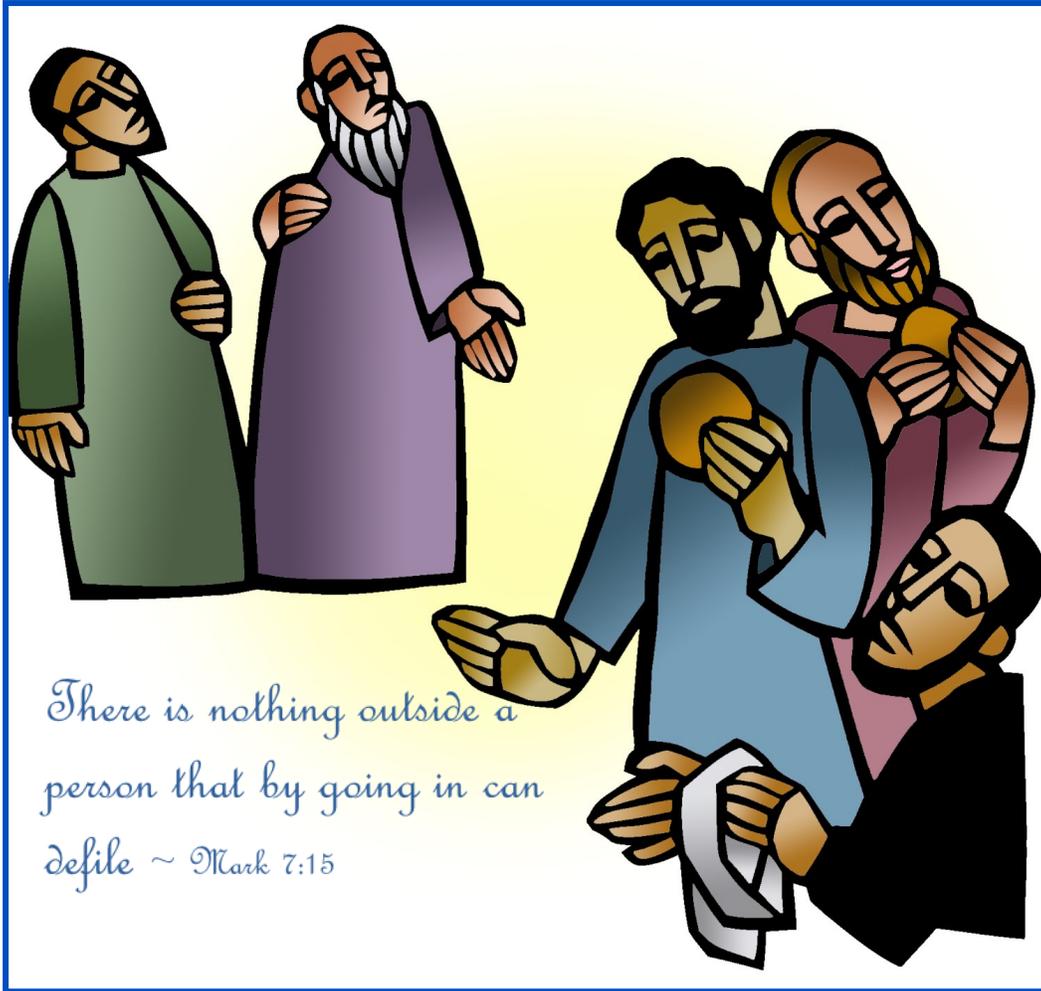


Abiding Peace LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Morning — 10:00 — August 29, 2021
Fourteenth 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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Jesus protests against human interpretations being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. The poetry of the Song of Songs calls us to rejoice in the signs of renewal in creation. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to renew in us clean hearts.

Prelude: *Quiet Time*
by Scott Oyer

GATHERING

Welcome

You are encouraged to prepare a small bowl or glass of water so that you may dip your fingers in the water and make the sign of the cross at the conclusion of the call to worship. Please also prepare a piece of bread and a cup of a festive drink for the celebration of communion later in the service. You may also wish to light a candle at the beginning of the liturgy, to remind you of Christ's presence gathered with you in your worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
C Amen

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God, our provider, help us.

C **It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen**

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen



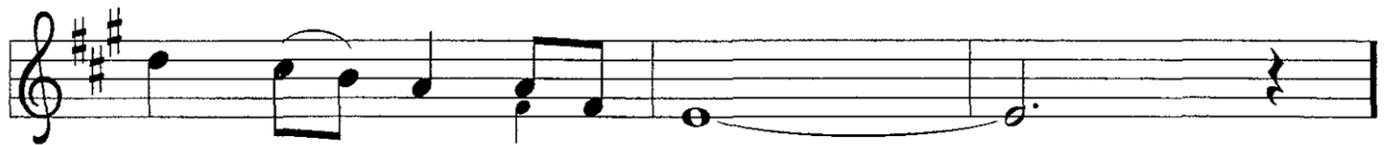
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



