

This Week at Abiding Presence

Sunday, 21 April

8:30 - 9:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Breakfast	Gym
10:00 - 10:45 AM	New Member Orientation	Room 206
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Sunday School	Various
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Coffee @ The Courtyard	Haven for Hope
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Worship	Sanctuary
5:30 - 6:30 PM	AA Freedom Group	Gym Classroom

Monday, 22 April

9:00 - 9:45 AM	Coffee with the Pastors	APLC ZOOM 8884
7:00 - 8:00 PM	45th Anniversary Meeting	Room 206
7:15 - 8:15 PM	AA Freedom Group	Gym Classroom

Tuesday, 23 April

9:30 - 12:30 PM	LWR Quilters	Room 207
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00 - 7:00 PM	ACA Recovery Mtg	Gym Classroom
7:00 - 9:00 PM	Troop 90 Meeting	Gym

Wednesday, 24 April

5:30 - 6:45 PM	Wonderful Wednesday Pizza Dinner	Gym
6:00 - 6:45 PM	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Room 6B
6:00 - 6:45 PM	Chosen Bible Study	Room 201
6:00 - 6:45 PM	Parent Small Group	Gym Classroom
6:00 - 6:45 PM	Youth Handbells	Sanctuary
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Buzz Session	Youth Room
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Confirmation Class	Gym Classroom
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, 25 April

9:30 - 10:00 AM	Day School Fiesta Celebration	Big Playground
5:30 - 6:30 PM	CA - Recovery Mtg	Gym Classroom
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Volleyball Practice	Gym
6:30 - 8:00 PM	Bells of Praise Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:15 - 8:15 PM	AA Freedom Group	Gym Classroom

Friday, 26 April

8:00 - 9:00 AM	OA Recovery Mtg	Gym Classroom
7:15 - 8:15 PM	AA Freedom Group	Gym Classroom

Saturday, 27 April

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Day School Event	Gym
10:30 - 11:30 AM	AA Women's Mtg	Gym Classroom
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, 28 April

8:30 - 9:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Breakfast	Gym
10:00 - 10:45 AM	New Member Orientation	Room 206
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Sunday School	Various
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Worship	Sanctuary
5:30 - 6:30 PM	AA Freedom Group	Gym Classroom

TAKE HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of

Apr. 21-28, 2024

Welcome

We are glad you are worshipping today.

If you are visiting, Welcome! We'd love to know you are here and be able to be in touch - the Welcome Team in blue vests are here to assist you.

Breakfast is served in the gym on Sunday morning from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. You are invited to share a meal and fellowship around the tables. Free will offerings help defray costs.

All are welcome to receive communion. Those choosing not to receive the sacrament may come forward for a blessing and assurance of God's promises. Gluten free and individual communion cups are available.

Families and children of all ages are welcome in worship. Booster seats and activity bags filled with items to help little ones participate are located at the back of the sanctuary. A **nursery** is available for infants through age four during Sunday worship, Sunday School, and Wednesday evening.

Large print bulletins and **hearing assistance devices** are available. Ask a Welcome Team member.

Restrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary and in the office/nursery area.

Interested in membership with Abiding Presence? The next New Member Orientation will begin April 21, 2024 in Room 206. Contact the church office to learn more about this place of grace.

Calendar & Worship Support Schedule can also be found online at www.aplc.org - click on the "More" tab.

LIFE OF FAITH QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Share a photo of how you served someone this year and tag us on Facebook or Instagram with **#MyFaithStory**.



APLC's Life of Faith Initiative reminds us that every moment is an opportunity for ministry. Seek God and serve others beyond the church. Keep an eye out for examples of how to incorporate this initiative every day.

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Sunday
Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Breakfast 9:00 - 10:30 AM
Sunday School 10:00 - 10:45 AM

Saturday
Worship 5:30 PM

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

See a complete calendar at APLC.ORG

THIS WEEK

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sundays, April 21–May 5 | 10:00 - 10:45 am | Room 206
Our three-week new member series to learn about our church begins on Sunday. Contact the church office to let us know you are coming. Childcare is available.

COFFEE @ THE COURTYARD

Sunday, April 21 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm | Haven for Hope
Thank you for bringing cookies. If you want to join in this ministry of service meet the group at 1:00 in the kitchen. To learn more contact Nancy at nfroelichcpa@gmail.com.

MONDAY COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

Monday, April 22 | 9:00 am | Zoom ID: 2104948884
Join the pastors on Zoom for coffee and conversation about the previous worship experience, sermons, and future lessons.

COMING SOON

SPECIAL SERVICE FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY WEEKEND

May 4-5 | All Services | Sanctuary
Mark your calendars for a unique service of the Word led by Mike Ceyanes, our Minister of Youth, and our Minister of Music, Dr. Shelbie Simmons, as our pastors and delegates will be away at Synod Assembly.

