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## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May 11, 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**

*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

### **PRELUDE**

Festival Prelude on BRADBURY

William B. Bradbury  
arr. Robert W. Thygerson

### **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

O God of Light **ELW 507**

1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,

shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race.



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Text: Sarah E. Taylor, 1883–1954, alt.

Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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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



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



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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



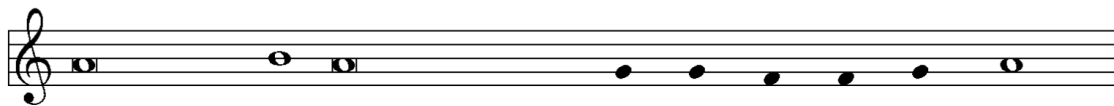
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.



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 God of peace,

*C* **You brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36–43**

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

*L* A reading from Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that

Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was



with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*L*      The Word of the Lord.

*C*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

## Psalm 23

*The Psalm will be read responsively, by verse.*

- 1      The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.
- 2      **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3      You restore my soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.
- 4      **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall  
fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5      You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6      **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## THE SECOND READING

## Revelation 7:9–17

*In the vision, Christ is revealed as the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life and also as the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

*L* A reading from Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they

come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*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?



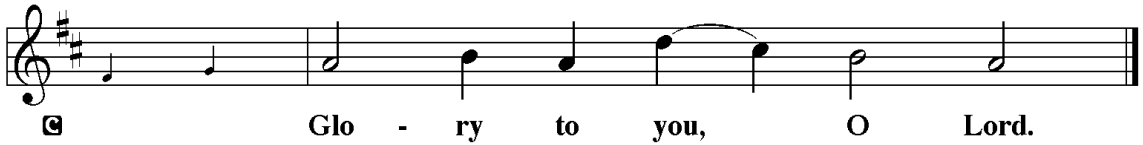
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL

**John 10:22–30**

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

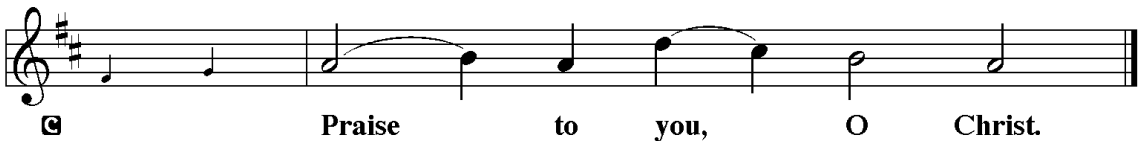
*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter:



At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe,

because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

*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

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us **ELW 789**

1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.  
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## 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** Shepherding God, you are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Shepherding God, you guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Shepherding God, you tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with all of creation. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

