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Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

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 their contact information with the usher if they 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), online 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 allergen-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

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE

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Christoph Graupner

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 In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

- C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer to pursue temporary satisfaction and selfish ends. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- P Beloved church, you belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of \oplus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW 505

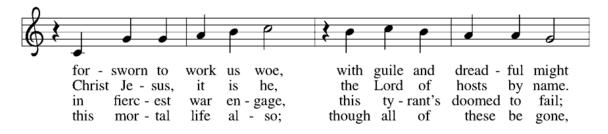


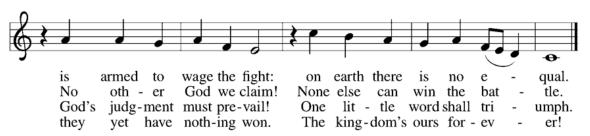
- 1 A migh ty for tress is our God, a bul wark nev er 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
- 3 Though all the world with dev ils fill and threat en to de -
- 4 God's Word shall stand a bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-





mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. one of God's own choos - ing. can - not o - ver - pow'r us. God with us is liv - ing. For still our an-cient foe,
You ask who this may be:
Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
Let goods and kin-dred go,





Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890, alt.

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483-1546

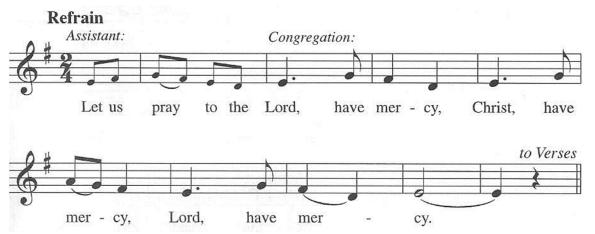
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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace...



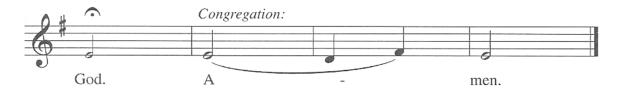
Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . .

to Refrain

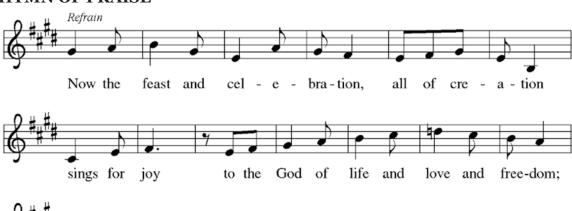
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word. . .

to Refrain





HYMN OF PRAISE



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more!

praise and glo-ry for -



- *P* The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- *P* Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord,
- C we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

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

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

L A reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on

their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 46

The Psalm will be spoken responsively, by verse.

- God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

- 3 though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- 6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

L A reading from Romans.

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

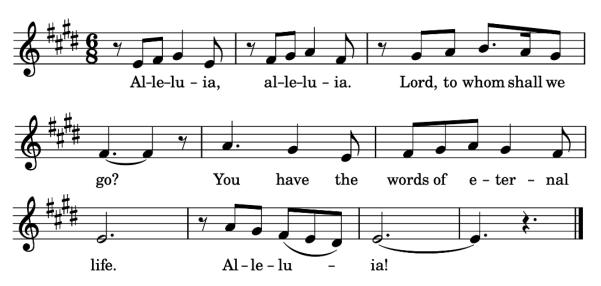
But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he

had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own right-eousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL John 8:31–36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin: the truth of trust in God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them,

"Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

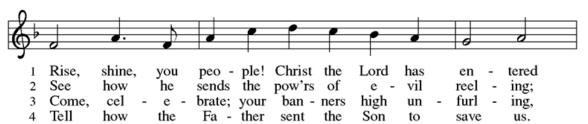
CHILDREN'S TIME

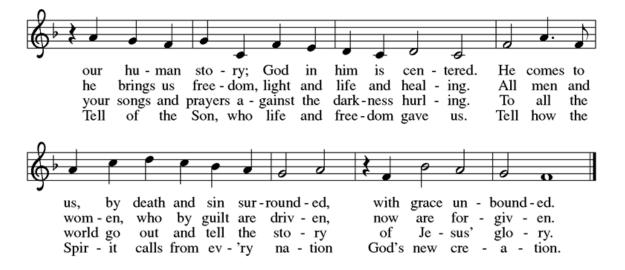
SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise, Shine, You People! ELW 665





Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934-2003

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NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A O God of wisdom, we give you thanks for the life and witness of all your saints, especially Martin and Katie Luther, and all of the leaders of the Reformation. Help us also to find hope in your son's victory over death and sin. God of grace.

C Receive our prayer.

A O God of truth, free your church with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace.

C Receive our prayer.

A O God of promise, bring peace among the nations, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,

C Receive our prayer.