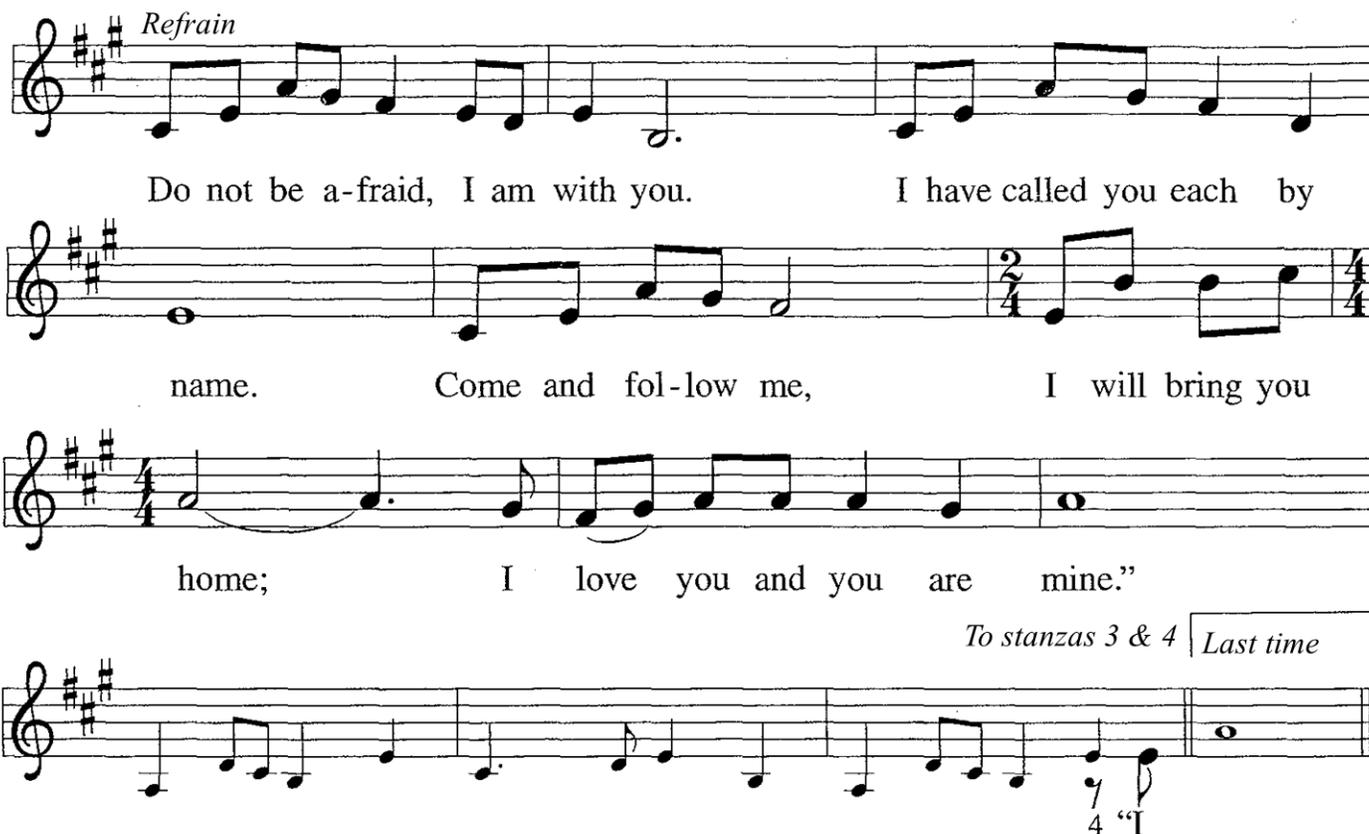
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*

continued

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
 name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you
 home; I love you and you are mine.”

To stanzas 3 & 4 Last time

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God our strength,

C **without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Song of Songs 2:8-13

In its celebration of human love, the Song of Songs affirms the goodness of self-giving love and the way in which it opens our eyes to the goodness of physical creation, including our own embodied nature. In this reading, the lovers look to the signs of spring as a source of hope and renewal.

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Soloist

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.

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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

(Time for reflection)



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Liturgical Renaming Rite with Affirmation of Baptism

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy One of Blessing, in baptism you bring us to new life in Jesus Christ and you name us Beloved. We give you thanks for the renewal of that life and love in Quinn, who now fully claims his name. Strengthen and uphold Quinn as he grows into the power, and authority, and meaning of this name; we pray in the name above all names, Jesus your Son, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, the Triune God, we adore.

C **Amen**

This rite was compiled by Rev. Christopher Brueschoff (2017) from many existing resources. With special thanks to the folks at Many Voices (<http://www.manyvoices.org/>) and House for all Sinners and Saints (<http://houseforall.org/>) for sharing their experience.

- <http://www.manyvoices.org/blog/resource/liturgy-for-the-claiming-of-a-new-name/>
- <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/nadiabolzweber/2012/01/liturgical-naming-rite-for-a-transgendered-church-member/>

Isaiah 45:3-4

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

Genesis 32:24-30

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

Matthew 16:17-19

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

P In Baptism we promise: 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.

