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2nd Sunday in Lent



8470 Landen Drive
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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: GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT



1 God him - self is pres - ent— Let us now a - dore him
 2 God him - self is pres - ent— Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore him.
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing.
 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it.



God is in his tem - ple— All with - in keep si - lence,
 “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly”— Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,
 Like the ho - ly an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore you,



Hum - bly kneel in deep - est rev - 'rence.
 Songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing.
 May I cease - less - ly a - dore you.



He a - lone On his throne Is our
 Bow your ear To us here: Hear, O
 Let your will Ev - er still Rule your



God and Sav - ior; Praise his name for - ev - er!
 Christ, the prais - es That your Church now rais - es.
 church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, and John Miller, 1756–90, alt.
 Tune: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG (668 668 33 66) Joachim Neander, 1650–80, alt.

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 cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge,

C: My portion in the land of the living."

M: Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;

**C: Rescue me from those who pursue me,
For they are too strong for me.**

M: Set me free from my prison,

C: That I may praise your name. (PSALM 142:5-7a)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ 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

GENESIS 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 73

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

M: Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

C: **You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.**

M: Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

C: **My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

M: Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

C: **But as for me, it is good to be near God.
I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.**

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

ROMANS 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
(Philippians 2:8b cf. NIV)

Stand

GOSPEL

MARK 8:31-38

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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| C: We believe in one God, | <i>Dt. 6:4</i> |
| the Father, the Almighty, | <i>2 Cor. 6:18</i> |
| maker of heaven and earth, | <i>Is. 51:13</i> |
| of all that is, seen and unseen. | <i>Col.1:16</i> |
| We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, | <i>1 Cor. 8:6</i> |
| the only Son of God, | <i>Jn. 3:18</i> |
| eternally begotten of the Father, | <i>Heb. 1:2,5</i> |
| God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, | <i>Jn. 1</i> |
| begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. | <i>Jn. 10:30</i> |
| Through him all things were made. | <i>Jn. 1:3</i> |
| For us and for our salvation, | <i>1 Th. 5:9</i> |
| he came down from heaven, | <i>Jn. 6:38</i> |
| was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, | <i>Lk. 1:35</i> |
| and became fully human. | <i>Gal. 4:4</i> |
| For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. | <i>Mk. 15:15</i> |
| He suffered death and was buried. | <i>1 Cor. 15:3-4a</i> |
| On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. | <i>1 Cor. 15:4b</i> |
| He ascended into heaven | <i>Ac. 2:33-34</i> |
| and is seated at the right hand of the Father. | <i>Heb. 1:13</i> |
| He will come again in glory | <i>Mt. 25:31</i> |
| to judge the living and the dead, | <i>2 Tim.4:1</i> |
| and his kingdom will have no end. | <i>Lk. 1:33</i> |
| We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, | <i>Job 33:4</i> |
| who proceeds from the Father and the Son, | <i>Jn. 15:26</i> |
| who in unity with the Father and the Son | <i>Jn. 4:24</i> |
| is worshiped and glorified, | |
| who has spoken through the prophets. | <i>2 Pet.1:25</i> |
| We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. | <i>Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20</i> |
| We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. | <i>Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38</i> |
| We look for the resurrection of the dead | <i>1 Cor. 15:21-22</i> |
| and the life of the world to come. Amen. | <i>Rev. 22</i> |

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: LORD, YOU I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

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1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from
 2 Lord God, 'twas your rich boun-ty gave My bod-y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last your an-gels come; To A-bram's bos-om



me de-part; With ten-der mer-cies cheer me. Earth has no
 all I have In this poor life of la-lor. Lord, grant that
 bear me home That I may die un-fear-ing. And in its



plea-sure I would share; Heav-en it-self were void and bare
 I in ev-'ry place May glo-ri-fy your lav-ish grace
 nar-row cham-ber keep My bod-y safe in peace-ful sleep



If you, Lord, were not near me. And should my heart for
 And serve and help my neigh-bor. Let no false doc-trine
 Un-til your re-ap-pear-ing. And then from death a-



sor-row break, My trust in you no one could shake.
 me be-guile; Let Sa-tan not my soul de-file.
 wak-en me That my own eyes with joy may see,



You are the trea-sure I have sought; Your pre-cious blood my
 Give strength and pa-tience un-to me To bear my cross-es
 O Son of God, your glo-rious face, My Sav-ior and my



soul has bought. Lord Je-sus Christ, My God and Lord,
 will-ing-ly. Lord Je-sus Christ, My God and Lord,
 Fount of grace. Lord Je-sus Christ, My prayer at-tend,




my God and Lord, For-sake me not! I trust your Word.
 my God and Lord, For-sake me not! I trust your Word.
 my prayer at-tend, And I will praise you with-out end.

Text: Martin M. Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: HERZLICH LIEB HAB ICH DICH, O HERR (887 887 88 88 488) *Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur*, Strassburg.

*Long, lonely road?
Listen as God cheers and directs you.*

Stand

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you created all things, both visible and invisible, by your mighty Word. Help us understand that the whole world is in your hand, that you have set your seal of ownership on us, and put your Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

We give thanks, O Father, that you have not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation by the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have called us to receive him in faith; may we open our hearts to this gracious indwelling. In him you have given us the ultimate example of love; may we walk in his steps. You have called us to worship him; may we give him our love, our praise and our adoration.

Grant that our homes may be dwellings of your Spirit. Make all who reside in them increase and abound in love toward one another. To all mothers give the grace of spiritual wisdom; to all fathers the gift of gentleness; to all children the spirit of obedience.

Grant a rich measure of comfort and patience to our sick and dying. Console those who mourn. Give courage to those who fear. Warm their hearts and dry their tears with the firm assurance of your healing power and faithful love.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

O Lord, have mercy upon all who are here in your house this day. Forgive our transgressions. Support the weak. Correct the disobedient. Against all evil and adversity that may vex our souls or bodies, grant us your aid. These things we ask in the name of your Son who gave his life as a ransom for all. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - *Angus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - - - men.

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.



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.
 Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595-1662.

THANKSGIVING

Stand

SONG OF SIMEON - *Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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.**

HYMN: DAY BY DAY



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
 Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
 Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Tune: BLOTT'EN DAG (10 9 10 9 D) Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882