A Shepherd God, you lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Shepherd God, you promise to wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your loving care. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Aimee, Lydia, Dean, April, Bella, Bodhi, Barbara, Susan & William, Scott, Audrey, Tara, George, and Sibylle. *(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 Shepherd God, this Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children in life or in hope. 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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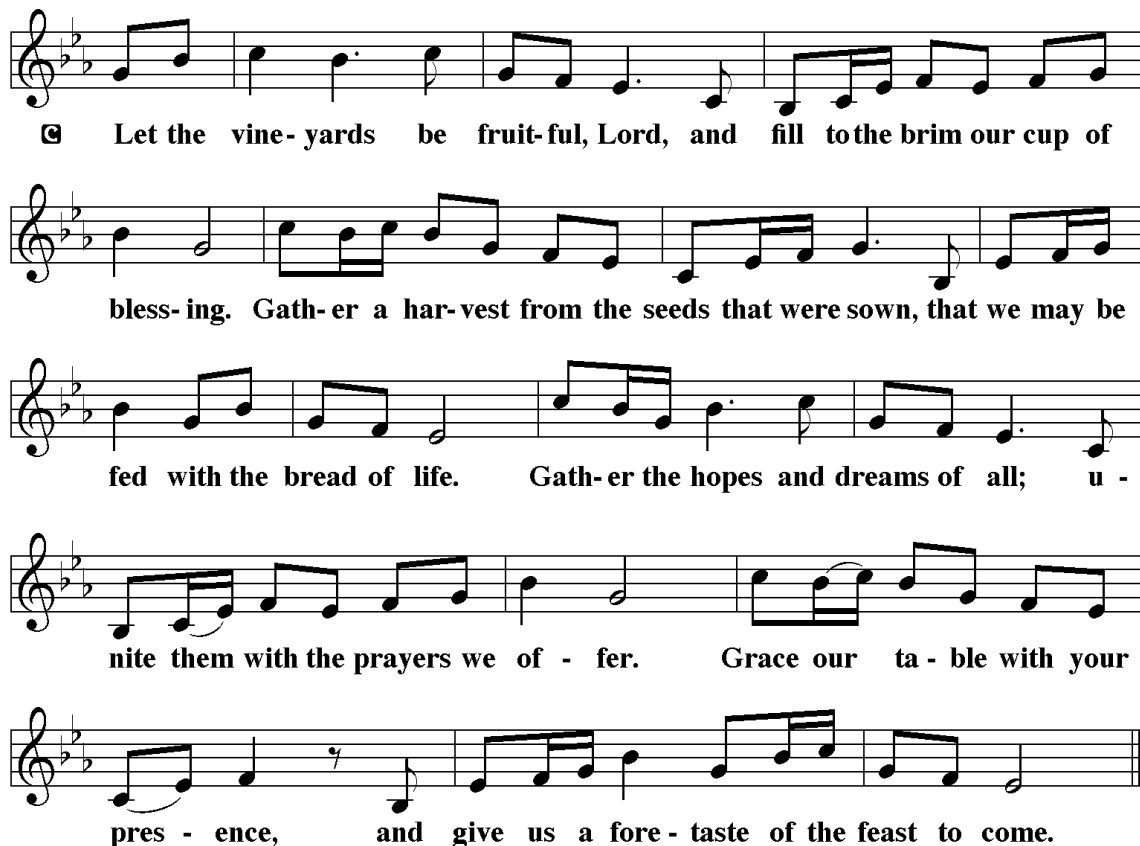
## CHOIR ANTHEM

Jesus, Good Shepherd

Bradley Ellingboe



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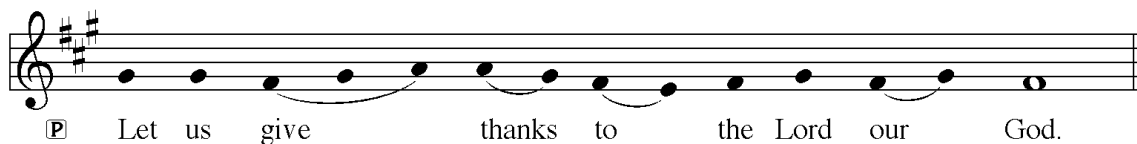
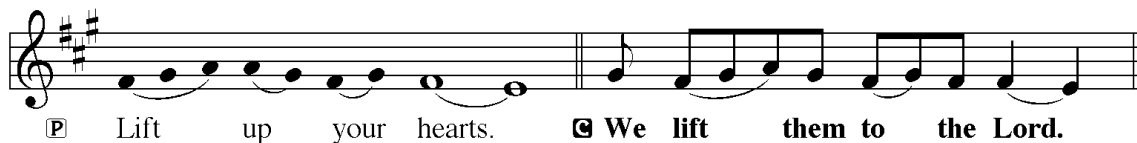


Let the vine- yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless- ing. Gath- er a har- vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