Scripture proclaims, "Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil. Do not let the foreigner joined to God say, 'God will surely separate me from the people'; and do not let the eunuch say, 'I am just a dry tree.' For thus says God: to the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast to my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off."

A We are here to affirm the name of Quinn. This name symbolizes all that he is and all that he is becoming, through the grace of God. We honor the name given to Quinn by his parents and acknowledge that the time has come to declare a new name. This name is the culmination of a journey of discovery and, at the same time, its beginning.

Quinn do you affirm this name, recognizing that the promises made to you at your baptism are carried forward in your life of faith as you journey with God in the fullness of your identity claimed here today?

R I do with the help of God.

A Family, will you do all in your power to assist Quinn, to maintain justice, to do what is right, to honor God and hold fast to God's covenant?

R We will with the help of God.

A Community of God, will you honor Quinn in name and in spirit as he continues on God's path?

C We will with the help of God.

P Dynamic and holy God, we remember how you changed the names of Abraham and Sarah, as they set out to follow you. We know that you changed the name of Jacob, after a long night of wrestling with you. We now declare publicly and affirm the name you have bestowed upon Quinn.

P Quinn, receive the blessings of God, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen**

P Walk in the Spirit, this day and always, knowing that God has made an everlasting covenant with you that shall never be cut off.

P Jesus said, 'Rejoice that your names are written in heaven!'
C **Amen**

P O God, in renaming your servants Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Peter, and Paul, you gave them new lives and new tasks, new love and new hope. We now hold before you your child Quinn. Bless him with a new measure of grace as he takes this name. Write Quinn again in your heart and on your palm. And grant that we all may be worthy to call ourselves Christian, for the sake of your Christ whose name is Love, and in whom, with you and the Spirit we pray.
C **Amen**

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 the Church

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

A We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish, and that people live in harmony with creation. Inspire us to protect our world's resources and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for individuals in positions of authority. Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. We pray for those who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Kenneth, Karen, Nancy, Elfriede & Dick, Bryce, Sheeba, Jim, and Celia. 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. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this congregation, as we learn new ways to welcome and affirm your children. Guide us as we learn to better understand the diversity of gender expressions that you have created, and teach us how best to provide encouragement and love to all the baptized, including Quinn, whose name was affirmed today. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet each other with the peace of Christ by typing in the comments, because God can speak through many means of communication.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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 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 has set the table with more than enough for all.

C We come to the meal with joy.

Communion Hymn: *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

ELW Hymn: 816



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1633 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958 All worship hymns are reprinted under One License.net #A-700457 and CCLI #2840035

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

C Amen

Prayer after Communion

A Wellspring of joy,

C through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C Amen

Announcements

Sending Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs. 1-2, 4-5)

ELW Hymn: 879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Foliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872 All worship hymns are reprinted under One License.net #A-700457 and CCLI #2840035

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Postlude on DIX*
by Conrad Kocher, arr. Ronald A. Nelson

The Altar flowers are donated in honor of Quinn Rice
by his prayer partner

Next Week's Lessons:
 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 Psalm 125
 James 2:1-17
 Mark 7:24-37

Office Hours:
 Pastor Serena:
 8/30—9/5: Vacation

| ☩ Serving in Worship | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | Today (8/29) | Next Week (9/5) |
| Altar Guild | Mary Kasakove | Cindy Pawlo |
| Assistant Minister | Mary Kasakove | Mary Kasakove |
| Usher | Ken Schwier | Howard Corneilson |
| Soloist | Howard Corneilson | Shelli Skeels |
| Livestream Assistant | Tyler Rice | Tyler 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, Mickey Gasparine, Sandy Kahler, Kenneth Johanson, Karen Qualls, Nancy Ayotte, Elfriede & Dick Kiesling, Bryce Rosen, Sheeba David, Jim Kosiorek, Cora Pawlo, Richard Biunno, Jim Tangern, Elizabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Celia Hester

Those in mourning: George & Janet Schroeder on the death of Janet's son Hans, 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

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 August:** Fruit, Juice, White Beans, Bread, and Frozen Meatballs
- ~ **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.
- ~ **Plant Vegetables:** We need volunteers to help maintain our garden. If you can help, either on a regular or occasional basis, please email the church or call Sue Stirrat at 973-601-7173.
- ~ **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, 8/29**
- 14TH SUNDAY/PENTECOST
 - Webcast/In-Person Worship, 10:00 am
- Monday, 8/30**
- NA Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 9/1**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, 9/4**
- NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

Next Week at Abiding Peace

- Sunday, 9/5**
- 15TH SUNDAY/PENTECOST
 - Webcast/In-Person Worship, 10:00 am
- Monday, 9/6**
- NA Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, 9/7**
- Faith Kitchen, 9:00 am
 - Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 12:30 pm
 - Stewardship Planning via Zoom, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, 9/8**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
 - Bible Study: Psalms of Petition, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 9/11**
- NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events

~ September 12: God's Work, Our Hands/Rally Day: 10:00 am worship with Blessing of the Backpacks; 11:00 am Learning & Service Activities

For all live-stream services, click link below
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