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord.
Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1–6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

L A reading from Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain

will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



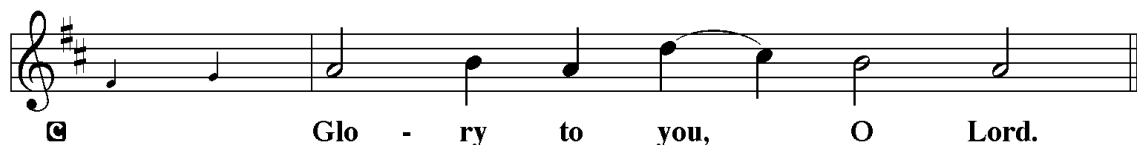
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31–35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

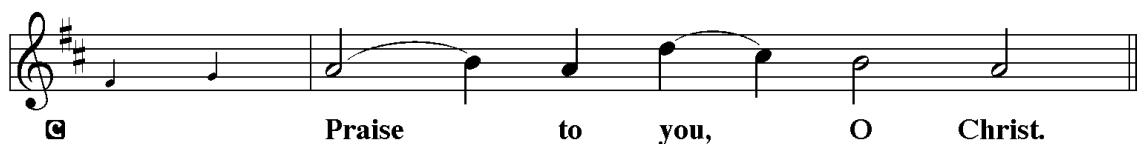
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter:



When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am

going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows. All stand and sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail **ELW 359**





brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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CONFESSION OF FAITH *(Based on Philippians 2:1–11)*

C We believe in God, the Creator, who has existed from the beginning with Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit through whom we know God's glory.

We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored and exalted him and gave him a name above all names, so that, at the name of Jesus, everyone in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth might bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom the whole church is united in love and empowered in humility to look out for the well-being of others. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A God of ages, we give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God of wisdom, fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked marginalized in our communities. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God of hope, awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places and equip us to nurture life in our church garden. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God of justice, instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God of compassion, pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Leslie, Hailey, Kate, Dawn, Elle & Heinz, Ellen, Vicki, Carol, Mary Lee & Steve, Darrell, Shariff, Nicole, and Lisa. (*Pause to allow additional prayers to be offered.*) We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God of all, abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources, in recognition and thanksgiving that all we have comes from God.

P Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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OFFERTORY

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

Let the vine- yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless- ing. Gath- er a har- vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u -

