

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

We thank God that you have joined us this morning for worship. If you are visiting with us, we thank God you are here and pray our worship together will be a mutual blessing. If you are looking for a church home, we hope Abiding Savior can meet your needs. Please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors.

We ask both members and visitors to kindly fill out attendance cards and pass them to the center aisle. The ushers will gather them during the Sermon Hymn which follows the Children's Message. Feel free to add a prayer request for the Pastor to include in the congregational prayer.

We love children here at Abiding Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so that young children can see what is happening during worship. If you should want to make use of our cry room or nursery, please ask one of our ushers for directions.

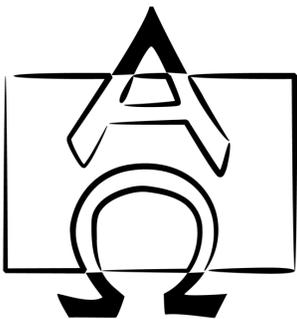
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Worship Service of Word and Song

The Second Sunday after Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2019 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

Please stand.

OPENING CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"Glorious Day"

(Living He Loved Me)

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men my example is He.

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain.
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.
The hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree
and took the nails from me.

Chorus:

**Living, He loved me, dying He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose over death He had conquered.
Now is ascended my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again.

Chorus

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing. My Savior Jesus is mine.

Living, He loved me, dying He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming, O glorious day, glorious day, O glorious day.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

*Worshippers are invited to kneel for the Confession and Absolution.
Those who desire not to kneel may sit or stand.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

All: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

All: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

REVELATION 1:4-18

who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."



Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

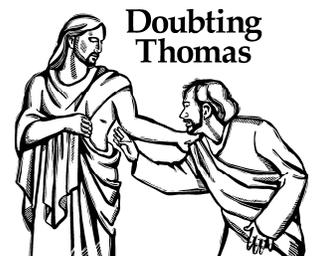
Please stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side.



Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*Worshippers are invited to stand and share the peace of the Lord with each other.
Children can come down to the chancel steps for the children's message.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children going to Sunday School will be met at the back of the church in the center aisle.

Prayer and member/guest cards will be collected during the following song:

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“Lamb Of God”

You came from heaven’s throne. Acquainted with our sorrow.
To trade the debt we owe. Your suff’ring for our freedom.

Chorus:

The Lamb of God in my place.
Your blood poured out my sin erased.
It was my death You died. I am raised to life.
Hallelujah the Lamb of God.



My name upon Your heart. My shame upon Your shoulders.
The pow’r of sin undone. The cross for my salvation. *Chorus*

There is no greater love. There is no greater love.
There is no greater love. There is no greater love.
The Savior lifted up. There is no greater love. *Chorus Twice*

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN LUCAS

“Life Between The Alpha And Omega”

Revelation 1:8

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

God doesn’t need our money, but in His grace He gives us the privilege to be stewards of everything He has entrusted to our care. We can do more together than separately. As one body in Christ, our congregation has agreed to offer our first fruits to support ministries and missions that enable us to communicate Christ’s love to everyone, everywhere; and our love for Him. Your sacrificial gift enables this holy work.

“Lamb Of God”

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THE PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition the prayer concludes:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray together,

All: **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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

† HOLY COMMUNION †

REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION *As Lutheran communicants, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in this holy supper. Be mindful of the words of St. Paul: “Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28)*

Are you truly sorry for your sins? Do you believe your sins are forgiven because Jesus died for them? Do you believe that Jesus gives you His own body and blood in the sacrament as a seal of that forgiveness? Do you have the sincere intent to do better in living the Christian life? – Then come, and receive assurance and strength from Jesus.

NOTE: *In the center of each communion tray are a few glasses with grape juice wine for those who are on alcohol restrictive medications or who, for personal reasons, wish to abstain from wine. Also we have gluten-free communion wafers available for those who need them. They are in the small plastic containers on the wafer trays (patens). The empty plastic containers may be placed in the bags with the used communion cups.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.



THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"My Victory"

You came for criminals And ev'ry Pharisee.
You came for hypocrites, Even one like me.
You carried sin and shame, The guilt of ev'ry man,
The weight of all I've done Nailed into Your hands.

Chorus: **Oh, Your love bled for me. Oh, Your blood in crimson streams.
Oh, Your death is Hell's defeat. A cross meant to kill is my victory.**

Oh, Your amazing grace, I've seen and tasted it.
It's running through my veins. I can't escape its grip.
In You, my soul is safe. You cover ev'rything. *Chorus*

Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away our sin,
Who takes away our sin.
The holy Lamb of God Makes us alive again,
Makes us alive again. *Repeat*

Oh, Your love bled for me. Oh, Your blood in crimson streams.
Oh, Your death is Hell's defeat. A cross meant to kill is my victory.
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"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

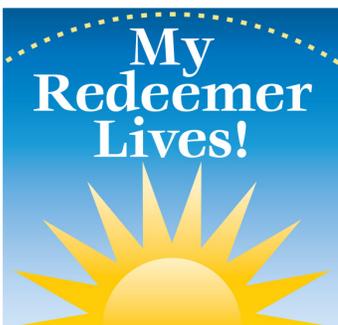
He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God our Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to serve You constantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen!

CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“Resurrecting”

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now.
The Savior knelt to wash our feet; Now at His feet we bow.

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days.
His body there would not remain.
Our God has robbed the grave. Our God has robbed the grave.

Chorus:

**Your name, Your name is victory.
All praise will rise to Christ our King. *Repeat***

By Your Spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat.
The resurrected King is resurrecting me.
In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory.
The resurrected King is resurrecting me.
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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Flowers

The flowers which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **Judy Gorrell** in celebration of her daughter, **Sheila's** birthday.

We Pray For This Week

Louise Hall, Dean & Angie Hall & Family, Kristen Halverson & Family,
Tom & Mary Hannan, Boudewijn & Robin Hanrath, Brenda Hanrath & Family,
Steve & Brenda Hantula & Family, Dan & Kathy Hardt,
Scott & April Harer & Family, Jim & Soraya Harm & Family

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams	Elizabeth Hurley	Lee Seib
Terri Green	Jeanne Kelly	Junko Shiki
Alexander Hernandez	Brad Lucente	Denice Soresi
Betsy Hotsko	Crystal Nylander	Eileen Stewart
Patricia Howard	Brett Riedlinger	Maggie Winn

We pray for those who are ill:

Irene Fabre	Larry Reimnitz	Lou Torres
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We pray for those who are recovering:

Etsuko Busker	Jeff Conrad	June Thomas
Rosemary Colburn	Rocky Hewitt	



Prayer Partners

Listen to what's needed. Pray for what's needed.

People who wear this badge have been trained
to lift up your joys and sorrows in private prayer.
Look for them and feel free to pray with them!