AUDIO & VIDEO TRAINING

Sunday, May 5 | 10:00 - 10:30 am | Sanctuary
Behind every great ministry, there is a great AV team! Our AV team is a powerful service ministry that works behind the scenes to ensure that everything runs smoothly. If you are interested in joining this training or ministry, please contact Crystal at media@aplc.org for more details.

MEN'S CHORUS

Monday, May 6 | 7:00 - 7:30 pm | Choir Room
This group of male singers meets periodically to practice one song to share with the congregation the following Sunday. So, if you like to sing and don't want to come to a bunch of rehearsals...this is for you! Email Pastor Steve for more details at stevec@aplc.org.



PENTECOST WEEKEND — SAVE THE DATE

Pentecost, May 19 | 11 am Worship Service | Confirmation
Save the date! Confirmation will be held on May 19th. Stay tuned for more information.

MUSIC & DAY CAMP

June 10-14 | 9 am-2 pm | \$50 per child
Registration is now open for the Music & Day Camp for kids ages 6-12! At the end of the week-long camp, the young participants will showcase their talents for a performance of "The Tale of the Three Trees" on Friday, June 14. Scan the QR code to register.



VBS REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

July 8-12 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | No Cost
Great news! Vacation Bible School is on the way. Stay tuned for more details as they are released. Registration opens later this month. Be sure to spread the word to your friends!

IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ben Broido	Pat Gracey	Carol Ruder
Shelly Clemens	Daryl Johnson	Tracy & Taylor
Scott Fleming	Rochelle Leneave	Family of
Kristin G.	Luis Muñoz	Kevin Agin

To submit a prayer request, either visit our website or fill out a card found in the pew racks. Put the card in the prayer box in the narthex or give it to an usher. Names are included on the prayer list for four weeks. Notify our office of any ongoing prayer needs.

WHAT EXACTLY IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.



Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away-and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.



If you are experiencing a difficult time a Stephen Minister can provide confidential, Christian care. Scan the QR code to have a Stephen Minister reach out to you in your time of need.

WE HAVE FUNDED AN 8TH WELL!

Thank you for your generosity! Your donations and unwavering dedication to service have made it possible to fund an eighth well through Water to Thrive. Donations for a ninth well have already begun. Your generosity is transforming lives! Scan the QR code to see the locations of the wells APLC has funded since 2010.



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 2 | 10:00 - 10:45 am | Gym



During the semi-annual meeting, the congregation will hear about our progress throughout the year, vote on new council members, and review the 2024 budget.

WWW.APLC.ORG

Learn more about Abiding Presence. Sign up for coming events, calendar, online giving.



Join the conversation and follow our activities.

Breakfast is served in the gym each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:30. Come and share time around the tables getting to know other Abiding Presence families.

- April 21 – French Toast & Bacon
- April 28 – Biscuits, Gravy, Sausage
- May 05 – Breakfast Tacos
- May 12 – Eggs, Sausage, Toast



April 20-21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Worship

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Arr. Anna Laura Page

Shelbie Simmons, piano

Stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Look, here is water!

☑ **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

☐ Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

☐ Look, here is water!

☑ **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

☐ At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Look, here is water!

☑ **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn - ELW 853

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Verses 1-4.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

☒ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

☒ Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Sit

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading: Psalm 23

Pew Bible page 435

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

☒ Word of God, Word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

5:30 pm

Psalm 23

Bob Dufford

Refrain
Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his
arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart,
lead-ing them home. home, lead-ing them home.

8:30 & 11:00 am

How Majestic Is Your Name

Instrumental Ensemble

Michael W. Smith

/arr. Mark Kellner

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Pew Bible page 990

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Pew Bible page 872

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.
- ☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

- ☐ The gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Rev. Steve Cox, Senior Pastor

Want to dive deeper? Join the Pastors for coffee on Monday mornings via Zoom. 2104948884

Stand

Hymn of the Day - ELW 434

Jesus Shall Reign

Apostles' Creed

- ☐ Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- ☑ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

☒ Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Each petition ends:

☒ God of grace,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

☒ Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

☑ **Amen**

Sharing God's Peace

☒ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

*Greet one another with a sign of God's peace saying **Peace be with you** or similar words.*

