

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

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Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 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 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

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, named God's beloved children and called to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

PRELUDE

God Walks Beside Me

Lani Smith

GATHERING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

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C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Morning Has Broken ELW 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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

All sing, as able.

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

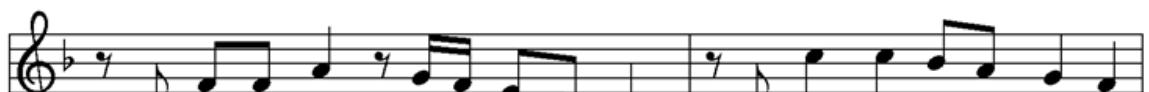


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God our Father,

C **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1–9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring illumination to the nations.

L A reading from Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord;

I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 29

The Psalm will be spoken responsively, by verse.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

9 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests
bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

11 O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

L A reading from Acts.

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in

every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he

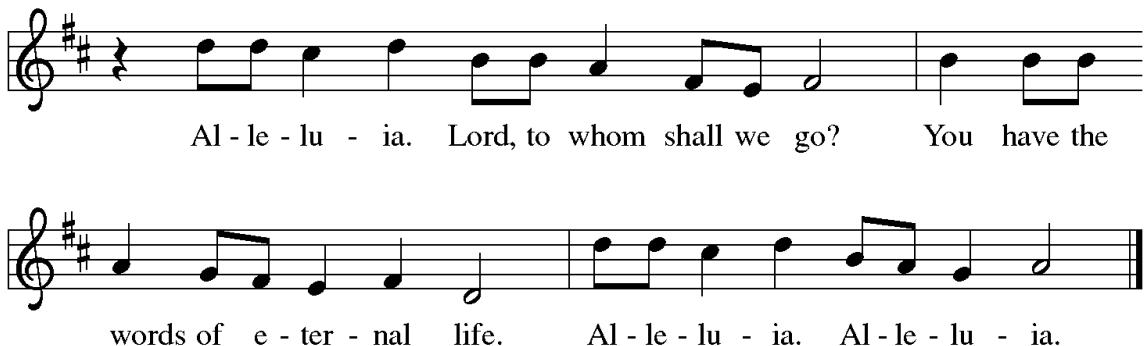
sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him

to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

Please stand, if you are able.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified as God's child.

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens

were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Bind unto Myself Today **ELW 450**



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff begins with 'I bind unto myself to-day the strong name'. The second staff begins with 'of the Trinity by invocation'. The third staff begins with 'of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.'

I bind unto myself to-day the strong name
of the Trinity by invocation
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

Text: attr. Patrick, 372-466; para. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895
Music: ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE, sts. 1-3, 5; Irish melody. DEIRDRE, st. 4; Irish melody

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of
 3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . . the vir - tues

faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the
 of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -

Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his
 giv - ing ray, . . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the

burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing
 flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing

up wind's the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the
 tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the

day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.

4 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,
 Christ be -neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.



5 I bind un - to my - self the name, the strong name of the



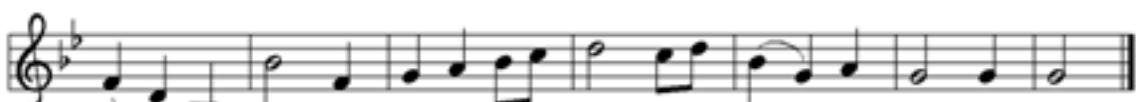
Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion of the same, the



Three in One and One in Three, of whom all na - ture has cre -



a - tion, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the



Lord of my sal - va-tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Jim, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

R I do.

P As you come to receive the gift of baptism, you are embracing the life of faith enriched by holy practices: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the holy supper, to learn from the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to study the holy scriptures, to proclaim Christ through word and deed, to care for others and the world God made, and to work for justice and peace. Do you promise to seek to grow in Christian faith and life?

R I do.

P Sponsor, as a representative of our congregation, do you promise to nurture Jim in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Jim and pray for him in his life in Christ?

C I do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P Let us together profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into the baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

P Jim, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy. Amen.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Sustain Jim with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

WELCOME

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth our home.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs including our local lakes and headwaters. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Righteous God, your wisdom is for all the nations. Reconcile warring enemies, end cycles of violent retribution, and rebuke the forces of self-interest that foment conflict for profit. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill. We pray for those who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Valeriy, Jennifer, Mark, John, Karen & Ken, David, Patricia, Alia, Aimee, Lydia, Dean, April, and Bella (*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 Loving God, as we welcome new members and the newly baptized to this congregation, unite us in mission and love. Awaken the gifts of the Spirit that you have instilled in us, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we command all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Ministers and People share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

Now we join Christians all over the world in 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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CHOIR ANTHEM

O Holy Night

Words By Placide Cappeau
tr. John Sullivan Dwight

Adolphe Adam
arr. Max Spicker



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all God's be - ne - fits to me? I will
of - fer the sa - cri -fice of thanks - giv -ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will
take the cup of sal - va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will

pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all God's people, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

A God of majesty,

C no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with hope that the reign of God is near, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na 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.

