

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

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Wine

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share your contact information with the greeter, if you would like a follow up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

Offering: The ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), through on-line bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

Holy Communion: We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward, or come forward at the end for the common cup. We offer either wine or juice and gluten-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. You are also welcome to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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WORDS FOR REFLECTION

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. We may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death. Even so, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship into witness.

PRELUDE

A Season of Hope (Prelude on SALZBURG)

Jakob Hintze
arr. Kevin Keil

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Together in community, let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Sustainer, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry **ELW 876**



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, “Glo - ry to the Lord on high!”
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, “Praise to our al - might - y king!”
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, “The Lord is good and great!”
 “Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!”

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt. Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, adapt.

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

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, and rich - es,
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, and hon - or,



wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, and bless - ing, and glo - ry are
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A -



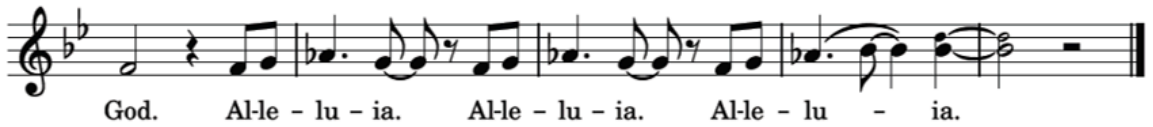
his. This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le -
men.



- lu - ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



- gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our



P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Good Lord God,

C **teach us to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 21:8–21

After Isaac's birth, Sarah demands that Abraham send Hagar and her son, Ishmael, away. Abraham is distressed because he is Ishmael's father. Sarah wants to ensure that her son, Isaac, will be the one to inherit God's blessing. God, however, hears Hagar's cry and promises to also make of Ishmael a great nation.

L A reading from Genesis.

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of

his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to

Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of

the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17

The Psalm will be read responsively, by verse.

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 **Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who trusts in you.**
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 **Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

**6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.

**8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.**

9 All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your name.

**10 For you are great; you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.**

16 Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

**17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may
see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b–11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

L A reading from Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the

glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we

died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also

must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, if you are able.

THE 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.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve: “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;

rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his

father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

Silence for reflection follows. All stand and sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, My Faithful God **ELW 806**



1	O	God, my	faith - ful	God,	true	foun-tain	ev - er	flow - ing,
2	Give	me	the	strength	to	do	with	read - y
3	Keep	me	from	say - ing	words	that	lat - er	need
4	When	dan - gers	gath - er	round,	oh,	keep	me	calm
						and		fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

Please be seated.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for our sibling, Ash, one with us in the body of Christ, who is today making public affirmation of their baptism.

A I present Ash Capra, who desires to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The affirmand will offer a brief witness to the reasons for their decision to affirm their baptism within this congregation.

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this sibling in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

***C* Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***C* I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

***C* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***C* 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***C* 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.**

AFFIRMATION

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support this sibling and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Ash the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LITANY OF BLESSING

P Receive the ☩ sign of the cross, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you.

C **Praise to you, O Christ, the wisdom and power of God.**

The pastor makes the sign of the cross while proclaiming the litany of blessing

P Receive the ☩ cross on your ears, that you may hear the gospel of Christ, the word of life.

Receive the ☩ cross on your eyes, that you may see the light of Christ illumining your way.

Receive the ☩ cross on your lips, that you may sing the praise of Christ.

Receive the ☩ cross on your heart, that God may dwell within you by faith.

Receive the ☩ cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.

Receive the ☩ cross on your hands, that God's mercy may be known in your work.

Receive the ☩ cross on your feet, that you may follow in the way of Christ.

A Let us rejoice with our sibling in Christ.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Love
Words and music by Faisal Abdi Salah

Aaron Hyndman, tenor

Please stand, if able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have lived the faithful life as both sinners and saints claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Life-giving God, you have called your people to be fearless in living our lives following the example of Jesus. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not always shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Donna, Jeanne, Valeriy, Linda, Mark, John, Karen & Ken, David, Charles, Alia, Aimee, Lydia, Dean, and April. (*Pause to allow additional prayers to be offered.*) We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Trusting that you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

A LITANY FOR FATHERHOOD*

P O God, today and every day we thank you for all of the fathers in our lives. For birth fathers and adoptive fathers, for step-fathers and grandfathers, for uncles, cousins, teachers, coaches, and friends. We thank you for the men who teach, mentor, and guide children and stand as reliable sources of love and support.

C We celebrate those who give of themselves so that others can grow and thrive.

P We celebrate those who patiently share their wisdom.

C We celebrate those who lovingly listen to our dreams.

P We celebrate those whose strength keeps others safe.

C We celebrate those who model the strength of vulnerability.

Silent Prayer

P Abba God, wrap your loving arms around those for whom this day brings pain or deep yearning.

C Those who long for children and whose longing goes unanswered.

P Those who mourn children who have died or disappeared, or are imprisoned, separated, or estranged.

C Those who have lost fathers in the shadows of forgotten memories or in death itself.