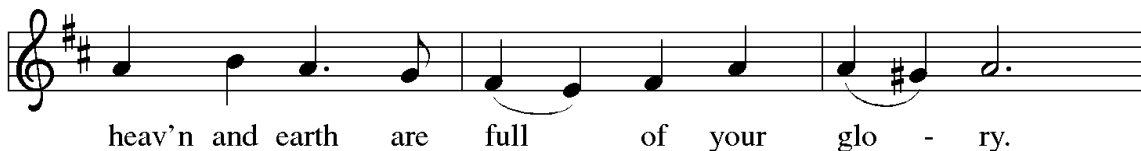
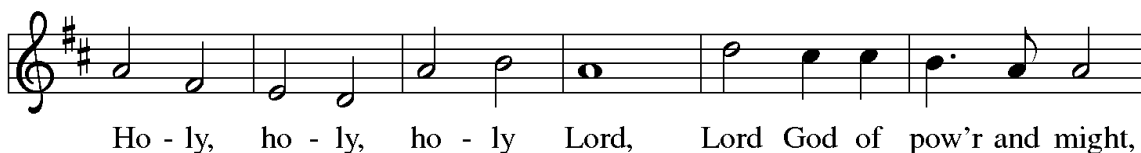
*A* Let us pray. Risen One,

*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.

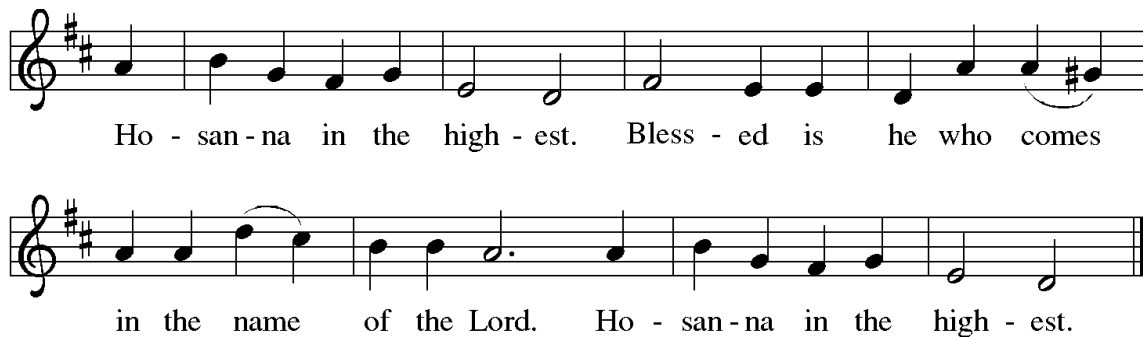
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*P* 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:







*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.**

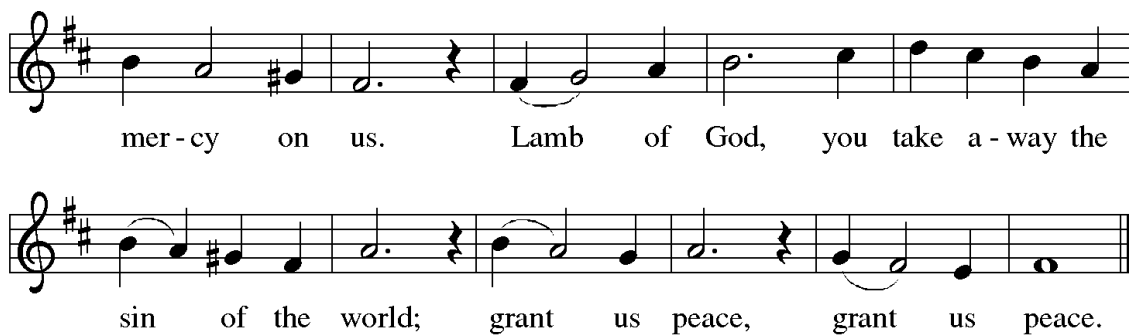
*You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat. If you wish to receive a prayer of blessing,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



## COMMUNION HYMN

Nothing Can Trouble ACS 1033



Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community

Music: NADA TE TURBE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*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.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## 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.*