A O God of wholeness, renew creation, so that all living creatures may thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation, and give courage to leaders to implement their solutions. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace

C Receive our prayer.

A O God of comfort, heal all who suffer and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing insecurity in their housing or employment, and help our society to bring an end to oppression, or discrimination. Be our stronghold at all times. Comfort those who mourn and heal those who are ill, including: Bill, Joshua, Jon, Cheryl, Judy, Jon & Maria, Sandy, Karen, Jim, Otto, Don, Joseph, and Ryan. (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 O God of mercy, forgive us our sins and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Give us loving hearts and listening years to mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace.

C Receive our prayer.

A Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, 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 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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Alleluia! If You Continue in My Word

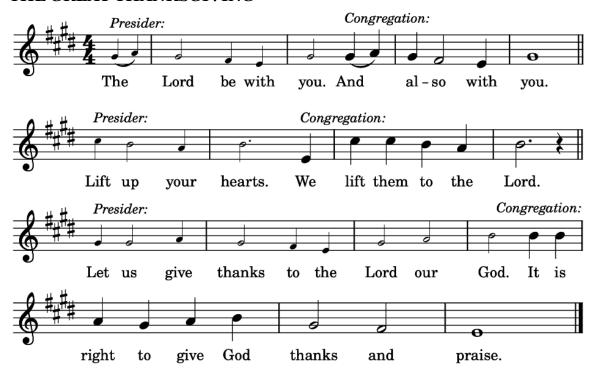
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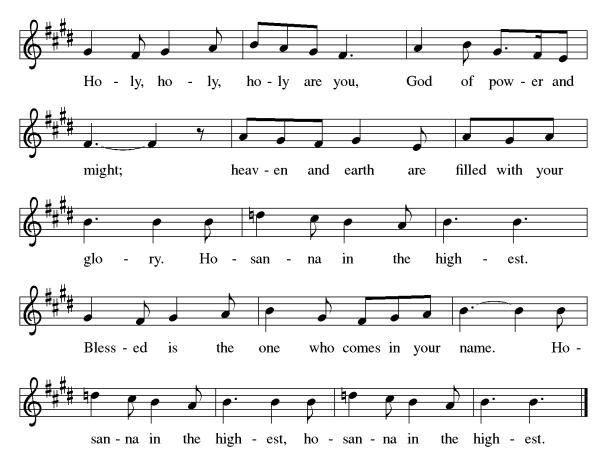
Creator God, \boldsymbol{A}

 \boldsymbol{C} in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good, and the earth's harvest is sufficient for all to be fed. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



P Holy God, you have reached out to us to show us your love and grace through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

Therefore, in remembrance of what Christ has done for us, we call out in faith for your Holy Spirit to fill our lives, and to unite your church. Bless us and send us to honor you through our service.

C Amen.

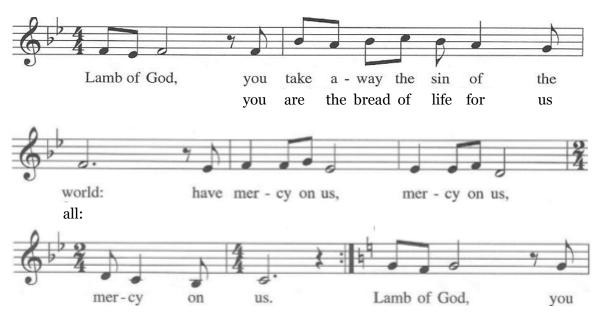
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- *P* Jesus, teach us to 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* The kingdom of God is set before you.
- C We eat and rejoice.

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.



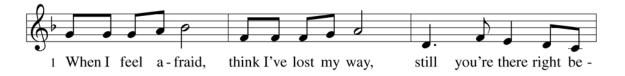


COMMUNION HYMN

Thy Word **W&P 144**



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

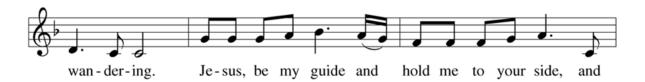








2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is





Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960 Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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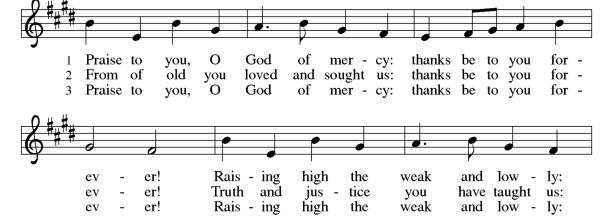
Stand, if you are able.

