

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

305-311 Route 46, Budd Lake, NJ 07828

973-691-9393 • www.abidingpeacechurch.org

Serena Rice, *pastor* • Benjamin Schroeder, *music director*



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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.

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

305-311 Route 46, Budd Lake, NJ 07828
973-691-9393 • www.abidingpeacechurch.org
Serena Rice, *pastor* • Benjamin Schroeder, *music director*

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God and regarding what faithfulness looks like. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

PRELUDE

Prelude on TE OFRECEMOS

Nicaraguan folk tune
arr. Benjamin Schroeder

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

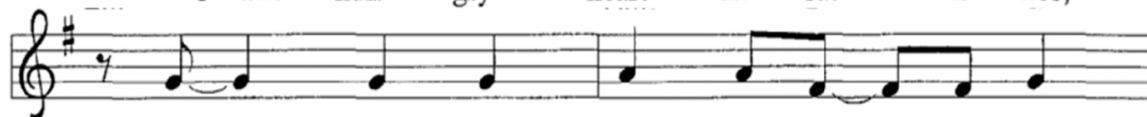
C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing **ELW 531**



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing,
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things;
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies,



the feast is read - y to be - gin.
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
of - fers the poor his par - a - dise.



The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
He'll fill you all up with love di - vine;
Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

Refrain



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read-y to be-gin.

Text and music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950 Text and music © 1989 Make Way Music, admin. Music Services in the Western Hemisphere All worship hymns are reprinted under One License.net #A-700457 and CCLI #2840035

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. God of love and giver of life,

C **you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, 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

Exodus 17:1–7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the Lord among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.

L A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 78:1–4, 12–16

The Psalm will be read responsively, by verse.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—**
- 3 that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds
and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works God has done.**
- 12 God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,
- 13 splitting open the sea and letting them pass through;
making the waters stand up like walls;**
- 14 leading them with a cloud by day,
and all the night with a glow of fire;
- 15 splitting the rocks in the wilderness
and giving them drink as from the deep;**
- 16 bringing streams out of a rock,
making them flow down like a river.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1–13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

L A reading from Philippians.

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other.

Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for

others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the

earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes.

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 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who see themselves as the gatekeepers of the temple.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter:

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

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 Master, Let Me Walk with You ELW 818



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898.

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 Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A Eternal God, your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve for those whose loss leaves a hole in our lives, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Self-Giving God, you set us an example of humility and we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and give us the bravery to name difficult truths for the sake of repentance and healing. Show all your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creator God, you call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy and righteous God, all authority in heaven and on earth comes from you. Inspire all in positions that borrow such authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Caretaking God, you comfort all who come before you in fear and trembling, relying on your grace. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need. Grant us your salvation. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Joseph, Jenn, Nancy, Sue, Mary & Gene, Barb, Willey, Courtney & Austin, Carol, Gray, Serena, the Bevill Family, and Teddy. *(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. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Wise and Guiding God, your church is called to do your work. Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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.

Abiding Peace
@Abiding-Peace-BuddLake



venmo

OFFERTORY

Sarabande
from Suite No. 6 in G Minor (Vol. 2)

George Frideric Handel

All stand, as able, and sing.



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 God of creation,
C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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 Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus 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."

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

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God who gives yourself for us: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

C Come, Christ Jesus.

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Unite us in your Spirit as we pray:

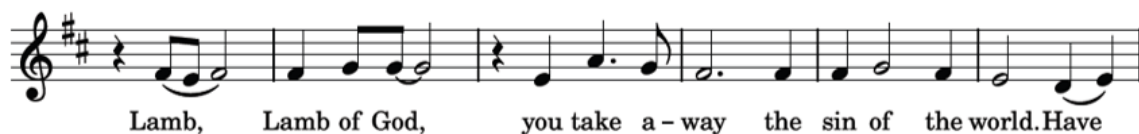
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

Please be seated.

P Christ invites you to this table.

C All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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.