Sit

Offering Message

Safely give online. Scan this QR Code



Offering Music

5:30 pm

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. John Ness Beck

Curist Ruder, soloist

8:30 am

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Shelbie Simmons, piano

11:00 am

A Jubilant Song

Allen Pote

Sanctuary Choir

Stand

Offertory Response

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

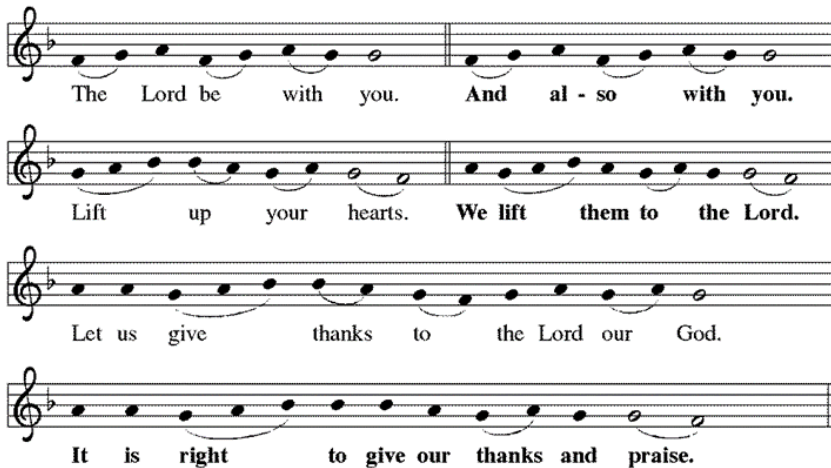
“Christ has triumphed He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 al - so with you.

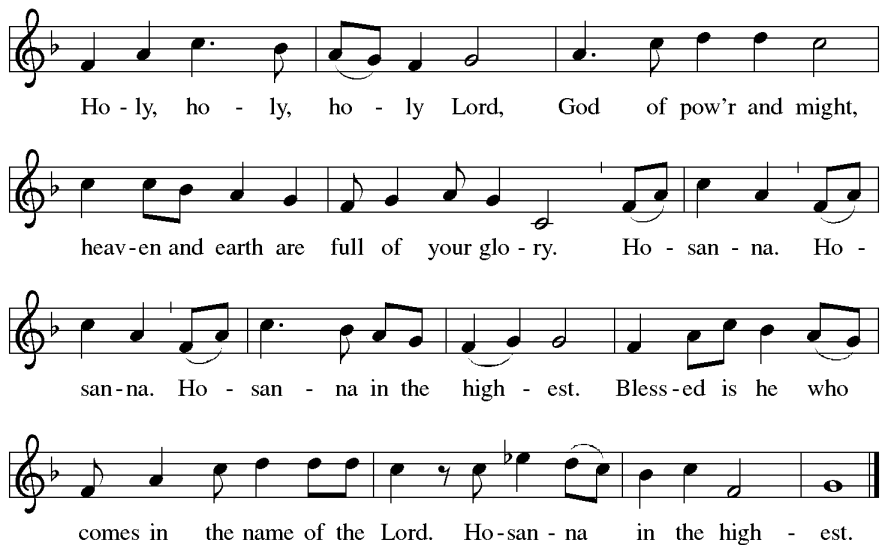
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☒ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age...

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ O God of resurrection and new life... Grace our table with your presence.

☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ Reveal yourself to us... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ ...we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Invitation to Communion

HOLY COMMUNION *Abiding Presence welcomes all to this communion table. Communion is received by intinction. Communicants receive the wafer and then dip it in the chalice or come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers and individual communion cups are also available.*



The CERAMIC chalices hold wine.
The CRYSTAL chalices hold grape juice.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Stand

Communion Blessing

☒ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

☑ Amen.

Prayer after Communion

☒ Let us pray: Shepherd 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.

Blessing

☒ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☑ Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

☒ The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✝ bless you now and always.

☑ Amen.

Sending Hymn - ELW 365

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Dismissal

☒ Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

☑ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Engelberg: We Know That Christ is Raised arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Shelbie Simmons, piano

Serving in Worship

<p>Assisting Minister Xavier Rodriguez Leni Kirkman Barb Williams</p> <p>Acolyte Hannah McLin Emmeline Moyer</p>	<p>Lector Matt Dillon Elly Henry Gary Hartman</p> <p>Altar Guild Loretta Beard Linda Menchaca, Becky Rodgers Donna Stewart, Hayden Stewart</p>	<p>Sound Crystal Coleman Mary Jo Bolster John Perry</p> <p>Video Jason Scarlett</p>
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We wish to thank APLC Instrumental Ensemble for leading us in worship this week.
Want to join the song? Contact Pastor Steve.



New at Abiding Presence?

We'd love to connect and help you find your way in this community of grace.
Send us a message and we'll be in touch.



Rev. Steven Cox, Senior Pastor
Dr. Shelbie Simmons, Minister of Music
Mike Ceyanes, Minister of Youth
Denise Barritt, Business Administrator
Charles Williams, Custodian

Rev. Heather Hansen, Associate Pastor
Angus McLeod, Sanctuary Choir Director
Frances Harrelson, Day School Director
Crystal Coleman, Multimedia Coordinator



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