



APRIL 14, 2024

Emmaus

PRELUDE

(8:30) "Jesus Loves Me"
(11:00) "On The Road To Emmaus"

CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"
(11:00) "Gather Us In" ELW #532

PROCLAMATION

SONG OF CELEBRATION (8:30) "Gather Us In" ELW #532
(11:00) "Friend Of God"

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE READINGS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Christ is Risen, Alleluia!" ELW #382

THE GOSPEL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY "Open Our Eyes, Lord"
(11:00) "In Christ Alone"

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30) "The Bells of Peace"; "Thank You Jesus"
(11:00) "Don't Stop Praying"

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

(8:30) "O Bread of Life from Heaven" ELW #480
(11:00) "Open Our Eyes"
"Break Now the Bread of Life" ELW #515 "Just A Closer Walk"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG (8:30) "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" ELW #802, v.1,4
(11:00) "O Happy Day"

MISSION AND PEACE "Traveling Mercies"

POSTLUDE (8:30) "Just A Closer Walk with Thee"
(11:00) "On The Road To Emmaus"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of new days, we give you thanks for the gift of your Christ, and the gift of resurrection we share in him. Bless with the gift of your presence on the journey, as we make our way together. **Amen.**

1 MACCABEES 3: 6-11, 19-25

⁶ At daybreak Judas appeared in the plain with three thousand men, but they did not have armor and swords such as they desired. ⁷ And they saw the camp of the Gentiles, strong and fortified, with cavalry all around it; and these men were trained in war. ⁸ But Judas said to those who were with him, "Do not fear their numbers or be afraid when they charge. ⁹ Remember how our ancestors were saved at the Red Sea, when Pharaoh with his forces pursued them. ¹⁰ And now, let us cry to Heaven, to see whether he will favor us and remember his covenant with our ancestors and crush this army before us today. ¹¹ Then all the Gentiles will know that there is one who redeems and saves Israel." ¹⁹ Just as Judas was finishing this speech, a detachment appeared, coming out of the hills. ²⁰ They saw that their army had been put to flight, and that the Jews were burning the camp, for the smoke that was seen showed what had happened. ²¹ When they perceived this, they were greatly frightened, and when they also saw the army of Judas drawn up in the plain for battle, ²² they all fled into the land of the Philistines. ²³ Then Judas returned to plunder the camp, and they seized a great amount of gold and silver, and cloth dyed blue and sea purple, and great riches. ²⁴ On their return they sang hymns and praises to Heaven—"For he is good, for his mercy endures forever." ²⁵ Thus Israel had a great deliverance that day.

PSALM 114



¹ When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
² Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
³ The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.
⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Antiphon

⁵ Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
⁶ O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?
⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Antiphon

1 PETER 1: 22-25

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever." That word is the good news that was announced to you.

LUKE 24: 13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

COMING SOON!

Today—APRIL 14:

ACL Summit Meeting (at St. Martin's or on Zoom) ~ 2-3:30pm

Email Pastor Tim Anderson for more information: tca.balm@gmail.com

St. Martin's: 606 W 15th Street, Austin, TX 78701

Zoom—Meeting ID: 836 9401 1354 / passcode: 823102

APRIL 19-20:

Abiding Love Women's Retreat: Lead and EmpowHER

Visit bit.ly/empowHER2024 for more information, or email Leslie VanLeeuwen: leslie6123@gmail.com

APRIL 26-28:

Abiding Love Men's Service Retreat at Camp Chrysalis

Contact Craig Hohertz (craigrohertz@yahoo.com) or Dale Sump (dsump@sbcglobal.net) for more info

MAY 12:

Cantata: Jubilate Deo ~ 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Want to sing along? Contact Dr. Gus: gsterneman@abidinglove.org

MAY 15-16:

Everything is Sacred event with John Philip Newell

Visit eremos.org for tickets and information

More details about all of these events can be found in our weekly E-News. Not subscribed, yet? Email info@abidinglove.org to get your name on the list!

MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Emmaus — April 14, 2024

"Jesus Loves Me" — Kim Williams

"On The Road To Emmaus" — Jeff R. Steele © 2000

"Friend Of God" — Michael Gungor and Israel Houghton © 2003

"Come Christians Join To Sing" — Christian Henry Bateman

"Open Our Eyes, Lord" — Bob Cull © 1976

"In Christ Alone" — Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2001

"Don't Stop Praying" — Jeff Pardo and Matthew West

"The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving" — W.P. Sterneman III © 2023

"Open Our Eyes" — Bob Cull © 1976 Maranatha! Music and CCCM Music

"O Happy Day" — Phillip Dodderidge

"Traveling Mercies" — Billy Crockett © 1999

"Just A Closer Walk with Thee" — Lyndell Leatherman

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 or 512-892-4040

ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:45 am Faith Formation
9:45 am Confirmation (HS)
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion w/ Mixed Blessings
2:00 pm ACL Summit Mtg @ St. Martin's
2:00 pm Troop 44000 (AC)

MONDAY, APRIL 15

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)
7:00 pm Sarah Circle (Z)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:30 pm Western Oaks HOA (L)
7:00 pm Alanon (C)
7:00 pm Ministry Roundtable Mtg (Z)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:00 pm Children's Outreach Board (C)
6:00 pm Music Rehearsals
6:45 pm Children's Choir
7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal (MR & L)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

10:00 am Chapel (S)
10:00 am Quilters (UC, MS)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:00 pm Alanon (L)
6:30 pm Church Council Mtg (Z)
7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (Z)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

3:30 pm CC After School (L)
5:30 pm Women's Retreat (AC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 am Women's Retreat (AC)
9:30 am CC Staff Mtg (C)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Bread For All Sunday
8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:45 am Faith Formation
9:45 am Confirmation (HS)
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
5:30 pm NYG Getting Ready Mtg (HS)

For questions about the calendar, please visit our website: www.abidinglove.org or email: rroberts@abidinglove.org

SERVING

APRIL 14, 2024

Preaching and Presiding

Rev. Brad Highum

Acolyte

(8:30) Isaac Schroeder
(11:00) Brianna Carty

Altar Guild

(11:00) Sarah Enno, Anna Jones, & Nan Hatcher

Assisting Minister

(8:30) Margaret Dove
(11:00) Lacy Matejowsky

Children's Message

Tyler Parks

Communion Assistant

(8:30) Pat Dove
(11:00) Bill Hatcher

Lector

(8:30) Paul Mettke
(11:00) Sue Milam

Music

Gus Sterneman
Stephanie Morrison
Mixed Blessings
Children's Choir

Ushers

(8:30) Judy & Tom Tough
(11:00) Steve Essinger & Kurt Armstrong

Tech

Merritt Funk
Zee Zepeda
George Glaser
Greta Rymal



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ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Emmaus

The name rings with the sound of freedom down through the centuries. It is here that followers of Jesus make their way. As they walk, the talk over the whole of their experience with the one who was hope itself for the people; a hope now dashed in his death. But the risen Christ joins them in the journey, opening their minds to the greater reality of what God has accomplished, and the way that lies ahead.

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.

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