



# MARCH 31, 2024

## Easter Sunday

### FLOWERING THE CROSS

Children are invited to join in flowering the cross as preparation for today's service.

**PRELUDE** "Morning Has Broken" ELW #556

**PROCLAMATION**

**SONG OF CELEBRATION** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW #365

**GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**THE READINGS**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Christ is Risen, Alleluia!" ELW #382 v. 1

**THE GOSPEL**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY** "Now The Green Blade Rises" ELW #379 v. 1-3

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Song of the Earth"

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**COMMUNION** "Crown Him" ELW #855 v. 1, 3, 4, 5  
"Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing" ELW #385

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG** "Lift High The Cross" ELW #660

**MISSION AND PEACE** "Traveling Mercies"

**POSTLUDE** "Now The Green Blade Rises"

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, in the resurrection of Christ you have put to death forever anything that can separate us from you. In raising your Christ as Lord of Life, you have raised us to live resurrected lives in him. Open our eyes to see him in the midst of the world. Open our hearts to receive him as your gift of light and love for a world in need. Amen.

### ISAIAH 65: 17-25

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.

### PSALM 118



<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;  
<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

### Antiphon

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.  
<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

### Antiphon

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### Antiphon

### REVELATION 1:4-8,12-18

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. <sup>12</sup> I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. <sup>14</sup> His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last. <sup>18</sup> I am he, the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever."

### JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord;" and she told them that he had said these things to her.

# Easter Lily Dedications

**Please take your lily home after the second service.**

Lee & Georgia Wood: celebrating our grandchildren—  
*Regan, Caden, Morgan, Harper, & Bowen*

Marvin & Drenda Haddock: honoring our granddaughter

Merritt Funk: remembering our Mom, Tuyet Nguyen

Irene Chiang: remembering David Chiang

Emily Lawson: remembering Dorothy Schultz

Marcie Parker: remembering B. L. Parker

TJ Shoaf: remembering Ruth, Carol, & John Shoaf,  
*Oleta Salinas, and David Horne*

Bob & Kim Thonhoff: remembering Donald & Rosemary  
*Spaeth, and Robert & Vicie Thonhoff*

Jan & Willie Haas: remembering Doug Billnitzer

Bill & Pat Delk: remembering Sherrie Scheutzberg

Nan & Bill Hatcher: in loving memory of Omer &  
*Madeline Hix, and Bill & Betty Hatcher*

John Berkeland: remembering Rev. Marvin & Famie  
*Berkeland, and Melinda Berkeland*

Lloyd & Karin Matthys: celebrating our family

Paul, Amelia, & Jon Mettke: remembering Gustave &  
*Hildagard Mettke, and Richard & Annie Hielscher*

Greta Rymal: celebrating Easter Blessings and  
*Remembrances*

Joe & Gwen Dykes: remembering Kelly Dykes and our  
*parents*

Kurt & Robbie Lowe: celebrating Family and Friends

Susan DeVinny: honoring the Reverend Marlin D.  
*Wogstad*

Edna Schuetzeberg: celebrating the life of her  
*sister Sherrie Schuetzeberg*



## ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Sunday  
8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Activity  
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion

### MONDAY, APRIL 1

ALLC Office Closed  
11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
5:00 pm Bread for All FP  
7:00 pm AA (HS Room)  
7:00 pm Troop 555 (AC)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:30 pm GS Oak Hill Svc Unit Ldrs (AC)  
7:00 pm Alanon (C)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 am LLI Estate Planning Class (AC)  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:00 pm Music Rehearsals  
6:15 pm Children's Choir  
7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal (MR & L)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

10:00 am Chapel (S)  
10:00 am Quilters (UC, MS)  
1:00 pm LLI Weather + Climate (AC)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:00 pm Alanon (L)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

ALLC Campout  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

ALLC Campout  
10:00 am Free Puzzle Swap (AC)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

ALLC Campout  
8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Activity  
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion

For questions about the calendar, please visit  
our website: [www.abidinglove.org](http://www.abidinglove.org) or  
email: [rroberts@abidinglove.org](mailto:rroberts@abidinglove.org)

## SERVING

MARCH 31, 2024

**Preaching and Presiding**  
Rev. Brad Highum

**Acolyte**  
(8:30) Delaney Matejowsky  
(11:00) Mabry Roberts

**Altar Guild**  
(8:30) Tricia Slovacek  
Transition: Nicole & Nuala Larkin  
(11:00) Denise Alaimo

**Assisting Minister**  
(8:30) Lacye Matejowsky  
(11:00) Sue Milam

**Children's Message**  
Tyler Parks

**Communion Assistant**  
(8:30) Amelia Mettke  
(11:00) Rosa Hatfield

**Lector**  
(8:30) Paul Mettke  
(11:00) Mike Riggs

**Music**  
Gus Sterneman  
Stephanie Morrison  
Sanctuary Choir

**Ushers**  
(8:30) Beverly & Randy Sones  
(11:00) John Berkland & Kurt  
Armstrong

**Tech**  
Cathy Cox  
George Glaser

## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS:

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Or email:  
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## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO ABIDING LOVE!

It is one of our greatest joys to welcome new people into membership in our community. We are blessed to have guests and visitors growing closer in relationships and involvement in the life of the church. Membership in the congregation provides full participation in the leadership and missional direction of Abiding Love. If you would you like to become a member we would be happy to welcome you! We are currently inviting everyone interested in membership to contact Pr. Brad and to complete a Member Information form (ask an usher for a copy). A New Member gathering for interested people will follow.

If you have any questions, contact Pr. Brad: [bhighum@abidinglove.org](mailto:bhighum@abidinglove.org) or 512-892-4040

## ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 31, 2024  
EASTER SUNDAY



*The empty cross. The empty tomb.*

He goes before you ... Jesus' followers can scarcely believe their senses as the resurrected Christ is revealed. Yet from the tomb to the upper room and fanning out across the land, the word goes forth: Christ is risen, indeed! His faithful, life-giving presence is made known to his disciples and to the wider world. And we, too, are raised with him, to live our lives as the resurrected people of God.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ABIDING LOVE!

May you know God's love as you sing, pray, proclaim, and serve.

## ALL ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNION AT ABIDING LOVE.

Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing may come forward and cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

## CONNECT WITH ABIDING LOVE

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