

Abiding Peace LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Life

does not consist
in the abundance
of possessions

LUKE 12:15

Sunday Morning — 10:00 — July 31, 2022
Eighth 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.

The ministry of Abiding Peace continues to be supported by the generous donations of our community. While we worship remotely, please consider contributing to 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, or by mailing your offering envelope to the church.

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Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Prelude: *Eventide*
by Fred B. Binckes

GATHERING

Welcome

Stand, if you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C **Amen**

Opening Hymn: *Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky*

ACS Hymn: 992



1 Now that the day - light fills the sky,
2 Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife;
3 "All praise to you, cre - a - tor Lord!



we lift our hearts to God on high,
from an - ger's din would shield our life;
All praise to you, e - ter - nal Word!



that God, in all we do or say,
from e - vil sights would turn our eyes,
All praise to you, O Spir - it wise!"



would keep us free from harm to - day;
and close our ears to van - i - ties.
We sing as day - light fills the skies.

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

Hymn of Praise



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



Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Benevolent God,

C **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

Hosea 11:1-11

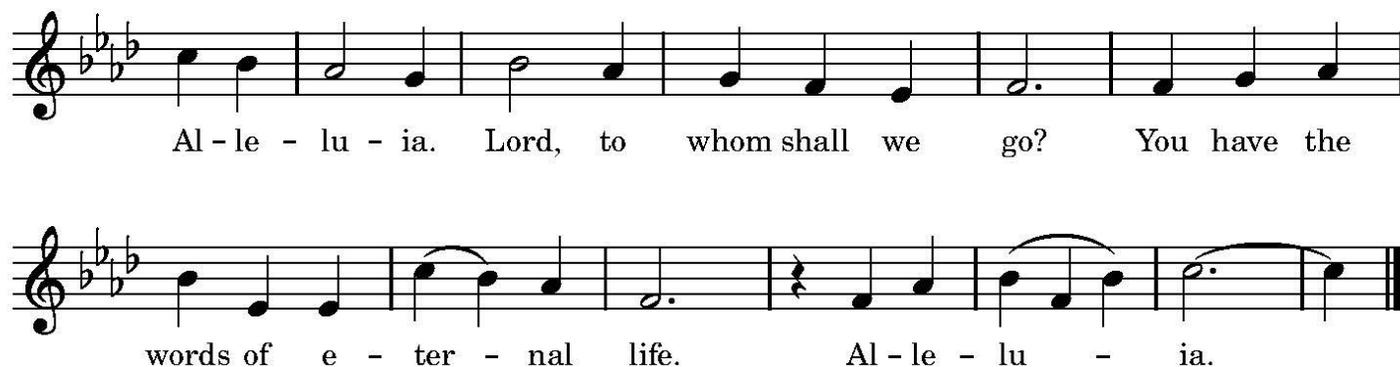
Hosea compares God's love for Israel to the love parents have for their children. Whether teaching toddlers to walk or dealing with a child's rebellion, good parents continue to love their children as they try to lead them to life. In the same way, God's love will not let Israel go.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

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 12th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Please be seated

Children's Time

Sermon: *Pastor Becky Resch*

(Time for reflection)

Stand, if you are able



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

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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 Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence

A O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,

C receive our prayers.

A O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,

C receive our prayers.

A O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

C receive our prayers.

A O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayers.

A O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. Renew us at your table of mercy. We pray for those who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Chris, Brenda, Linda, Pat, Mark, Mike, and Barbara. Hold them in your care. *(Pause for a moment.)* We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. Merciful God,

C receive our prayers.

A O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God,

C receive our prayers.

A Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

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: *In the Singing*
by Carlton R. Young, arr. John Helgen

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.
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.

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A Let us pray.

C **God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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

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comes in the name of the Lord. (Ho - san-na) Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. (in the high - est.)

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.
- P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen**

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.**

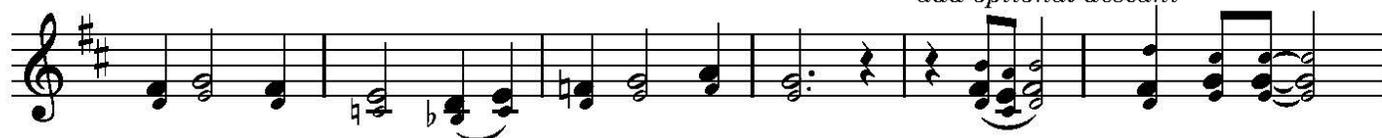
P In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy.

