



Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

Connecting people to Christ through Community



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If this is your first time worshipping with us, we want to extend a special word of welcome. You can read our full welcome statement and more at **AbidingPresence.net/corevalues**.

Children in Worship

We love children and encourage them to participate in worship through wiggles and giggles. If they aren't in a worshipping mood, our children's corner is located outside of the sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

Looking for a Church Home?

The pastors will be greeting people following the service and would enjoy the chance to meet you. In case of a pastoral emergency, Pastor Keseley, Senior Pastor, can be reached on her cell phone at 410-599-3803.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER › MAY 12 › 9:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP GATHERING

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify you holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**Please stand as you are able*

Bold Responses: Congregation

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special Music

“Halle, Hallelujah”

Syrian Traditional

Abiding Kids Music

Children’s Message

Michaela Putnam-Kwon,

Children & Family Minister

“May the LORD bless you and keep you. May the LORD smile down on you and show you kindness. May the LORD answer your prayers and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 ERV

WORD

Scripture Reading—Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 90

***Gospel—John 17:6-19**

Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 85

*Hymn of the Day “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

ELW 596



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

***Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: We present Graham Ryan Linn for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Graham Ryan baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

As you bring Graham Ryan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Graham Ryan grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Graham Ryan in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Graham Ryan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

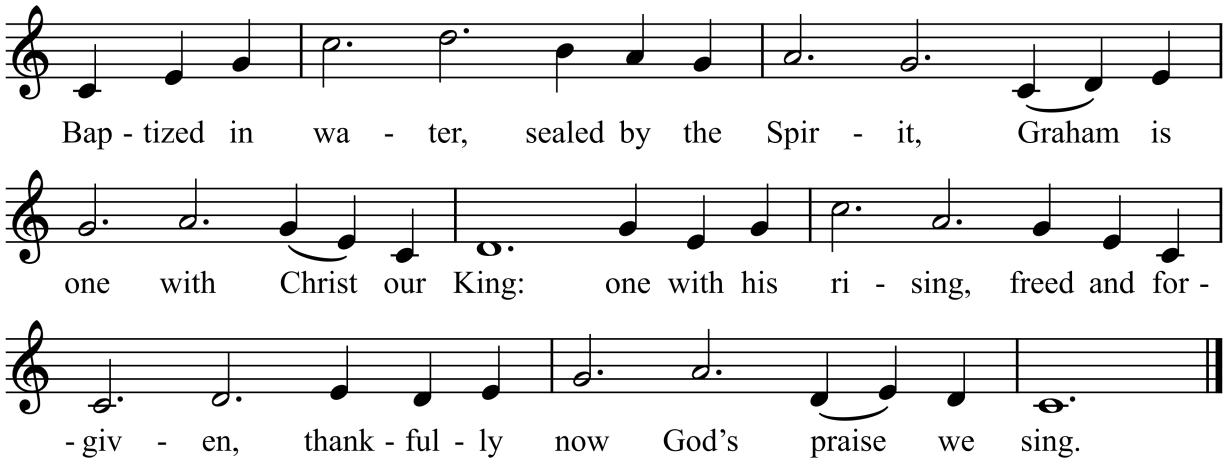
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that he who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Graham Ryan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, Graham is
 one with Christ our King: one with his ri - sing, freed and for -
 - giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932, alt. Music: Gaelic tune

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Graham Ryan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Graham Ryan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome Graham Ryan.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

***Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL



Offering—*We invite you to give online at AbidingPresence.net/give*

Musical Offering “God Is So Good/Mungu Ni Mwema”

Abiding Kids Music

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***The 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.**

Communion Distribution

We believe Holy Communion, the body and blood of Christ, is a gift from God to show us God’s love for us. Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Children are welcome to communion at any age. If you or your child would prefer to receive a blessing, please let the pastors know when you come forward.

“The body of Christ, given for you.” † “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Distribution Music

***Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

***Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

ELW 364



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and praise him,
4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has a - ris - en
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu - ia, to



al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er burst from the
this world to save. Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are
him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all



tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”
sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly king.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy. Death’s fear - ful



sting he has come to de - stroy. Our sin for - giv - ing,



al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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