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."*

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Jesus, unite us 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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

C We come to taste and see the goodness of God.

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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Water of Life ACS 955

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

 love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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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 Radiant God,

C we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



C Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev 'ry people: A light to reveal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for- ev-er. A - men

SENDING

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

THE BENEDICTION

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise \pm bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Total Praise ACS 1080

All stand, as able, and sing.

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, know-ing my help is com-ing from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life.

Music score for 'I lift my hands in total praise to you.' The score consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a forte dynamic. The lyrics 'I lift my hands in to - tal praise to you. you.' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with 'A - men.' The third staff begins with 'A - men, a - men.' The fourth staff begins with 'men. A - men, a - men.' The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Measure numbers 1 and 2 are indicated above the staff.

I lift my hands in to - tal praise to you. you.

A - men.

A - men, a - men.

men. A - men, a - men.

A - men.

A - men, a - men.

Text: Richard Smallwood, b. 1948

Music: Richard Smallwood; arr. Stephen F. Key

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Sonata No. 27 in G Major, 1st Mvt.

Joseph Haydn



The altar flowers are donated by Pastor Serena in thanksgiving for the new members joining the congregation.

Notes on today's hymns: Our new members were invited to choose a song for today's worship, if they wished.

Linda chose the Gathering Hymn: Morning Has Broken. She shared, "I've always loved and appreciated this song because of its acknowledgment and recognition of God's hand in all of the beautiful things that the Earth provides us each day, serving as a constant and steady display of hope, beauty and peace."

Evelyn chose the choir anthem: O Holy Night. "It moves me so much to think that the world places all their hope on this tiny baby who will be our salvation. 'A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices...' I usually can't make it through it without tears. I know Christmas will be over, but this is the song that is most powerful for me."

Next Week's Lessons:

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Serving in Worship		
	Today, Jan. 11	Next Week, Jan. 18
Altar Guild	Mary Kasakove	Mary Kasakove
Counter	Ursula Schroeder	Sandy Carlson
Assistant Minister	Doug Laird	Demetria Laird
Lector	Maria Jerez	Anna Santino
Communion Assist.	Howard Corneilson	Mary Kasakove
Usher/Greeter	Cindy Pawlo	Doug Laird
Acolyte	Mary Kasakove	Howard Corneilson
Soloist	Sibylle Schroeder	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Tyler Rice	Nick Senior

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Serena: Wed 1/14, 9:30am-9:00pm; Sun 1/18, 9:00am-1:00pm

Catherine Belfiore: Thurs 1/15, 9:00am-1:00pm

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, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginets, Jennifer Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore, David Breault, Charles 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, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Shariff Stewart, Lisa Wolper, Maxine Wolper, Samy Dawood, David Laird, Peter Jensen, Joan Lewis, Jose, Brian Henkel, Judy Day, Mary Beth Mueller, Joseph DeSantis, Chris Laird, Linn Fisher, Nancy Ayotte, Jenn DiDino. Nancy Tullo and Sue Corneilson.

Those in mourning: The family of Otto Schroeder; 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.

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 January: 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 Catherine Belfiore (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.

ART, MUSIC, AND LITURGY

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This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, January 11:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed.
- Welcome Coffee Hour for New Members.
- Forum: Being an Inviting Church, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, January 12:

- Annual Ministry Reports due for Congregational Meeting.

Tuesday, January 13:

- Tullo's Ballroom, Swing, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14:

- Clergy Cluster meeting at Abiding Peace, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 15:

- Reports for Congregational Meeting sent to Congregation

Friday, January 16:

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Saturday, January 17:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, January 18:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Sunday School
- Forum: Being a Welcoming Church.

Monday, January 19:

- MLK Day - How can you serve your neighbor & work for justice?

Tuesday, January 20:

- Tullo's Ballroom 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21:

- Prayer Service at Mt Olive Manor, 4:30pm
- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 22:

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Friday, January 23:

- Crossroads Family Winter Retreat (Friday–Sunday)

Saturday, January 24:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 20th, 6:00-8:00pm - National Day of Racial Healing
(elca.org/NDORH)

Sunday, January 25th, 11:00 a.m. - Congregational Meeting

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

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