C **We come to the banquet with grateful hearts.**

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

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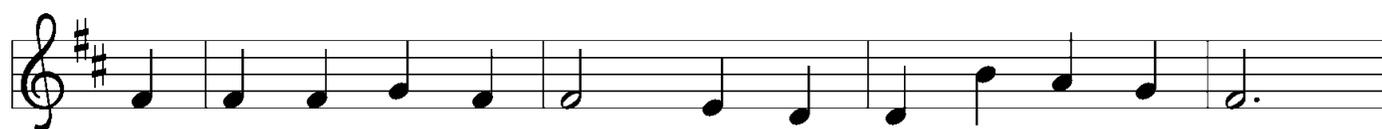
sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God,



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

Communion Hymn: *O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW Hymn: 542



- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



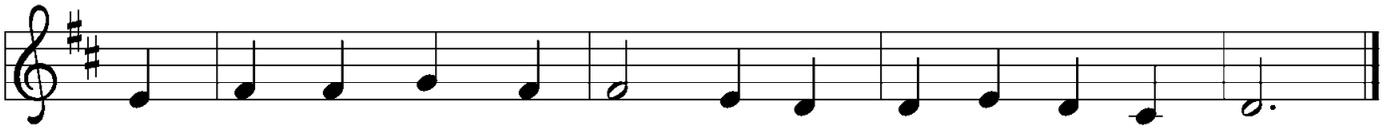
The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

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My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

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. Life-giving God,

C **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. 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. Amen, al-le-lu - ia! Amen, al-le-lu - ia!

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SENDING

Benediction

P The God of peace, Creator, † Teacher, and Live-giving Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C Amen

Please be seated

Announcements

Stand, if you are able

Closing Hymn: *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

ACS Hymn: 1004



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

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A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Postlude on RUSTINGTON*

by C. Hubert H. Parry, arr. Timothy Shaw

Next Week's Lessons:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12:32-40

Office Hours:

Pastor Serena:
 7/31: On sabbatical
 8/3: 10:30 am—8:30 pm
 8/7: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

☩ Serving in Worship		
	Today (7/31)	Next Week (8/7)
Altar Guild	Cindy Pawlo	Sandy Carlson
Bread Baker	None	Sandy Carlson
Assistant Minister	Sheeba David	Sibylle Schroeder
Usher/Greeter/ Acolyte	Mary Kasakove	Sandy Carlson
Soloist	Shelli Skeels	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Ray Mueller	Quinn Rice

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, the Appel family, Jackson Cook, Arthur Schenk, Donna Fahy, Joey Scollins, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginetz, Chris Bauer, Brenda Anderson, Linda Kahler, Pat Scalora, Mark Dennis, Mike Urodinski, Barbara Pinekenstein

Those in mourning: Friends and family of Walter Pasuco, friends and family of Rudy Oeckinghaus, those mourning David Coyne, the VanHouten family, Millie Miller on the death of her sister, the Scalora and Crescenzo families on the death of Jeanne's cousin Sandy, the Scalora family on the death of Pat's sister Sally, the family of Gary Siess, the family of Jim Cook, the family of Bryce Rosen, the family of Betty Curlander, the family of Jay Mohundro, the family of Carla Schechner, the family of Steve Sammarco, the Laird family, the Gasparine family, the Biunno family, the family and friends of Brian Asong, the Ayotte family on the death of sister-in-law and aunt Sandy Olson, the Cortese and Tangen family, the Peterson family, the family of Heinz Nothaft on the loss of their grandson, the Price family, the Mueller family

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 July:** 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, 7/31**
- 8TH SUNDAY/PENTECOST
 - Worship Service Webcast/In-Person, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, 8/2**
- Faith Kitchen, 9:00 am
- Wednesday, 8/3**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
 - Book Club, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 8/4**
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Next Week at Abiding Peace

- Sunday, 8/7**
- 9TH SUNDAY/PENTECOST
 - Worship Service Webcast/In-Person, 10:00 am
 - Confirmation Class, 11:30 am
- Monday, 8/8**
- Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 12:30 pm
- Wednesday, 8/10**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, 8/11**
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Upcoming Events

- ~ August 14 —19: Family Camp at Crossroads
- ~ August 15: UFO Night, 7:00 pm
- ~ August 19—21: Family Camp Weekend at Crossroads

For all live-stream services, click link below

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See page 18 for pastoral coverage during July.

Pastoral Care Team Coverage for July

Pastoral Emergencies: Three local pastors are available to provide emergency spiritual care or funeral services

- Pastor Karol VanWulfen: (908) 246-2427 (C)
- Pastor Fred Becker: (973) 366-2821 (O) or (617) 642-6557 (H)
- Pastor Julie Haspel: (201) 337-4900 (O)

Community Pastoral Care: Our congregation also has a community pastoral care team that is able to offer prayer, support, and a listening ear if you need to talk. Their contact information and schedule of availability is below.

- Sibylle Schroeder: (973) 691-1919 (H)
- Cindy Pawlo: (908) 852-0139 (H)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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