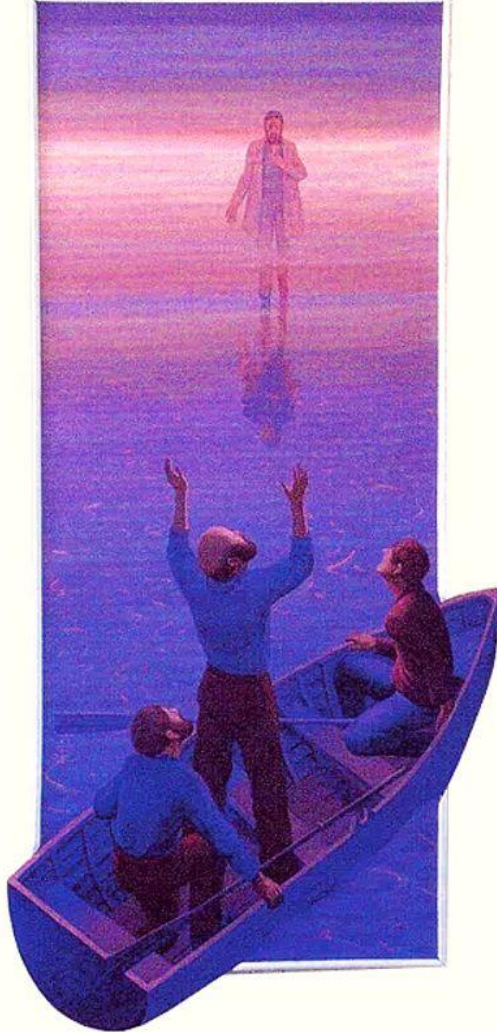


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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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

When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Music from *The Sacred Harp*
arr. Phillip Keveren

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 to God all that separates us from love.

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

You Are My Hiding Place **W&P 160**

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a first ending bracket labeled '1*'. The lyrics are: 'You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When - ev - er I am a -'.

The second staff begins with a second ending bracket labeled '2'. The lyrics are: 'fraid I will trust in you, I will trust in you.'

The third staff begins with a 'To repeat' bracket. The lyrics are: 'Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."'.

The fourth staff begins with a 'Last time' bracket. The lyrics are: 'strength of the Lord, I will trust in you.'

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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



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. O God our defender,

C **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, 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 37:2b–4, 12–28

Jacob (Israel) settled in Canaan with his family and grew prosperous. But Jacob's clear preference for Joseph caused enmity between him and the sons of his father's three other wives, and his jealous brothers plotted his destruction. They planned to kill him, but Reuben argued for his life, so instead he was sold into slavery.

L A reading from Genesis.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And

Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard

them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’ ” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they

took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

THE PSALM

Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b

The Psalm will be read responsively, by verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name;
 make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.
- 2 **Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
 and speak of all God’s marvelous works**
- 3 Glory in God’s holy name;
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

- 4 Search for the strength of the Lord;
continually seek God's face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**
- 16 Then God called for a famine in the land
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 The Lord sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters;
his neck they put in an iron collar
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass,
the word of the Lord tested him.**
- 20 The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free,
- 21 setting him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,**
- 22, 45 to instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 10:5–15

Paul teaches that a right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

L A reading from Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the	person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that
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comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is

no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22–33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song **ELW 763**



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

A With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A God our help, we give you thanks for the diversity and humanity of the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journeys until one day we join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God our advocate, we pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned, your message twisted, or your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God our creator, we pray for this world born from your word, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate, including the wild fires in Washington this week. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God our wisdom, we pray for leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God our hope, we pray for all who struggle amid the storms of life, that your loving presence brings them peace and hope. Comfort any who are lonely or grieving and all who suffer. We especially intercede for all on our prayer list, including Linda, Mark, John, Karen & Ken, David, Charles, Patricia, Alia, Aimee, Lydia, Dean, April, Bella, Bodhi, and Barbara. (*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. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God our vision & guide, we pray for this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, ministry leaders, and all church members with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 worshiping 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

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry
arr. Marcia Wells



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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

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:

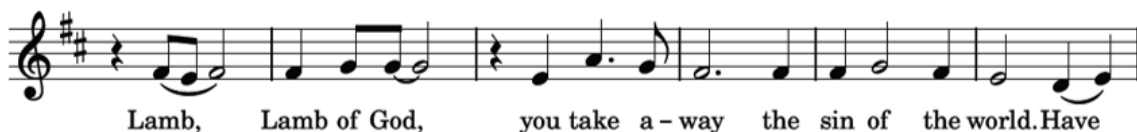
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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



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

Nothing Can Trouble ACS 1033

Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community

Music: NADA TE TURBE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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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 O God, Our Help in Ages Past, (vs. 1–4, 6) **ELW 632**

All stand, as able, and sing.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns George Job Elvey
arr. Phillip Keveren



Lizzie Fuscaldo is a passionate life-long pianist. She studied under Helene Friedlander of Port Murray, NJ, and obtained a minor in Music from the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College where she studied under Dr. Jocelyn Swigger.

(Add flower dedication, if any.)

Next Week’s Lessons:

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

Serving in Worship		
	Today, 8/9	Next Week, 8/16
Altar Guild	Sandy Carlson	Sandy Carlson
Counter	George Pawlo	Nita Persson
Assistant Minister	Sue Stirrat	Maria Jerez
Lector	Demetria Laird	Evelyn Jorgenson
Communion Assist.	Mary Kasakove	Cindy Pawlo
Usher/Greeter	Doug Laird	Mary Kasakove
Acolyte	Howard Corneilson	Sandy Carlson
Soloist	Maria Jerez	Howard Corneilson
Livestream Assistant	Nick Senior	Tyler Rice

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Serena: Wednesday, August 12, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Sunday August 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Catherine: Thursday, August 13 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Prayers for those expecting babies: Anna Santino & Nick Senior, and Rachael Marlow & Aaron Hyndman.

Prayers of 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 Braginet, Linda Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore, David Breault, Charles Wetzell, 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, Brian Henkel, 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, Teddy Favret, Kendal Ehrke, Sunanda (Elizabeth) Maddela and Pam Truax.

Those in mourning: For Raymond Furman, Jr (Casey's father); those mourning Jean (Moore) Milstead; All those surrounding the Benoit family who suddenly lost their daughter; The family and friends of Judy Day; The family of Tom Reed; 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 Ernststrom; Those mourning Maria's mother, Juanita; The friends and family of Kenneth Johanson.

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 August:** 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 Catherine (aplcbuddlake@gmail.com) with your dedication and date you want the flowers on the Altar and send your check or Venmo payment (with explanatory note) 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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This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, August 9:

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

Monday, August 10:

- Worship & Music Committee via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 11:

- Blood Drive, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 13:

- Unfinished Objects Gathering - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, August 14:

Saturday, August 15:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, August 16:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- LOVE banner project - 11:30 a.m.
- Giant Church Picnic @ Crossroads, 2:00-6:30pm

Monday, August 17:

Tuesday, August 18:

- Council Meeting - 7:15 p.m. - 9:-- p.m.

Wednesday, August 19:

- Senior's Gathering: movie: 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 20:

Friday, August 21:

Saturday, August 22:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 23, 11:00 a.m. – Ministry Opportunities Coffee Hour

Sunday, August 30, 11:00 a.m. - Congregational Meeting

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

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