



Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

Connecting people to Christ through Community



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Welcome to worship today! In today's service, you can expect to experience "water sprinkling" during the opening song as the congregation is invited to remember their baptisms. We use small wooden sprinklers called aspergillums to take water from the font and sprinkle it on the congregation. During the offering, we will collect "noisy offering," which is change dropped into metal buckets that goes to support local organizations. The idea is for it to be noisy, so the offering time will be a bit louder than usual. If any of these things are hard for you, know that the narthex (the entrance area outside of the sanctuary) will be a dry and quieter spot during those parts of the service.

Welcome to Worship

If this is your first time worshipping with us, we want to extend a special word of welcome. You can read our full welcome statement and more at **AbidingPresence.net/corevalues**.

Children in Worship

We love children and encourage them to participate in worship through wiggles and giggles. If they aren't in a worshipping mood, our children's corner is located outside of the sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

Looking for a Church Home?

The pastors will be greeting people following the service and would enjoy the chance to meet you. In case of a pastoral emergency, Pastor Keseley, Senior Pastor, can be reached on her cell phone at 410-599-3803.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER › APRIL 28 › 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP GATHERING



Welcome

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P People of God, in the baptismal waters you traveled with Christ from death to life. Your past, your sin, your failure, your doubt, are drowned and gone here. Your fear, your confusion, your self-righteousness, your despair, are washed away by grace. Your pride, your hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of you no longer define you. The Spirit lives and moves through you now, a great and joyful mystery, so you may bring love and mercy into the

**Please stand as you are able*

world as the body of Christ. Rejoice that God has claimed you in this baptismal grace, my fellow siblings in Jesus, not by your own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

And so, as we begin worship we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. We pray God's continued blessing upon these young people who celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this month.

Equip them to grow in faith, trust in the cross of Christ traced on their foreheads and live out the call to be God's hands, feet and voice in the world today.

C Amen.

***Hymn**

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

ELW 377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing; O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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Music © 1969 *Contemporary Worship 1*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

*Greeting

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

*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we
cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of
love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.
C **Amen.**

Children's Message

Michaela Putnam-Kwon,
Children & Family Minister

"May the LORD bless you and keep you. May the LORD smile down on you and show you kindness. May the LORD answer your prayers and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 ERV

WORD

Scripture Reading—Acts 8:26-40

Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 96

*Easter Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's tri - umph

won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Hymn of the Day “O God, Whose Word Well-Planted”

ACS 975



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: We present Mckenna Brooke Thomas for baptism.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Mckenna Brooke Thomas baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P As you bring Mckenna Brooke to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Mckenna Brooke grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Mckenna Brooke in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Mckenna Brooke and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that she who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Mckenna Brooke, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, Mc - ken - na is
 one with Christ our King: one with his ri - sing, freed and for -
 - giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932, alt. Music: Gaelic tune

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Mckenna Brooke with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Mckenna Brooke, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome Mckenna Brooke.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace, **C** **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

MEAL



Offering & Noisy Offering—*We invite you to give online at AbidingPresence.net/give*



Musical Offering

*Offering Prayer

P Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

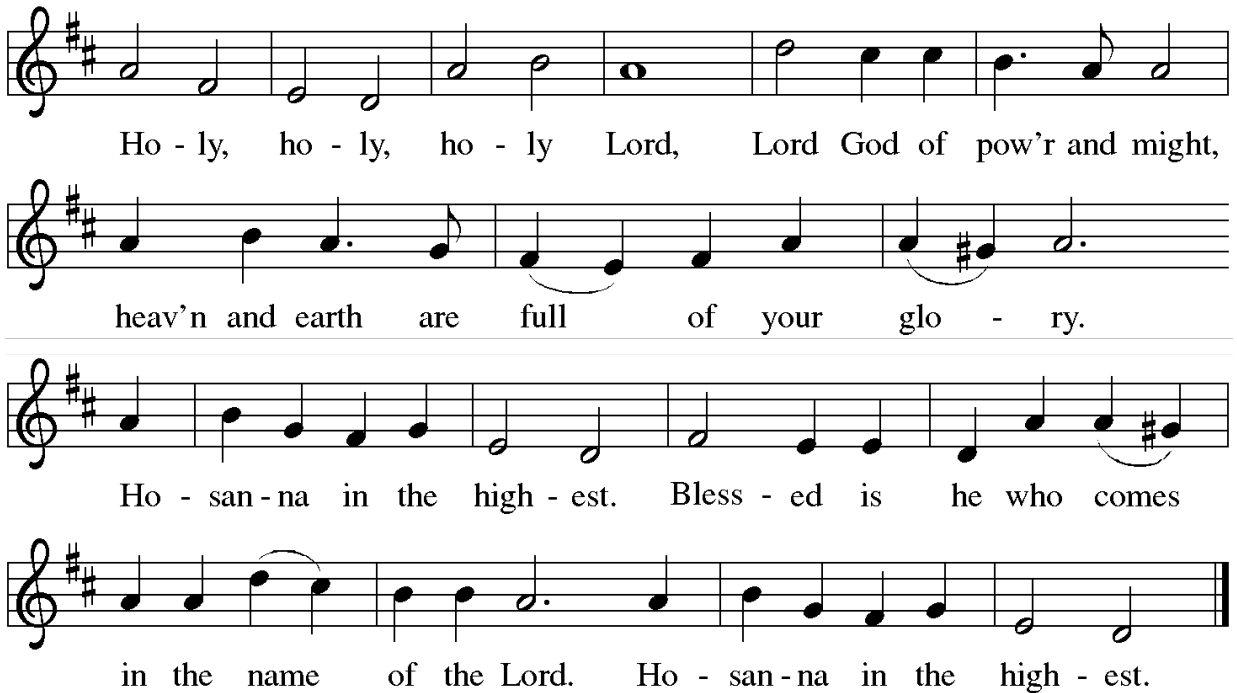
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Proper Preface

*Sanctus



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.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Distribution

We believe Holy Communion, the body and blood of Christ, is a gift from God to show us God's love for us. Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. Children are welcome to communion at any age. If you or your child would prefer to receive a blessing, please let the pastors know when you come forward. "The body of Christ, given for you." † "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Lamb Of God

Distribution Music

***Blessing**

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

C **Amen.**

***Prayer after Communion**

P Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

***Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

“This Joyful Eastertide”

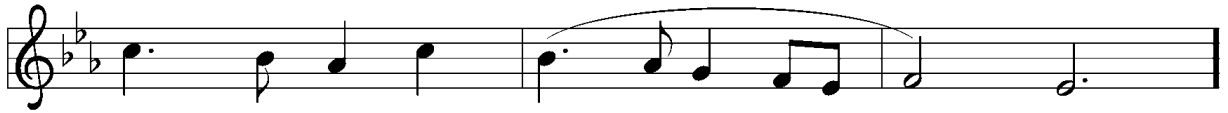
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1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

***Dismissal**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.