January 24, 2021 3rd Sunday after Epiphany



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At Abiding Word
We gather around the Word (worship);
We grow in the Word (education);
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).



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Welcome!

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) As a safety precaution there will be no after service coffee or refreshments. If you would like to socialize responsibly before and after the service, please use the fellowship hall. To allow for social distancing, please don't linger in front of the kitchen and bathroom.

Holy Communion

Our worship service is open to all. The forgiveness received in the Lord's Supper is proclaimed to all throughout the service. However, the Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is to be received by those who have been instructed about its meaning and the unity it expresses. *For this reason, we ask that guests speak with the Pastor before partaking of the Holy Supper.* So that you can be sure that unity of faith and teaching exists we invite you to participate in a Bible Information Class. This class will prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Please contact Pastor about class times.

Lutheran Worship

The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. Through the sermon, Lord's Supper, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

As we adjust to live worship

We are taking many precautions to make our regular Sunday service as safe as possible. In keeping with our Governor's mandate, please wear a facemask while inside the building. Masks are available on the table by the bulletin announcements, if you forget your mask. If you socialize before or after the service please do so outside or in the fellowship hall. If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding worship or ministry please inform Pastor or our elder, Ken Leib.

HYMN: COME, FOLLOW ME, THE SAVIOR SPOKE



Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer,

Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: 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.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

M: I call on you, O God, for you will answer me;

C: give ear to me and hear my prayer.

M: Show the wonder of your great love,

C: you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.

M: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C: hide me in the shadow of your wings

M: from the wicked who assail me,

C: from my mortal enemies who surround me. (Psalm 17:6-9)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

FIRST READING JONAH 3:1-5,10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 62



M: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

C: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

M: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

C: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

M: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

C: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

M: Though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

C: One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

REFRAIN

NEW TESTAMENT

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV)

Stand

GOSPEL MARK 1:14-20

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: O GOD FROM GOD, O LIGHT FROM LIGHT 1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of 2 Deep the proph - ets' sa - cred page, in Grand in the of truth, those deeds of 3 That love, That death life of 4 Sing the Lord might - y Sing his to a song; to Peace King of kings, To you heav - en's and in word, Slow type, from po ets' wing - ed ly, in scorn-These pain mid hate and all are past, and glo - ries name, his tell! Sing, heav'n - ly hosts, your praise bright The song for rings. glo - ry of ev - er com - ing to age The na - tions saw their Lord: age King once crowned with a - bove He now reigns, our thorn. praise pro - long, And all earth, your an - them swell! on To him who the throne, The sits up on Lamb once through the de - an Till deep Jū night Rang out might - y Lift up your heads, O gates! So sang the Wor - thy the Lamb for sin - ners slain! For ev - er slain Be all but raised a - gain, the glo ry song, "Good will to men!" Sung heav'n's hosts by gel hosts a - gain. Lift heads— your an your up the song as - cend! Wor the Lamb let thv en -All thanks and praise! A - men, A - men. he has won. Re - ech - oed now, "Good will!" A - men. splen - dor bright, a - waits. lift A - men, King We them up, A - men. Glo - ry and pow'r! A throned to reign; men,

The Time Is Short!

Stand

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



OFFERING

Financial offerings are a regular, proportionate, and joyful response of love by members of a Christian congregation. Our offerings are given to further the work of God's kingdom here at Abiding Word and around the world through the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to support our ministry.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O God the Father, we thank you for sending your Son Jesus to us and for making known in him the mystery of your gracious will, that everyone who sees the Son and believes him has eternal life. We praise you for giving us your saving Word through which the Holy Spirit has enlightened our understanding and sanctified our lives. We pray that your Word may have free course in the lives and hearts of multitudes from east to west, that your house may be filled with believers from every nation and tribe.

Watch over your Church throughout the world and grant her faithful pastors who are true shepherds and sentinels for your people. For all who have the cares of our nation in their hands, guide them in wisdom and understanding, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Graciously help us to use our time wisely toward the upbuilding of faith in our hearts and the hearts of others. Cleanse us from all sin; heal us of all disease; comfort all who are afflicted; guard our loved ones wherever they may be; shield us from the powers of wickedness; give us each day our daily bread; and make us content in whatever condition is appointed to us.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

Finally, as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so let us walk in him, rooted and built up in faith, and abounding in all good works. All these things we pray in the name of him who loved the Church and gave himself for it, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

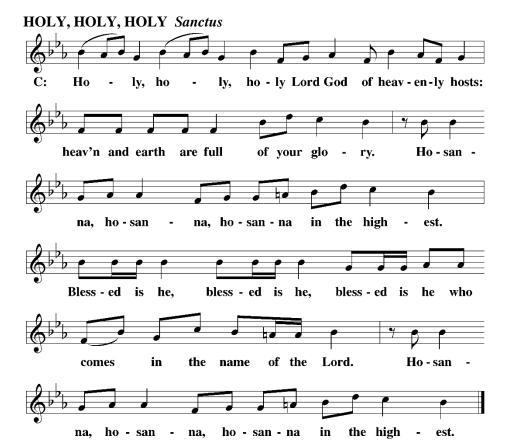
M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



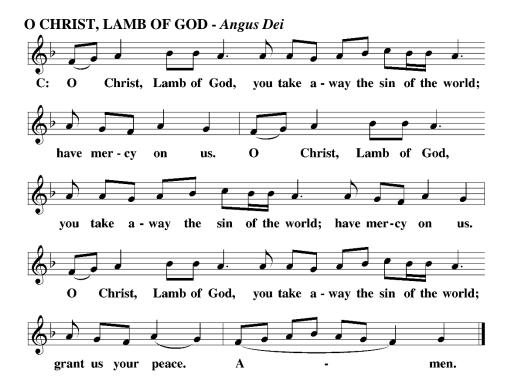
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

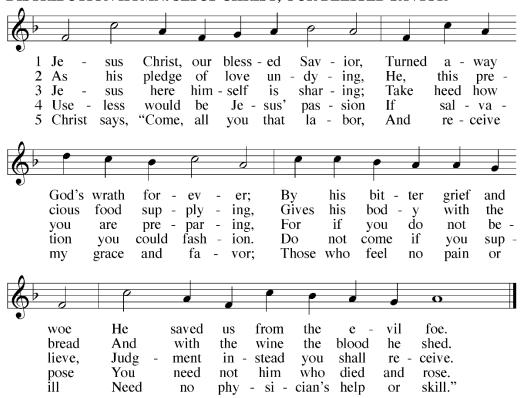
C: Amen.



DISTRIBUTION

Please exit your pew from the right as you come forward for communion. Six communicants will come to the railing at a time (3 on the left railing; 3 on the right). Please stand in front of the first pew until the bread and wine are at the railing. Exit the railing to your left and dispose of the cups.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR



- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der von uns (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

THANKSGIVING

Stand

SONG OF SIMEON - Nunc Dimittis



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

