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LUTHERAN CHURCH



Abide In Me

John 15:1-8

- May 2, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **We are asking you to wear face coverings.** All employees, members and visitors in attendance are asked to wear face coverings at all times in the building.
- ◆ **The double doors in the lower lot will be our only access point.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like they are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **There will be an elder checking people in for service.** If an outbreak occurs, this information will allow us to have a way to contact individuals that may have been exposed which may be critical to help save lives.
- ◆ **When you pick up your service elements we will have a recommended temperature check.**
- ◆ **Remember to layer up as the windows will be open and the fans will be on to help with air circulation.**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *LSB 461 verses 1, 3, 6-8*

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly Friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, You are the vine, and we are the branches. May we abide in You because Your love is our strength. Your energy is our joy. Your attentiveness is our hope. Your power can transform even the most difficult situations. You nourish our faith and imaginations so that we can bear fruit in many ways. You promise we can dwell in You because You are dwelling in us. We gather today to lift our hands and offer our praise to You, and bring glory to God the Father, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with the love You know as God, ever Three and ever One, so that our love will honor You each and every day.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: O True Vine,

C: Please forgive us for the occasions when we have been the ones to introduce disease into the vine, preferring its contamination to the vigor of health. Have mercy on us when we haven't abided in in You! Please do not lose patience or sever us completely from the true vine. Rather heal our diseases, prune our unfruitful branches, and cut away our diseased ones. May we remain in Christ and He in us, through all the changing seasons of life. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love which are our true purpose and joy.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: The Good News today is that God abides in you! God is breathing, living, forgiving, restoring you in this moment, and in the days to come. This is the good news for us! Thanks be to God, we are forgiven all our sins in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit! As God is in us as forgiven people, so we can live, work, care for others, so that love, hope and joy might touch all people.

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

C: By His mighty power God raised from the dead, our Lord Jesus Christ, and seated him at his right hand in heaven; far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the age to come.

God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything everywhere and always. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

“Abide With Me” *LSB 878 verses 1, 2, 5, 6*

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

MESSAGE

Abide In Me

John 15:1-8

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the
"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAISE SONGS

"How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
Let all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
and trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great how great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge x2

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus x2

“Christ Is Risen”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

The prodigal is welcomed home
The sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life
And everything has changed
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

Pre-Chorus

O death where is your sting
O fear where is your power
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed eternal life is ours
O praise His name forever

Chorus

Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

And on the day You call me in
To heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars Your open arms
The beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

Tag

Jesus is alive oh
And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

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

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BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen!

CLOSING SONG

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin
Who knew no sin
That we might become
His righteousness
He humbled himself
and carried the cross
Love so amazing
Love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer
Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread
His blood the wine
Broken and poured out
all for love
The whole earth trembled
And the veil was torn
Love so amazing
Love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer
Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The light of the world

Chorus

Tag

Jesus Messiah Lord of all
Lord of all

POSTLUDE



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs: John Lambuth, Alex Lindeke
Elder: Andy Andrew
Organist: Carl Kishline
Reader: Melina Mantey
Worship Team: Chris Linderman

In Our Prayers:

- **Bless and direct everyone abiding in you and learning the way of being your disciple.** May their patient friendship, walking alongside those who do not yet know you well, bear much fruit. Use them to kindle or renew faith in many hearts.
- **Prune the hearts of our earthly rulers. Cut away the greed, pride, and lust for power that leads to hatred and violence.** Build up all that enriches the lives of the humble. Let the desire to do your Father's will abide in all our hearts and minds.
- **We are so grateful for signs of hope even in the midst of the pandemic, or vaccine distribution and recovery plans, for generosity and creativity offered in so many surprising corners.** Continue to be with all the doctors, nurses, and health care workers who work long and hard hours that they would be renewed, feel your love, and abide in your Gospel!
- **We lay before you, Lord, those who are in hospital or care and all those who struggle with illness, pain or health burdens of any sort.** We especially keep Hal and Dorothy Hummel in our prayers. As Dorothy's Alzheimer's is getting worse we pray Lord that you would continue to care for Dorothy and reassure her of your love and Resurrection joy. We also lift up Hal in prayer as he cares for Dorothy that you would remind him of your love and care as he cares for Dorothy.

Questions for Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

Abide In Me

What are ways you abide in the Lord throughout the week? What are obstacles to abiding in the Lord in today's society?

Read John 15:1-8. How does the image of Jesus as "true vine" illuminate who Jesus is?

In verse 2 Jesus mentions that pruning needs to take place. How does pruning on a plant work? What are the benefits to it? Even during this time, we have many options clamoring for our attention – news, social media, entertainment, people, and so on. What activities might God be asking you to prune? How might we prune some good things for the better activity of abiding in Christ?

What is a practice you'd be willing to try this week to help you abide in Christ? How might a hymn like Abide with Me, help remind you to do this?

How can this group help you abide in Christ?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Coming Up-Living the Resurrection at 10am Next Week!

We continue in our series, "Living the Resurrection" seeing how Easter's joy flows not only for a day, but through our whole lives. Next week we will practice abiding in Christ as we worship together with the hope. We will see that it will continue after the benediction is pronounced and the postlude ends. We will explore how we can be cultivating habits for lifelong worship, not just on Sunday Mornings. So join us next Sunday in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> to abide in Jesus Christ!

Zoom Bible Study is Happening on Wednesday at 7PM!

We are so glad we are back meeting for Zoom Bible Study! Join us at 7 we take some time to abide in the Lord as our true vine as we explore John 15 in greater detail. We look forward to you joining us! If you would like an invite email the office at secretary@resurrection-lcms.org

RLC Men's Group at 8 am on Sunday in Room 200– Join in!

Men of RLC if you are looking to have some fellowship and grow in God's Word consider joining the RLC Men's Group that meets at 8 am on Sunday in Room 200. Right now they are working through a video series called, "The Chosen" and would love having you join!

Doubleheader Sunday—May 16th at 8 and 10:30 AM

Please make note on your calendar that our next Doubleheader Sunday, where we have both our Traditional Service at 8am and our Contemporary Service at 10:30 am will take place on May 16th! We look forward to seeing you at either service for worship and communion!

Zoom Bible Study to Focus on CRU Say Yes Afterschool Program—May 19th at 7 PM

Join us for a special Zoom Bible Study on May 19th as we explore more of how we can get the church prepared to work toward launching an after school program here at RLC!

Spring Voters' Meeting will be moved to June 13th

Much like the Fall Voters' Meeting we will be delaying the Spring Voters Meeting to give the Executive Council extra time to prepare. During this time part of the Executive Council will be meeting as the Nominating Committee to determine folks we might think would do well in open positions on the Executive and Parish Counsel. So keep your ears open you might be contacted to consider serving!

Office Hours: By Appointment Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm
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