



*Abide*

IN ME  
AS I

*Abide*

IN  
YOU.



*John 15:4, NKJV*

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Organist:**

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 150*

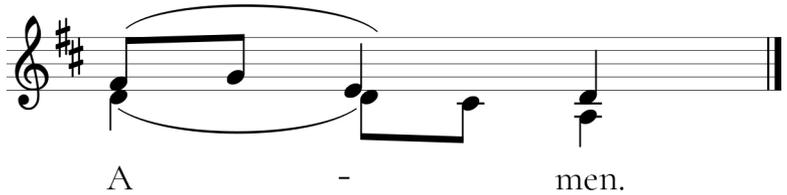
Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! <sup>2</sup> Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! <sup>3</sup> Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! <sup>4</sup> Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! <sup>5</sup> Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #193:1-4 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

### INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

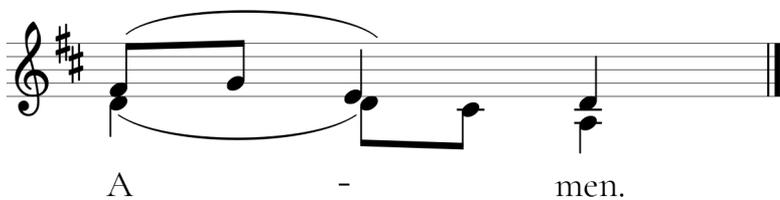


### CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

all Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.





This is the feast of victory for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1. — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
5. For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was



slain, whose blood set us free  
 strength, and hon - or, bless -  
 God, and join in the hymn of  
 might be to God and the Lamb for -  
 slain has be - gun His reign.



to be peo - ple of God. *refrain*  
 ing, and glo - ry are His. *refrain*  
 all cre - a - tion: *stanza 4*  
 ev - er. A - men. *refrain*  
 Al - le - lu - ia. *final refrain*

*Final Refrain*

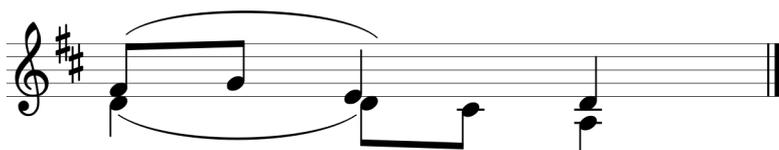


This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that we may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and allow all such things as are pleasing to You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.



A - men.

## THE WORD

**Acts 8:26-40** <sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. <sup>27</sup> So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. <sup>33</sup> In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth!" <sup>34</sup> So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of

himself or of some other man?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?" <sup>37</sup> Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God<sup>1</sup>." <sup>38</sup> So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

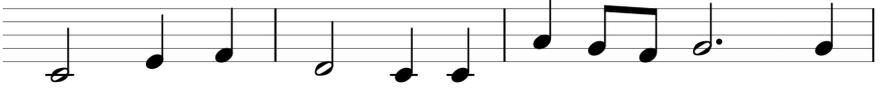
**1 John 4:1-11** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the

flesh<sup>1</sup> is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. <sup>4</sup> You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them. <sup>6</sup> We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!



These words are written that we may believe that



Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the

Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## #53 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

### SERMON

**John 15:1-8** "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine-dresser. <sup>2</sup> "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away<sup>1</sup>; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes,

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that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will<sup>t</sup> ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

## LIVE IN JESUS

There are three things that Jesus wants us to understand from this parable. None of them are that we are saved by how much fruit we produce.

Without him we will wither

In him we will grow

Branches get pruned

## #210 The Strife is O'er

### Offering Hymn #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

### Reception of Chelsea Haight

## PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, heav'n and earth are  
 full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-nain the highest, ho-  
 sanna in the highest. Blest is Hewho comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san-nain the highest ho-  
 san - na in the high - est.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with two measures of whole rests. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4 based on the note values.

Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; have mercy up - on us. Lamb of  
 God You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on

us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

We invite all those who have registered with the pastor before the service to come forward and receive with us the Lord's Supper. Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.

Thank the Lord; sing His praise;  
tell ev'ry-one what He has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry-one what  
 He has done. Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord;  
 lead Your peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-  
 giv - ing. Thank the Lord; sing His praise;  
 tell ev - 'ry-one what He has done. Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

# THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## LSB 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

A musical staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The first two notes are beamed together.

1. Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2. By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3. In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
4. Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

A musical staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The first two notes are beamed together.

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev-er end-ing, For Your love we of-fer praise.  
end-less trea-sure May our care en-cir-cle all.  
ded-i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev-er ends.  
Ho-ly Spir - it, Prasie be Yours in ev-'ry place!



Lord, we pray that we Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un -



num-bered claim, Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings



May bring glo - ry to Your name.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, April 21**

9 am Communion Service

10 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Class

**Wednesday, May 1**

3:45pm Confirmation Class

**Sunday, May 5**

9 am Worship service

10 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Class

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 12** – Confirmation Sunday

**May 19** – Ann Sprengeler's Retirement Party

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Sunrise Service –81

Sunday School -8

Bible Class- 15

General Fund - \$2977

Missions -\$ 6804.70

School Fund- \$ 100

## USHERS FOR APRIL

BJ Lillo, Jim Brown,  
Joe Brown, Kent Quade

## USHERS FOR MAY

Ryan Krueger, Andy Kohn,  
Parker Kohn, Hayden Quade

## FROM MARCH 10, 2024

In memory of Eric Brown  
\$4750 to Reading Curriculum  
\$1000 to School Book Fund

## COUNTERS

**This Week Team # 3**

Randy Strelow, Robert Schmidt

**Next Week Team #4**

Robin Whitehouse,  
Dale Muehlenhaupt

The family of Chris Reчек would like to thank Faith Lutheran Church for their support during the loss of Chris.

## VBS

VBS is scheduled for July 15-19.

Sign up your kids with the brochures under the bulletin board or online [markesanlutheran.com/vbs](http://markesanlutheran.com/vbs)

Sign up to help with VBS on the bulletin board.

## NOTES FROM VOTERS' MEETING

9 voters present

\$53,529 quarterly receipts

\$64,763 quarterly expenses

Mark and Greta Kempenaar's membership was released upon their request.

Chelsea Haight was accepted into membership.

May - July church calendar was accepted.

Voters called Jessica Krueger as principal and Rebecca Lillo as co-principal.

A motion was accepted for a six-week paid maternity leave policy for called workers.

The voters approved the following plan for the teachers at Faith School starting the fall of 2024.

Karen Swyter grades K-2

Rebecca Lillo gradesw 3-5

Jessica Krueger grades 6-8

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 10:34-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-8

John 15:9-17

## CALL NEWS

Mrs. Laura Wales received the call to be Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, her current congregation. Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.

Teacher Mathew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights. MN.

Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven FL, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, accepted the call to be teacher at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Blair Sydow is still considering the one-year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC. Blair is a member of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran.



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