Silent prayer

P God of Love, we weep with you over our own failures in fathering, and we pray to share your compassion for the deep pain of those who have suffered these failures.

C For the fathers who are refugees and for fathers everywhere who are struggling to feed and protect their children.

** adapted by Pastor Serena Rice from the Litany for Motherhood by the Rev. Julie Sheetz-Willard.*

P For fathers who wrestle demons of addiction, or mental illness, or failing health, or memories of trauma.

***C* For child fathers who need nurture and support as much as their babies do.**

P For fathers who bear all of the responsibility alone, and for those who wish they were a bigger part of their children's lives.

***C* For fathers whose children are sick or always in danger.**

P For fathers who feel powerless to connect with their children, near or far.

***C* For all who have a longing deep within, to do the right thing and to be good fathers.**

Silent prayer

P May we live in such a way as to be advocates for that longing.

***C* Help us raise the little boys and young men among us into strong men of God, so that in them the world may see the self-giving love with which you have loved us since the beginning.**

P Your good fathering of us—of all your children—never ends.

***C* You never stop holding out for the best in us. You never grow weary in offering new possibility, never despair over our failure to trust. You are always there—guiding, encouraging, comforting, calling—and never, ever, giving up.**

P With thankful hearts we pray.

***C* In Christ's name, Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***C* And also with you.**

The Ministers and People share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshipping God through the giving of our financial resources, in recognition and thanksgiving that all we have comes from God.

P Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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CHOIR ANTHEM

Alleluia! Jesus Says, The Spirit of the Lord

Benjamin Schroeder

Text: John 15:26, 27

All stand, as able, and sing.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the



dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of-fer now.



Grace our ta - ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a

fore-taste, give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

A Loving God,

C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us to trust your provision and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. *C:* And al - so with you. *P:* Lift up your

hearts. *C:* We lift them to the Lord. *P:* Let us give _____ thanks to the

Lord our God. *C:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of

might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. (Ho - san - na...) Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. (...in the high - est.)

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night when he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Unite us in your Spirit as we pray:

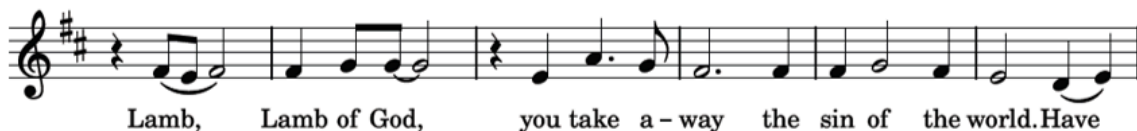
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

P Heaven has come near.

C We come to share in the holy feast!

You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please observe distancing at the rail, hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.



Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have



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mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



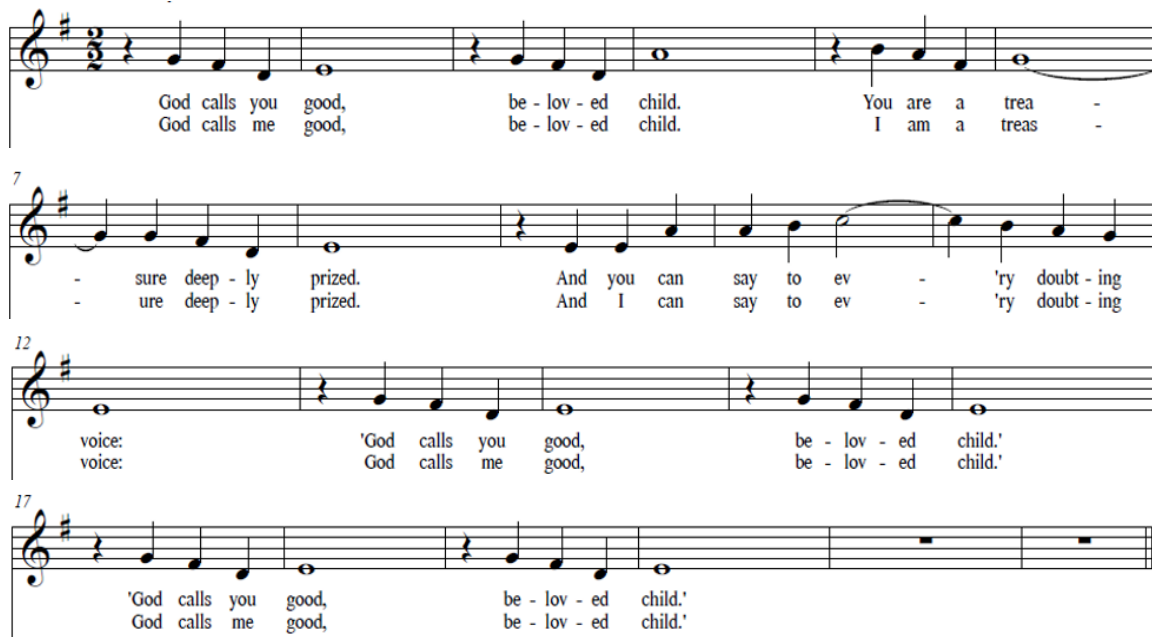
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sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

God Calls You Good SftHO p. 19



God calls you good, be - lov - ed child. You are a trea -
 God calls me good, be - lov - ed child. I am a treas -

7
 - sure deep - ly prized. And you can say to ev - 'ry doubt - ing
 - ure deep - ly prized. And I can say to ev - 'ry doubt - ing

12
 voice: 'God calls you good, be - lov - ed child.'
 voice: God calls me good, be - lov - ed child.'

