



APRIL 21, 2024

Faith and Doubt

PRELUDE	“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
CALL TO WORSHIP	“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
PROCLAMATION	
SONG OF CELEBRATION	“Come Thou Fount” ELW #807
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	“We Walk By Faith” ELW #635
PROFESSION OF FAITH	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
OFFERING PRAYER	
COMMUNION	“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW #471 “You Satisfy The Hungry Heart” ELW #484, v. 1, 3, 5
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BLESSING	
SENDING SONG	“Lead Me, Guide Me” ELW #768
MISSION AND PEACE	“Traveling Mercies”
POSTLUDE	“Rain Down”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, as we walk with you into new days, help our faith to grow and deepen. Guide us and teach us through our shared experience and the power of your Spirit to hold to our faith in you. **Amen.**

ISAIAH 12: 2-6

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

PSALM 146



¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Antiphon

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Antiphon

⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Antiphon

1 JOHN 1: 1-10

¹ We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

JOHN 20: 19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

COMING SOON!

APRIL 26-28:

Abiding Love Men's Service Retreat at Camp Chrysalis

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

MAY 12:

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

Join us for a celebration of the global aspects of the traditional Psalm 100 text, "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!" by setting it in seven different languages and musical styles, including Hebrew, Arabic, and Mandarin.

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!

ALTAR GUILD SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Altar Guild is in urgent need of a few volunteers to help with communion during worship, especially at the early service. It's not a difficult job, nor does it require any public speaking! All you need to do is watch the communion servers and hand them new trays whenever they run low.

If you would like to give this a try, please let Dr. Gus or Di Brophy know. Thanks!
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MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Faith and Doubt — April 21, 2024

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" — Cindy Berry
"Come Christians Join To Sing" — Christian Henry Bateman
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" — Mark Hayes
"The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving" — W.P. Sterneman III © 2023
"Traveling Mercies" — Billy Crockett © 1999
"Rain Down" — Mark Hayes

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 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 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)

MONDAY, APRIL 22

11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
5:00 pm Bread for All FP
6:00 pm Troop 555 (AC)
7:00 pm AA (HS Room)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
7:00 pm Alanon (C)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)
10:00 am Hannah Bible Study (C)
1:00 pm Sew Bees (UC/MS)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:00 pm Music Rehearsals
6:45 pm Children's Choir
7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal (MR & L)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

10:00 am Chapel (S)
10:00 am Quilters (UC, MS)
11:00 am Worship Planning Mtg (Z)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:00 pm Alanon (L)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Men's Service Retreat (Camp Chrysalis)
2:00 pm Private Event (AC)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Men's Service Retreat (Camp Chrysalis)
8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:45 am Faith Formation
9:45 am Confirmation (HS)
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
2:45 pm Brownie Troop 78737 (C)
4:00 pm OWLs (AC)
5:30 pm HS Youth Activity (HS)

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

SERVING

APRIL 21, 2024

Preaching and Presiding

Rev. Tim Anderson

Acolyte

(8:30) Mabry Roberts
(11:00) Isaac Schroeder

Altar Guild

(8:30) Nicole Gordon
(11:00) Sarah Enno & Barbara Tiedt

Assisting Minister

(8:30) Kurt Lowe

Children's Message

Tyler Parks

Communion Assistant

(8:30) Amelia Mettke
(11:00) Linda Corhan

Lector

(8:30) Paul Mettke
(11:00) Rosa Hatfield

Music

Gus Sterneman
Stephanie Morrison

Ushers

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

Tech

Zee Zepeda
George Glaser
Cathy Cox



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ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Faith and Doubt

"Unless I see, with my own eyes ..." The disciple Thomas' demand for concreteness in the midst of the fluid and changing world speaks to challenges of faith for us all. We are not called to be "doubt-free." Indeed, faith and doubt seem to walk hand-in-hand in our lives. The Risen Christ is calling Thomas, and all of us, beyond the narrow confines of certainty, to live as people of faith and the unlimited possibilities it opens on the path 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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