

*Abiding Peace* LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Morning — 10:00— October 2, 2022  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## **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.

This welcome extends beyond all physical spaces and gatherings to include our trust that God's Spirit gathers us in virtual worship, and sends us to share God's message of love and hope even within the restrictions of social distancing.

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*A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

**Prelude:** *Barcarolle (Op. 65, No. 6)*  
*by Charles-Valentin Alkan*

## GATHERING

### Welcome

*Stand, if you are able*

### Words of Lament and Turning

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.  
C **Amen**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

C **We confess that we have not paid attention to the whole of creation. In our concern for our own species, we have trampled others. We have considered the wild, beautiful, life-sustaining ecosystems of the world merely “our environment.” With our industry, we have not understood how our actions influence the lives of bugs, birds, and fish. With politics, we have not always cared how our policies affect the whole of creation. We have taken for granted clean air, water, and soil. We have elevated our existence over that of bears, whales, and dragonflies. We have ignored our scientists and pushed aside the concerns of our children.**

**We beg forgiveness from future peoples. We beg forgiveness from our sibling species with whom we share this planet. God of creation, have mercy on us and help us. We don't know what we do. Turn us, change us, and heal us, that we might be good siblings and generous partners with creation.**

P Beloved of God, hear this word of hope. As people knit into the life of Jesus Christ, change is possible for us. Jesus healed the sick, forgave sinners, and gave aimless people purpose. Receive forgiveness for the past and new courage for the future. Knowing God's great love, may we live the way of Jesus.

C **Amen**



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



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, and rich - es,



wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, and bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, and hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*continued*

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God:

C **When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### Lamentations 1:1-6

*Jeremiah's announcement of destruction has become a reality. Now Judah is in exile in Babylon. The book of Lamentations contains five poems mourning the exile. In this passage, Jerusalem is portrayed as a widow with no one to comfort her.*

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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

*Stand, if you are able*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord**

### **Luke 17:1-10**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.”

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

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

*Please be seated*

## **Children’s Time**

## **Sermon**

*(Time for reflection)*

*Stand, if you are able*



1 What is the world like when God's will is  
 2 What is the world like when God's will is  
 3 What is the world like when God's will is  
 4 What is the world like when God's will is  
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im -



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than  
 done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing  
 done? No more is neigh - bor just  
 done? Read - y for feast - ing, we  
 parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the  
 child com - ing home; watch as the  
 al - ly or friend; peace thrives in  
 watch through the night, tend - ing our  
 joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
 par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
 plac - es where once there was none.  
 lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
 voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

## 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.**

## The Prayers of Intercession

**A** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence*

**A** God of Promise, we give you thanks that you have abolished death and that those who have gone before us will be reunited with us in this hope. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayers.**

**A** God our Guide, we pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith, relying on your provision, and walking by the light of your gospel. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayers.**

**A** God of all Creation, we pray for parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and rush aid to those in need. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayers.**

**A** God of Justice, we pray for every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayers.**

**A** God of Healing, we pray for victims of violence, abuse, bullying, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed, protect those who are vulnerable, and ease the suffering of all who are sick. We pray for those who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including David, Emily, Bill, Joshua, Dawn, Jon, and Cheryl. Hold them in your care. *(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 prayers.**

**A** God of Power, we pray for this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayers.**

**A** Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen**

# MEAL

## Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*Please be seated*

## 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.

**Choir Anthem:** *God Will Always Be with Me*  
*by Dori Erwin Collins, arr. Benjamin Schroeder*

*Stand, if you are able*

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.

*continued*

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 Let us pray.

C **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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.**

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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.)

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P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

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.”*

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.  
 C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

P Jesus, give us faith 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.**

P Christ invites you to this table.

C **We come to taste and see.**

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

*add optional harmony*

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

*add optional descant*

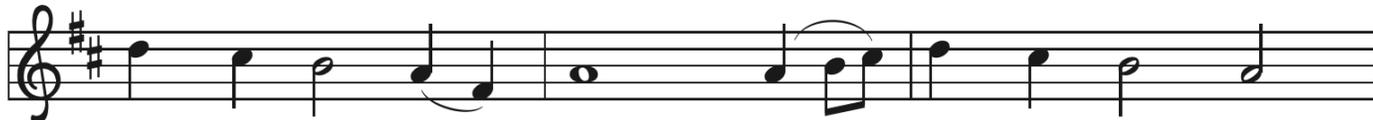
sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God,

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

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1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears  
 2 The reign of God is like a pearl on  
 3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,  
 4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from  
 5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are  
 bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that  
 yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it  
 ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry  
 reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.  
 pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.  
 ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.  
 feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.  
 kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

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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 Let us pray. God of the abundant table,

C **you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING



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. Amen, al-le-lu - ia! Amen, al-le-lu - ia!