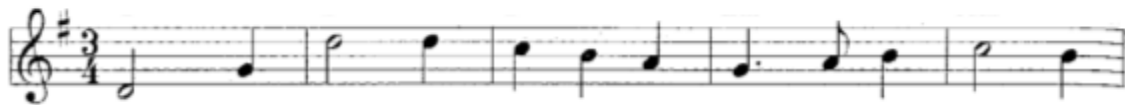
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## SENDING HYMN

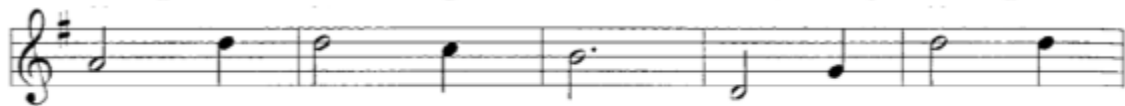
Sing a New Song **W&P 125**

*All stand, as able, and sing.*

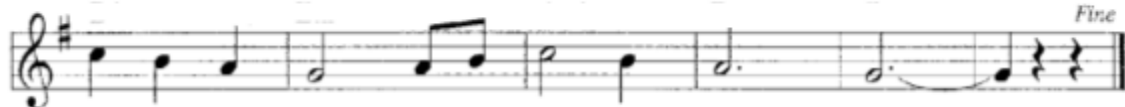
*Refrain*



Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be



sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song



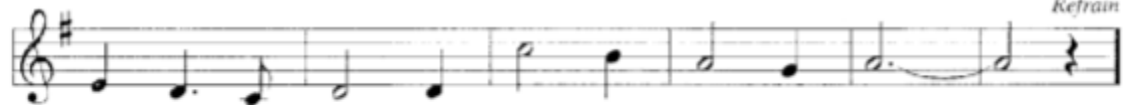
un - to the Lord, sing-ing al - le - lu - ia.



1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; oh, come be -  
2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the glo - ry



fore the Lord, and praise the Lord on  
now has come. The Lord has turned your  
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the



glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

**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**

Praise Band



Next Week's Lessons:  Acts 11:1-18  Psalm 148  Revelation 21:1-6  John 13:31-35	Serving in Worship		
		Today, 5/11	Next Week, 5/18
	Altar Guild	Sandy Carlson	Sandy Carlson
	Counter	Ursula Schroeder	Nita Persson
	Assistant Minister	Demetria Laird	Sue Stirrat
	Lector	Doug Laird	Anna Santino
	Communion Assist.	Howard Corneilson	Sibylle Schroeder
	Usher/Greeter/Acolyte	Sandy Carlson	Doug Laird
	Soloist	Sibylle Schroeder	
	Livestream Assistant	Tyler Rice	Nick Senior

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Pastor Serena:** Wednesday, May 14, 9:30am - 7:30 pm; Sunday, May 18, 9:00am-2:00pm  
**Erin Porter:** Thursday 9:00-12:00

**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 Braginetz, Jennifer Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore and family, David Breault, Charles Wetzal, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, Audrey Moehringer, Tara Woodard-Lehman, 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:** Peanut butter, Parmalat milk, 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.

## ART, MUSIC, AND LITURGY

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Liturgy:

## This week at Abiding Peace

### Sunday, May 11:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Mother's Day Brunch, 11:00 a.m.

### Monday, May 12:

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### Tuesday, May 13:

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### Wednesday, May 14:

- Clergy Cluster Gathering: 10:00 a.m.
- Blood Drive, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- UFO Gathering, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, May 15:

- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 16:

### Saturday, May 17:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.
- Garden Planting, 9:00 AM

## Next week at Abiding Peace

### Sunday, May 18:

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

### Monday, May 19:

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### Tuesday, May 20:

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### Wednesday, May 21:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- WELCA: Faithful Welcome Session, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### 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.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 25, 1:00 p.m. - **Walk for Compassion (Mt Olive Clergy Association)**

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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