



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 › 9:00 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**

“I Surrender All”



1 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
2 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow;
3 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make me Sav ior whol - ly thine;
4 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord I give my - self to thee.
5 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, now I feel the sa - cred flame.



I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live. *to Vs. 2*
world - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en, I will fol - low, start - ing now. *to Refrain*
may thy Ho - ly Spi - rit fill me, may I know thy pow'r di - vine. *to Vs. 4*
Fill me with thy love and pow er; let thy bless - ings fall on me. *to Refrain*
Oh the joy of full sal - va - tion! Glo - ry, glo - ry to his name! *to Refrain*

Refrain



I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.



All to thee my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Text: J. W. Van De Venter (1896), alt. D. Chávez (2020).
Music: W. S. Weeden (1896), arr. David E. Chávez © 2020

SURRENDER
8.7.8.7 with refrain

***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

***Gospel—John 15:1-8**

Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 84

Homily

**Pastor Kresse,
Associate Pastor**

*Hymn of the Day

“Be Thou My Vision”



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



Naught be all else to me save that thou art:
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and Thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light. *to Verse 2*
raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r. *to Refrain*
great God of heav - ven, my trea - sure thou art. *to Refrain*
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Refrain



With - out you, we have no sight, find the dark, and speak the light,



you who bring the dead to life, be all in all.

D.C.

*Apostles' Creed

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

*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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 God thanks and praise.

*Words of Institution

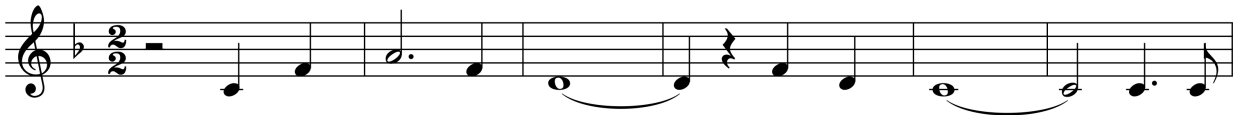
*The Lord's Prayer

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.

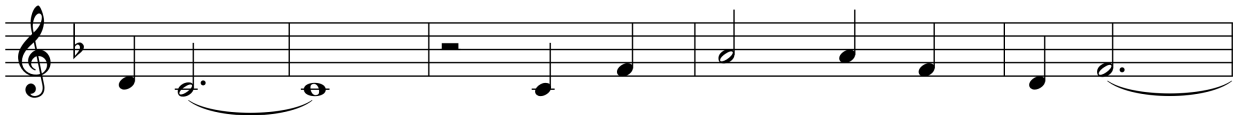
Communion Distribution

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."

Distribution Music "Come to the Water"



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the



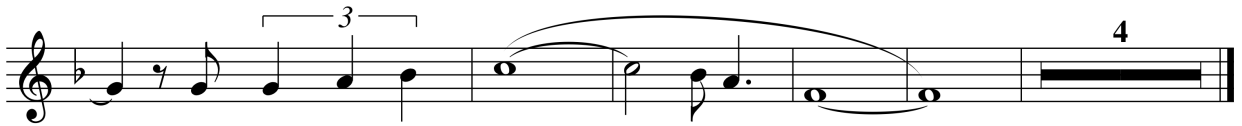
wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,
wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,



let them come to the Lord: With - out mon - ey,
let them come to the Lord: With - out mon - ey,
let them come to the Lord: All who la - bor,
bring them all to the Lord: Bring the chil - dren



with-out price. Why should you pay the price,
 with-out strife. Why should you spend your life,
 with-out rest. How can your soul find rest,
 with-out might. Eas - y the load and light:



ex - cept for the Lord?
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 7 come to the Lord.

Text: Isaiah 55:1, 2, Matthew 11:28-30; John Foley, SJ, b.1939
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***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 “Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness” ELW 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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*Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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