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### Words of Intention to Bless

**P** For the sake of Christ and the world,

**C** we breathe in the generosity of God's love and renew our minds to bless the earth. With clarity of purpose, we devote ourselves to the care of all creation. We intend to pay attention to the soil, air, and water of our neighborhood. We will live as good neighbors to the creatures with which we share this space. As a community, we choose to live in harmony with the ecosystems that share their life with us. Amen

*Please be seated*

### Announcements

*Stand, if you are able*

**Closing Hymn: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

*ELW Hymn: 535*

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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**A** Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: Fugue in G Minor**

*by Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier*

**Next Week's Lessons:**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
 Psalm 66:1-12  
 2 Timothy 2:8-15  
 Luke 17:11-19

**Office Hours:**

Pastor Serena:  
 10/3—9: Continuing Education Week (no office hours)

<b>☩ Serving in Worship</b>		
	<b>Today (10/2)</b>	<b>Next Week (10/9)</b>
Altar Guild	Sandy Carlson	Sandy Carlson
Bread Baker	Pastor Serena	Pastor Serena
Counter	Howard Corneilson	Howard Corneilson
Assistant Minister	Demetria Laird	Sheeba David
Communion Assistant	Maria Kearney	Heather Nilsen
Usher/Greeter/Acolyte	Sandy Carlson	Cindy Pawlo
Soloist	Shelli Skeels	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Ray Mueller	Nick Senior

**Keep These Friends in Your Prayers:** *Those who are sick or in need:* Emily Wager, Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Dawn Larsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Kenneth Johanson, Karen Qualls, Nancy Ayotte, Elfriede & Dick Kiesling, Jim Tangen, Elizabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Dan Scouten, Evelyn Woodruff, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Joey Scollins, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginets, Chris Bauer, Brenda Anderson, Linda Kahler, Pat Scalora, Mark Dennis, Mike Urodinski, John Corneilson, Tim O'Connor, Karen and Ken Predmore and family, David Breault

*Those in mourning:* the Price family (mother of Carol Biunno), the Mueller Family, the family of Chris VanBeveran (aunt of Pastor Serena) *Please note: names of those in mourning will be listed for 6 months but please keep them always in your prayers.*

**Announcements:**

- ~ **Church office hours:** Pastor Serena has resumed office hours and will be available Wednesdays and Sundays. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means. If you have a pastoral need at any time, please reach out to her by e-mail, phone, or text. Food pantry donations and collections are being coordinated by Sibylle Schroeder. Other lay leaders are in the office at times during the week, helping with bulletins, altar guild, and other tasks. If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.
- ~ **Food Pantry Needs for October:** Peanut Butter, Parmalat milk, fruit, juice, hot-dogs, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, Mac-and-cheese, crackers, cake mixes, Gluten free Pasta.
- ~ **Want to help your neighbors in practical ways?** If you are able to do shopping/pharmacy runs for sequestered members of the church or Mt. Olive Manor, contact the church office. We can let you know when someone needs assistance.
- ~ **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested send an email to Christine Strobel 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.

### This Week at Abiding Peace

- Sunday, 10/2**
- 17TH SUNDAY/PENTECOST
  - Worship Service Webcast/In-Person, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, 10/4**
- Faith Kitchen, 9:00 am
- Wednesday, 10/5**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, 10/6**
- Bible Study at Redeemer, 12:30 pm (Lunch at Noon)
  - Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 pm

### Next Week at Abiding Peace

- Sunday, 10/9**
- 18TH SUNDAY/PENTECOST
  - Worship Service Webcast/In-Person, 10:00 am
- Monday, 10/10**
- Children's Church, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, 10/12**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - Balcony Conversation, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 10/13**
- Bible Study at Redeemer, 12:30 pm (Lunch at Noon)
  - Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 pm

#### Upcoming Events

- ~ October 16: Sunday School/Confirmation Class, 11:30—1:30 pm
- ~ October 17: Children's Church, 6:00 pm
- ~ October 19: Prayer Service @ Mt. Olive Manor, 4:30 pm
- ~ October 19: Pop-up Prayer Night, 7:30 pm

For all live-stream services, click link below

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

- **\*Balcony Conversations** are opportunities for our congregation to step-back from the "doing" of the church to reflect together about the bigger questions of faith and life.

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