17
 'God calls you good, be - lov - ed child.'
 God calls me good, be - lov - ed child.'

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Stand, if you are able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Compassionate God,

C through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us through this holy meal, so that we may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise:

Tell ev'-ry-one what God has done! Let all who seek the Lord re -
 -joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us with your
 prom-is-es, and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-
 -giv - ing. A-men, al-le-lu - ia! A-men, al-le-lu - ia!

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

P May the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Be Bold, Be Strong **W&P 15**

All stand, as able, and sing.

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with

you. Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with
 you. Do not be a - fraid, do not be dis - mayed.
 Walk in faith and vic - to - ry,
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 - to - ry, for the Lord your God is with you.

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DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praise band



Next Week's Lessons:

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Serving in Worship		
	Today, 6/21	Next Week, 6/28
Altar Guild	Demetria Laird	Demetria Laird
Counter	Sandy Carlson	Howard Corneilson
Assistant Minister	Sue Stirrat	Maria Jerez
Lector	Doug Laird	Evelyn Jorgensen
Communion Assist.	Mary Kasakove	Mary Kasakove
Usher/Greeter	Sandy Carlson	Sandy Carlson
Acolyte	Sibylle Schroeder	Mary Kasakove
Soloist	Maria Jerez	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Nick Senior	Tyler Rice

OFFICE HOURS**Pastor Serena:** Wednesday, 6/24 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. On vacation 6/25 - 7/9.**Catherine:** Thursday, 6/25 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m**Emergency Pastoral Coverage:** While Pastor Serena is away, emergency pastoral coverage will be provided by Pr. Karol Van Wulfen: (908) 689-1976.**Keep These Friends in Your Prayers:** Those who are sick or in need: Joshua Olsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginetz, Linda Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore, David Breault, Charles Wetzal, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, Leslie Picinich, Hailey Ochs Plante, Kate Draven, Dawn Huber, Heinz, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Shariff Stewart, Lisa Wolper, Maxine Wolper, Samy Dawood, David Laird, Peter Jensen, Joan Lewis, Jose, Brian Henkel, Mary Beth Mueller, Joseph DeSantis, Jenn DiDino, Nancy Tullo, Sue Corneilson, Mary & Gene Kasakove, Barb Phinney, Sarah Laird, Judy Wayman, Willey Langley, Courtney & Austin Eddington, Carol Schenck, Gray Lerner, Serena Rice, the Bevill Family and Teddy Favret.

Those in mourning: Those mourning Jean (Moore) Milstead, the loved ones of Judith Evans (Pastor Serena's aunt), Evelyn Jorgensen and family mourning the loss of her half-brother, Rüdiger; Ellen Lewis and family mourning the loss of Mike Lewis; The Persson Family on the loss of Kayla; Those mourning Dan Filin (partner of Pastor Serena's mom); The family of Dawn Parks; The loved ones of Carole Ernstrom; Those mourning Maria's mother, Juanita; The friends and family of Kenneth Johanson; The friends and family of the Benoit family who suddenly lost their daughter. The family and friends of Judy Day. The family of Tom Reed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church office hours:** During the Summer, Pastor Serena will generally hold office hours on Wednesday afternoon/evenings, Thursday mornings, and Sundays. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means on other days (Saturday is her day off). Our office administrator, Catherine, is in the office on Thursday mornings, unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.

- **Food Pantry Needs for June:** Cereal, canned soup, pasta sauce, Parmalat milk, fruit, juice, hot-dogs & buns, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, crackers, cake mixes, gluten free pasta.

- **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested send an email to Erin Porter with your dedication and date you want the flowers on the Altar and send your check to the church.

- **Interested in hosting a coffee hour?** Not hard. Just bring some store bought baked goods. Coffee is already prepared ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Questions: Call Demetria Laird at 973-398-9614.

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This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, June 21:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Strawberry Sunday
- Happy Father's Day

Monday, June 22:

Tuesday, June 23:

Wednesday, June 24:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Pride Mount Olive Planning Team de-brief, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, June 25:

Friday, June 26:

Saturday, June 27:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.
- Newsletter deadline

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, June 28:

- Hymn Sign Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Fellowship Hour

Monday, June 29:

Tuesday, June 30:

Wednesday, July 1:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 2:

Friday, July 3:

Saturday, July 4:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 7th, 10:00 - Faith Kitchen

For all live-streamed services, click (or type) the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/AbidingPeaceChurch/live>