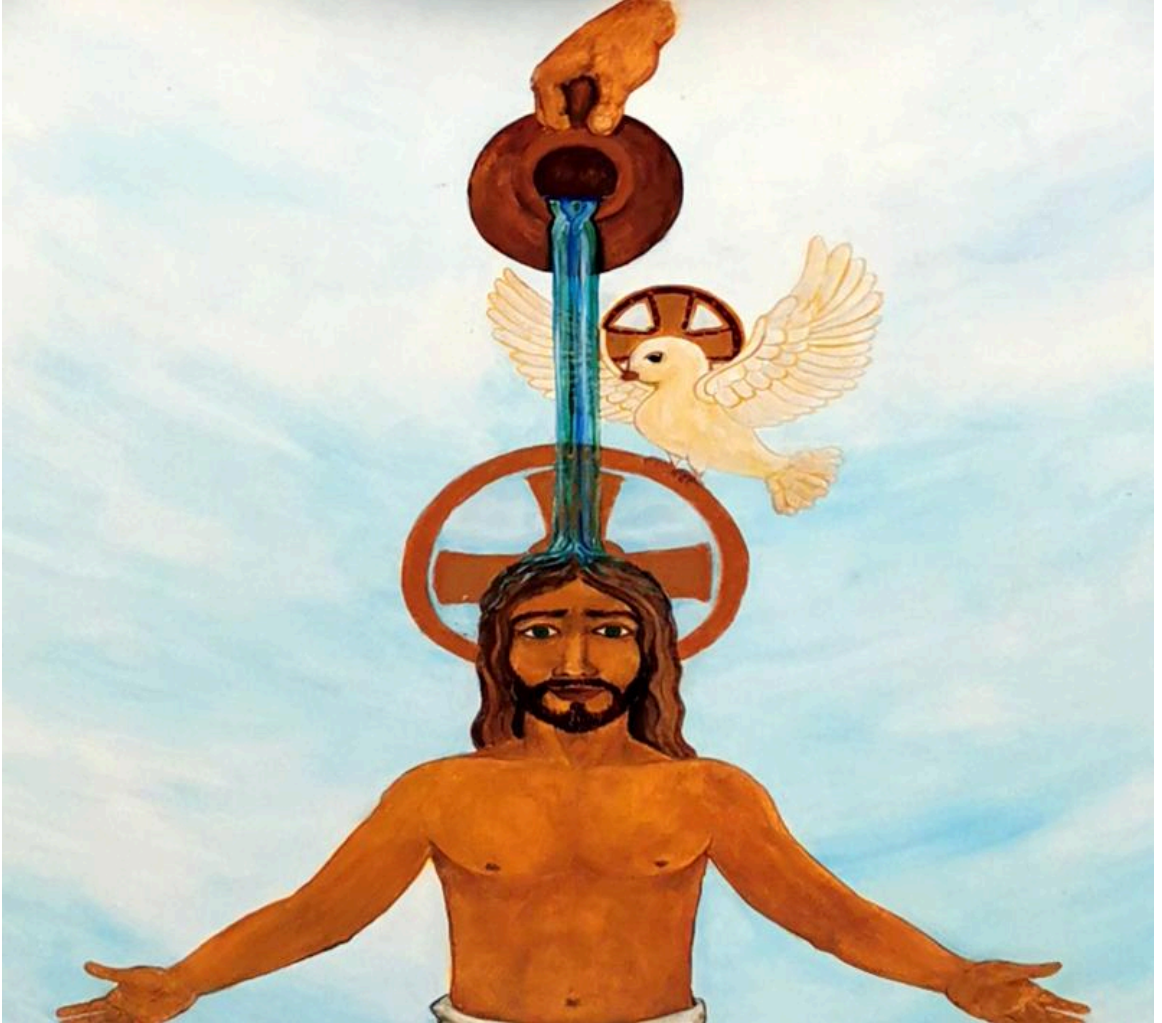


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The Holy Trinity

May 31, 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

Although the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

PRELUDE

Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Holy God, We Praise Your Name ELW 414



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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.**

KYRIE

All sing, as able.



Leader
 In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Cong.
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va - tion,
 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For this
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and
-cy.

praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

Help, save, com-fort, and de - fend us, gra-cious
mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord. A - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

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

God. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

C **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so.

The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed

them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humans in God’s image, in the image of God, God created them; male and female God created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and

over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 8

The Psalm will be read responsively, by verse.

- 1 O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- 2 **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths
of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the
foe and avenger.**
- 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 4 **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**
- 5 Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them
- 6 **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
- 7 all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field
- 8 **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
- 9 O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11—13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

L A reading from Second Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. | with one another; live in peace; and the
Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree | God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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 28:16—20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter:
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of

the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

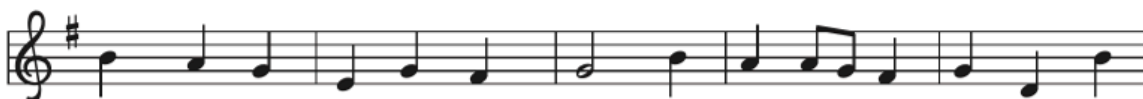
Silence for reflection follows. All stand and sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Play of the Godhead ACS 946



