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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.

### **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: SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the  
 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star  
 King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,  
 faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,  
 heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;  
 ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al  
 In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in  
 Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in  
 All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the  
 Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.  
 pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in to wine.  
 gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.  
 trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.  
 you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 You by all will be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

*Stand*

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

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

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.  
Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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*

## FIRST LESSON

## DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## PSALM 1

### *Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

- M: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
- C: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**
- M: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.
- C: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**
- M: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- C: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**
- 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*

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. But the man who loves God is known by God.

So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

### Verse of the Day:

**C: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.** (Luke 4:18a cf. NIV)

## GOSPEL

MARK 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching--and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee

**M:** This is the gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

HYMN OF THE DAY: RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in  
 reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and  
 furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the  
 save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death  
 life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who  
 dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out  
 free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
 and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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**We are free servants**

*Stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O Eternal God, fount of all mercies, ever ready to hear the prayers of your people: you have promised your help in every time of need. We lift up our hearts and give you our humble and heartfelt thanks for all your gifts and goodness. For the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; for the gift of counsel and might in times of adversity; for the grace of spiritual knowledge and godly fear, we give you thanks. But most of all we praise and honor you, O Father, for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, and for the promise in him of life that now is and that which is to come.

Make us mindful of your desire to save all people. Open our hearts to an enlarged sense of our responsibility to share the glorious gospel of salvation and to pray for laborers in the harvest. We ask you, O God, to lead us into all truth and instill in us love for all people everywhere. Preserve and maintain for us good government and honest citizenship. Grant us a greater faith in your mighty power, a deeper trust in your merciful care, and a more perfect love for Christ.

We pray also for all our homes and families. Give us all the spirit of Christ that our children may grow in wisdom and stature, in divine and human favor. Grant that parents may by pure love and worthy example preserve peace and unity in their homes. Comfort and bless those who are afflicted among us, that they may in love perceive your good and gracious will and find release from all their trials.

*Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here*

Finally, Lord, keep us and all your people in unity of faith and in oneness with Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.**

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.**

HYMN: THE MAN IS EVER BLEST



1 The man is ev - er blest Who shuns the  
 2 But makes the law of God His stud - y  
 3 He like a tree shall thrive With wa - ters  
 4 Not so the wick - ed man! He no such  
 5 How will he bear to stand Be - fore that



sin - ners' ways, A - mong their coun - sels  
 and de - light A - mid the la - bors  
 near the root. Fresh as the leaf his  
 bless - ing finds. His hopes shall flee like  
 judg - ment seat Where all the saints at



nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,  
 of the day And watch - es of the night.  
 name shall live; His works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
 emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing winds.  
 Christ's right hand In full as - sem - bly meet?

6 God knows and he approves  
 The way the righteous go,  
 But sinners and their works shall meet  
 A dreadful overthrow.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: ST. MICHAEL (SM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.