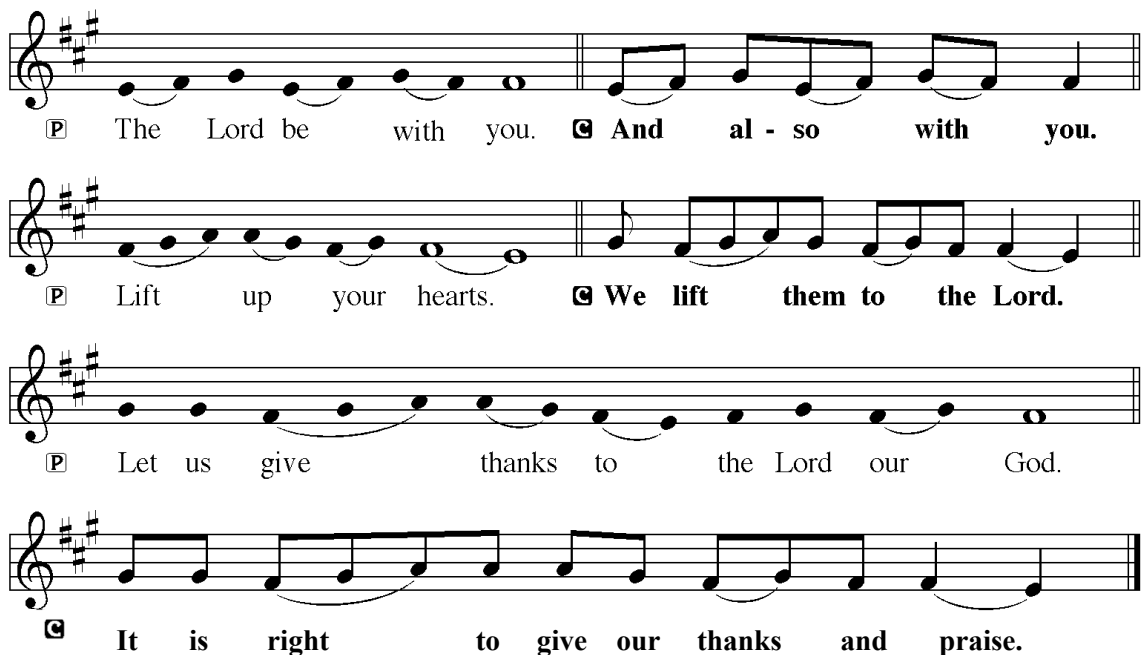


nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A Let us pray. Risen One,

C you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Remind us that you are present with us, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Pascal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, just, and merciful God, new birth for creation broke forth upon us in Jesus. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. In these acts of love and justice, we see the birth of our call as church to be of the mind as Christ Jesus, emptying ourselves and looking out for the well-being of others.

On the night when he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Wherever there is suffering, Jesus suffers alongside. Therefore, we proclaim this truth: Death is part of life.

C Christ has died.

P But death will not have the last word.

C Christ has risen!

P And suffering will end.

C Christ will come again...

P ...and again and again, every time suffering is alleviated, comfort is given, food is offered, hope is restored. God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on this body gathered here, on our union with each other, and on these gifts of bread and cup. May we become your body for the sake of a world where justice rolls down like an ever-flowing stream.

C All praise to God, Creator of Love! All praise to Jesus, Love Incarnate! All praise to Spirit, Love in Action!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C 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.

Please be seated.

P Come to the table of Grace.

C We receive the gift of new life.

You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat. If you wish to receive a prayer of blessing, you may wait at the right side of altar rail, after receiving the sacrament.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



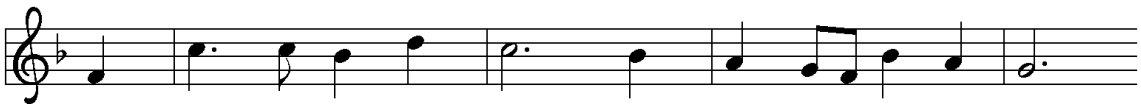
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power **ELW 651**



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|---|-----|--------|------------------|-------|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | Oh, | praise | the gra - cious | pow'r | that | tum - bles | walls of | fear |
| 2 | Oh, | praise | per - sis - tent | truth | that | o - pens | fist - ed | minds |
| 3 | Oh, | praise | in - clu - sive | love, | en - cir - cling | ev - 'ry | race, | |
| 4 | Oh, | praise | the word of | faith | that | claims | us as | God's own, |
| 5 | Oh, | praise | the tide of | grace | that | laps | at ev - 'ry | shore |

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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and gath-ers in one house of faith all strang-ers far and near:
 and eas-es from their anx-ious clutch the prej-u-dice that blinds:
 ob-liv-i-ous to gen-der, wealth, to so-cial rank or place:
 a liv-ing tem-ple built on Christ, our rock and cor-ner-stone:
 with vi-sions of a world at peace, no lon-ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*

7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Stand, if you are able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Living One,

C **In this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev'-ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THE BENEDICTION

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C **Amen.**

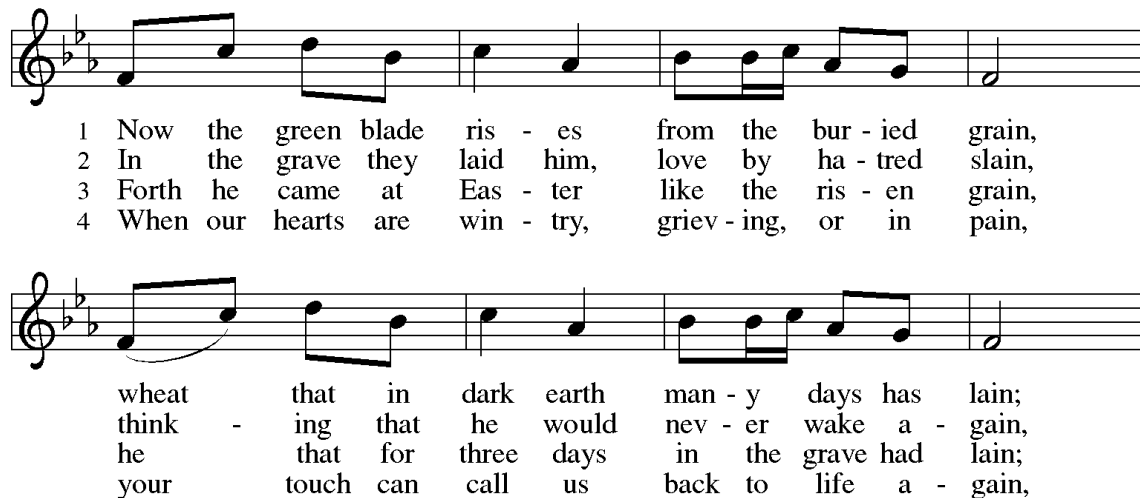
Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises **ELW 379**