1 The play of the God-head, the Trin - i - ty's dance, em - brac-es the
2 The warm mists of sum - mer, cool wa-ters that flow, turn crys-tal as
3 In God's gra - cious im - age of co - e - qual parts, we gath-er as



earth in a sa - cred ro - mance, with God the Cre - a - tor, and
ice when the win - try winds blow. The tap - root that nur-tures, the
danc - ers, u - nit - ing our hearts. In tune with the mu - sic of



Christ the true Son, en - twined with the Spir - it, a web dai - ly
shoot grow - ing free, the life - giv - ing fruit, full and ripe on the
all liv - ing things, we join in the round of bright na - ture that



spun in span-gles of mys - t'ry, the great Three - in - One.
tree: more mys - tic and won - drous, the great One - in - Three.
rings with rap - ture and rhy - thm: cre - a - tion now sings!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: PERICHORESIS, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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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 Holy God, we give thanks for all who have been welcomed into the relational love of your nature. Strengthen us to live also in communion with you. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Empowering God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue to work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and celebrates the beautiful diversity of all the spectrums in nature that you have designed. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. As we prepare to vote in primary elections this week, guide us with wisdom to learn about the candidates and to carefully weigh our decisions in light of their impact on our most vulnerable neighbors. Teach our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship, We pray especially for those who mourn and for all on our prayer list, including Charles, Leslie, Hailey, Kate, Dawn, Heinz, Ellen, Vicki, Carol, Shariff, Lisa, Maxine, Samy, David, Peter, and Joan. *(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 receive our prayer.

A Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

C receive 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.**

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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OFFERTORY

One Bread, One Body

John Foley

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. Gath-er the hopes and the

venmo

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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.



add optional alto

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

add optional descant

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

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth ELW 735

1 Moth-er-ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth-er-ing Christ, you took my form, of-fer-ing
 3 Moth-er-ing Spir-it, nur-t'ring one, in arms of

morn-ing of this world. Cre-a-tor, source of ev-'ry
 me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
 pa-tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and

breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver-y bod-y for my peace.
 grow un-til I flow'r, un-til I know.

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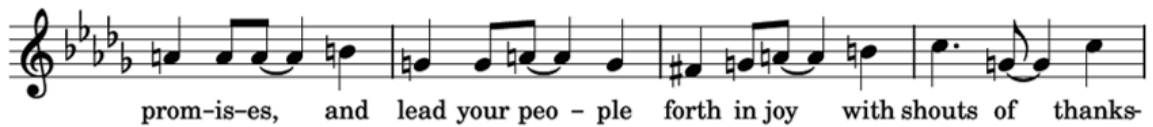
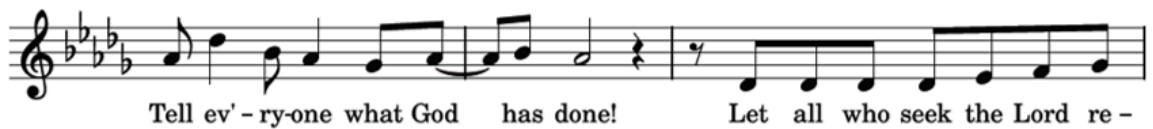
Stand, if you are able.

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.**



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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! **ELW 413**

All stand, as able, and sing.



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on NICAEA John B. Dykes



Erin is a classically trained soprano, music teacher, and the front person and ukulele player for punk band “Your Best Nightmare.” Erin is also a beloved friend of this congregation having served with enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment as the church administrator in 2024–2025.

Next Week’s Lessons:

- Genesis 12:1-9
- Psalms 33:1-12
- Romans 4:13-25
- Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Serving in Worship		
	Today, 5/31	Next Week, 6/7
Altar Guild	Sibylle Schroeder	Demetria Laird
Counter	Anna Santino	Ursula Schroeder
Assistant Minister	Demetria Laird	Sandy Carlson
Lector	Roy Persson	Mary Kasaokove
Communion Assist.	Howard Corneilson	Sibylle Schroeder
Usher/Greeter	Doug Laird	Cindy Pawlo
Acolyte	Mary Kasakove	Doug Laird
Soloist	Sibylle Schroeder	Linda Langsam
Livestream Assistant	Ray Mueller	Tyler Rice

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Serena: Wed, 6/3 3:30-9:00 p.m. Thurs 6/4 : 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sun, 6/7 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Catherine: Thursday 6/3 : 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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 Braginets, Jennifer 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, and Gray Lerner .

Those in mourning: The loved ones of Judith Evans (Pastor Serena's aunt), Evelyn Jorgensen and family mourning the lost 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.

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.

ART, MUSIC, AND LITURGY

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Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, May 31:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Sunday School
- Lament & Hope Gathering, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 1:

- Worship & Music Committee, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, June 2:

- Faith Kitchen, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 4:

Friday, June 5:

Saturday, June 6:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, June 7:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Pride Party, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. @ Turkey Brook Park (12:00 for volunteers)

Monday, June 8:

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Tuesday, June 9:

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Wednesday, June 10:

- Unfinished Objects Gathering, 2:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- New Members Class, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 11:

Friday, June 12:

Saturday, June 13:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. - NW Cluster Congregational Picnic

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

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