COMMUNION HYMN

Now We Offer **WOV 761**





1 As the fields of wheat now grow - ing will be - come a ho - ly sign,
 2 Like the grape put in the cel - lar, there to change in - to the wine,
 3 In these gifts we see our one - ness through - out cit - y and the field,
 4 All your peo - ple who are yearn - ing for the free - dom still a - head
 5 We sing glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to Christ who lives a - bove,



Refrain

so shall we re - veal you, Je - sus, that in us you now may shine.
 all the poor on earth who suf - fer shed their sor - rows in this sign.
 and we find a life of so - lace where the scars of strife are healed.
 of - fer fruits of your cre - a - tion in these gifts of wine and bread.
 and we praise the Ho - ly Spir - it for the gift to us of love.

Text: Misa popular nicaragüense, tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921 - 2001. Music TE OFRECEMOS, Nicaraguan folk tune. Tr. © 1989 Lutheran World Federation.

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 Sustaining God,

C **with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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 The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Strengthen for Service, Lord **ELW 497**

All stand, as able, and sing.

1 Streng-then for ser-vice, Lord, the hands that ho-ly
2 The tongues that sang your ho-ly name now purge of
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev-er

things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished

word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

Text: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. composite. Music BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962. Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Delirium

Felix Mendelssohn



Michael has been playing the piano since he was 7 years old and Ben has been his instructor for the last several years. He plays piano and percussion in various school bands. Michael is currently in the Honors Wind Symphony at school and recently played the marimba in the New Jersey Region and All State Bands.

Next Week's Lessons:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Matthew 21:33-46

Serving in Worship		
	Today, 9/27	Next Week, 10/4
Altar Guild	Cindy Pawlo	Sibylle Schroeder
Counter	Nita Persson	Ursula Schroeder
Assistant Minister	Maria Jerez	Mary Kasakove
Lector	Doug Laird	Demetria Laird
Communion Assist.	George Pawlo	Mary Kasakove
Usher/Greeter	Mary Kasakove	Cindy Pawlo
Acolyte	Sandy Carlson	Doug Laird
Soloist	Howard Corneilson	Sibylle Schroeder
Livestream Assistant	Ray Mueller	Ray Mueller

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Serena: Wednesday, Sept. 30, 3:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 1, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday Oct. 4, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Catherine: Thursday, Oct. 1, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers:

Prayers for those experiencing illness or hardship: Joshua Olsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy & Gary Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginets, Linda Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore, David Breault, Charles Wetzel, 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, Willey Langley, Courtney & Austin Eddington, Carol Schenck, Gray Lerner, Serena Rice, the Bevill Family, Teddy Favret, Kendal Ehrke, Sunanda (Elizabeth) Maddela, Pam Truax, Kendal Van Doran, Susan Desimone, Scott Paranello, Rosemarie Keenan, Aaron Melling, Amanda & Bruce, Bob Taylor, Jennifer Kahler, and the Mohr Family.

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 Ernstrom; Those mourning Maria's mother, Juanita; The friends and family of Kenneth Johanson.

Prayers for new and expectant parents: Ann & Tyler Schiess (son Liam), Ann Santino & Nick Senior (son Raymond), Rachel Marlowe & Aaron Hyndman, and Sarah Laird & Judy Wayman.

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 October:** 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

Art: Photo by Alex Shute on Unsplash

https://unsplash.com/@faithgiant?utm_source=unsplash&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=creditCopyText>Alex Shute on

https://unsplash.com/photos/a-picture-of-a-picture-of-a-picture-of-a-picture-of-a-FoWuMvTDg5E?utm_source=unsplash&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=creditCopyText>Unsplash

Music: Unless otherwise noted, music is reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-700457 and CCLI #2840035. Liturgical music: *Festival of Joy* by Benjamin Schroeder © 2022 Benjamin Schroeder. Used by permission.

Liturgy: Liturgy reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress under License #14239-LIT.

This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, September 27:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Forum: Revised ELCA Sexuality Statement Part 2, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Monday, September 28:

Tuesday, September 29:

Wednesday, September 30:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 1:

Friday, October 2:

Saturday, October 3:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, October 4:

- Blessing of the Animals Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Sunday School, mid-worship
- Fellowship Time

Monday, October 5:

Tuesday, October 6:

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

Wednesday, October 7:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8:

Friday, October 9:

Saturday, October 10:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Oct. 11 - Loving Dialogue on Christian Nationalism: 11:45 a.m.

Sunday Oct. 25 - Reformation Lunch & Faire: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

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