All stand, as able, and sing.





love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE



Flower Dedication

Add introduction for the musician for this Sunday

Next Week's Lessons:	Serving in Worship		
		Today, 5/18	Next Week, 5/25
Acts 16:9-15	Altar Guild	Sandy Carlson	Sandy Carlson
Psalms 67	Counter	Nita Persson	Sandy Carlson
Rev. 21:10, 22—22:5	Assistant Minister	Sue Stirrat	Sibylle Schroeder
John 14:23-29	Lector	Anna Santino	Maria Jerez
	Communion Assist.	Sibylle Schroeder	Mary Kasakove
	Usher/Greeter/Acolyte	Doug Laird	
	Soloist	Aaron Hyndman	Howard Corneilson
	Livestream Assistant	Nick Senior	Ray Mueller

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Serena: Thursday, 5/22, 10:00am-9:00pm; Sunday, 5/25, 9:00am-2:00pm

Erin Porter: Thursday, 5/22, 9:00am-12:00pm

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginets, Jennifer Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore and family, David Breault, Charles Wetzell, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, Audrey Moehring, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, Leslie Picinich, Hailey Ochs Plante, Kate Draven, Dawn Huber, Elle & Heinz and family, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Mary Lee & Steve Fenster, Darrell Senior, Shariff Stewart, Nicole Toronzi, Lisa Wolper, Maxine Wolper, Samy Dawood, Juanita Jerez.

Those in mourning: The friends and family of Kenneth Johanson; the friends and family of Harold Olsen; The Persson Family on the loss of Carrin (daughter of Jan, sister of Krista); The family of Woody Woodruff; The family of Cecile Hopkins; The loved ones of Charlie Bertz (friend of Sibylle's); The family of Papa Joe (Christine's father); The Schroeder & Zwicker families (for the loss of Michael, his mother Elisabeth, and Sibyller's mother and father Margret and Rolf); The friends and family of Nancy Appel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ~ **Church office hours:** Pastor Serena will generally hold office hours on Thursdays and Sundays. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means on other days (Saturday is her day off). If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.
- ~ **Food Pantry Needs for May:** Canned fruit, juice, hot-dogs & buns, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, crackers, cake mixes, gluten free pasta.
- ~ **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested send an email to Erin Porter with your dedication and date you want the flowers on the Altar and send your check to the church.
- ~ **Interested in hosting a coffee hour?** Not hard. Just bring some store bought baked goods. Coffee is already prepared ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Questions: Call Demetria Laird at 973-398-9614.

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Liturgy:

This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, May 18:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Little Learner's Sunday School
- Council Meeting, 11:30a.m.

Monday, May 19:

Tuesday, May 20:

Wednesday, May 21:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22:

- Prayer Service @ Mt Olive Manor, 4:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 23:

Saturday, May 24:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, May 25:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Fellowship time, 11:00 a.m.
- MOCA Walk of Compassion, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, May 26:

Tuesday, May 27:

- Newsletter deadline

Wednesday, May 28:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 29:

- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 30:

Saturday, May 31:

Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 5 - Saturday, June 7 - **Synod Assembly + Bishop's Election**

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. - **Pentecost Worship**

Sunday, June 8, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **Pride Party at Turkey Brook Park**

For all live-streamed services, click (or type) the link below:

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