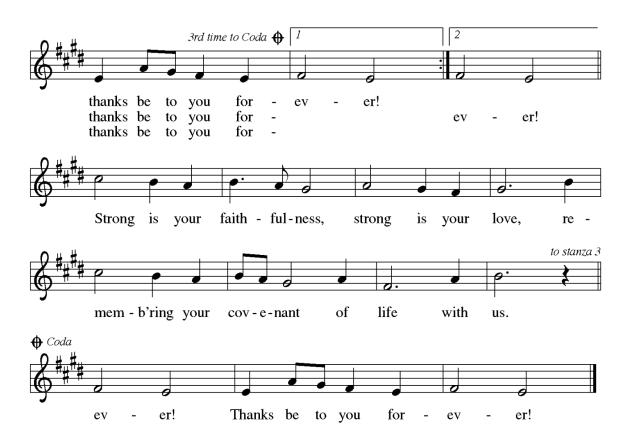
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Mothering God,

C You gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.





SENDING

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

THE BENEDICTION

P The love of God abound in your lives; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit \oplus bless you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation ELW 654

All stand, as able, and sing.



- 1 The church's one foun-da tion is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
- 3 Though with a scorn-ful won der this world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion and tu mult of her war,
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion with God, the Three in One,



she his new tion by and the word. cre a wa - ter her char - ter of sal va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth: schisms. . rent sund - er. by her - e - sies dis - tressed. bv a she waits the con-sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more; mys-tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest and won.



From heav'n he came and sought her be his ho - lv bride; to par - takes one ho - ly ho - lv name she bless - es, food. one saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" vet glo - rious her till with vi - sion long - ing eyes are the blest, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your Oh, grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'rv grace en - dued. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest. and that we, like saints be - fore face. us, may see you face to

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- C Thanks be to God.



The altar flowers were donated by Mary and Gene Kosakove.

We are happy to welcome Dorian Morales back with us, who brings a wealth of performing and composing experience (and even an Emmy!). Dorian currently teaches privately and at the Piano Workshop at Chester. He is the House Pianist for the Graycliff Manor and the Grove, and plays weddings and special events. Dorian also plays piano for Christian Science Church of Summit.

Next Week's Lessons: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

Serving in Worship		
	Today, 10/26	Next Week, 11/2
Altar Guild	Demetria Laird	Sandy Carlson
Counter	Howard Corneilson	Anna Santino
Assistant Minister	Sue Stirrat	Sibylle Schroeder
Lector	Demetria Laird	Mary Kasakove
Communion Assist.	Maria Jerez	Cindy Pawlo
Usher/Greeter	Doug Laird	Doug Laird
Acolyte	Mary Kasakove	Sandy Carlson
Soloist	Howard Corneilson	Maria Jerez
Livestream Assistant	Tyler Rice	Ray Mueller

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Serena: Wed 10/29, 4:00pm-9:00pm; Thurs 10/30, 9:00am-2:00pm; Sun 11/2, 9:00am-2:00pm.

Catherine: Belfiore: Thurs, 10/30, 9:00am-12:00pm.

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Otto Schroeder, 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 and family, 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, Audrey Moehringer, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, Leslie Picinich, Hailey Ochs Plante, Kate Draven, Dawn Huber, Heinz and family, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Darrell Senior, Shariff Stewart, Lisa Wolper, Maxine Wolper, Samy Dawood, David Laird, Peter Jensen, Joan Lewis, Jose, Linn Fisher, Brian Henkel, Judy Day and family, and Dan Filin.

Those in mourning: 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 Harold Olsen; The Persson Family on the loss of Carrin (daughter of Jan, sister of Krista); The family of Woody Woodruff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Church office hours: Pastor Serena will generally hold office hours on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means on other days (Saturday is her day off). If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.
- ~ Food Pantry Needs for March: Peanut butter, 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 please sign up by the last Sunday of the prior month. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or send an email to Erin Porter (aplcbuddlake@gmail.com) with your dedication and the 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, October 26:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. In-person and Live-streamed
- Sunday School
- Reformation Sunday Lunch and Faire. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 27:

- Sign Committee. 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
- DEI: Why Should Christians Care?
 Zoom event, 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
- Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, October 28:

Wednesday,October 29:

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

Thursday, October 30:

• Zumba, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 31:

Saturday, November 1:

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, November 2:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. In-person and Live-streamed
- After worship fellowship.

Monday, November 3:

 Pr. Peggy Ludlow on emergency pastoral coverage for the week

Tuesday, November4:

- Faith Kitchen, 9:30 am.m 12:30 p.m.
- Election Day vote your values.

Wednesday, November 5

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

Thursday, November 6:

Friday, November 7:

Saturday, November 8:

• Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 23 - Pledge Day Celebration / Time & Talents Opportunities

For all live-streamed services, click (or type) the link below: https://www.facebook.com/AbidingPeaceChurch/live