

Abiding Peace LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Jesus began to
send them out
TWO BY TWO

MARK 6:7



Sunday Morning — 10:00 — July 4, 2021
Sixth 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 does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Prelude: *Prelude on WERDE MUNTER*
by Johann Schop, arr. Johann Pachelbel

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 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,
 those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and
 gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

WORD

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Already king over Judah, the southern kingdom, David here is anointed king over Israel, the northern kingdom, as well. Captured by David, Jerusalem is chosen as the political and religious center for the new combined territory. It is known ever after as "the city of David."

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

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 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

(Time for reflection)

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness



call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,



stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

continued



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

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 Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence

A God of all, the mission you have given your church reaches out to people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase our faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of the heavens, you are the source of all the wonders of the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our lives or in our minds and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need. We pray for those who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Dawn, Jon, Cheryl, Judy, Jon & Maria, Mickey, Sandy, Kenneth, Judy, Tamsin, Don, Sandy, Phillip, and Pat. 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 God of provision, you have established us in this country that holds up the ideals of justice and liberty. Gladden our hearts with thanksgiving, and give us all the wisdom, strength, and love to work together in supporting those ideals. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- A God of the past and the future, we give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, community protection, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- A We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
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 with Us, O Blessed Jesus*

ELW Hymn: 501



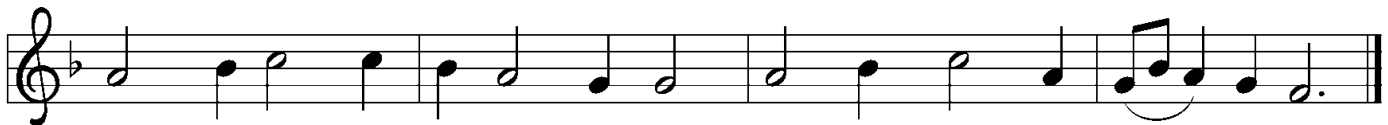
Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;



but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

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

A 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: *God Bless Our Native Land*

LBW Hymn: 569



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,



through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch-ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *A Ground in Gamut*
by Henry Purcell

Next Week's Lessons:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Office Hours:

Pastor Serena:

7/5—11: Vacation

✠ Serving in Worship

	Today (7/4)	Next Week (7/11)
Altar Guild	Shelli Skeels	Shelli Skeels
Assistant Minister	Mary Kasakove	Demetria Laird
Usher	Howard Corneilson	Ken Schwier
Soloist	Shelli Skeels	Maria Kearney
Livestream Assistant	Sheeba David	Sheeba David

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: *Those who are sick or in need:* Judy Wayman, Tamsin Skeels, Don Larsen, Sandy Olson, Col. Phillip E. Miller, Pat Linn, Eleonor Braun, Megan McGuire, Gillian George, Eastlyn Rodriguez, Richard Biunno, Gertrude Price, Isabella Adams, Laura Dennis, Michael, Rachel and Cora Pawlo, Gayle Pinkham, Sophia Hawthorne, Kacie Schmidt, Gregg Clark, Susan Jacob, Lynn Peterson's family and friends, Alexandra Heinz, Chris Mastakas, Pat & Jeanne Scalora, Robert Buckley, The Canon family, Howard Gentler, Cindy Behler, Elisabeth and Otto Schroeder, Jim Tangen, Amelia Krusch, James Ehrke, Jennifer Van Doran, John Brun, Michelle Kamin, Roslyn & Kerry Winfield, Margret Zwicker, Amy Orama, Nalina (Sheeba's mom), Lauren Francis, Jackie King, Aimee (Heather's sister), Lindsey Caruso, Lora Gordan, Eric (Hildegard's grandson), Skip Kaub, Peter Block, Alex Herd, Michael Lynch, Melanie Smith, Emily Wager, Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Dawn Larsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Mickey Gasparine, Sandy Kahler, Kenneth Johanson, Sally Lasker, Karen Qualls

Those who are expecting: Alyssa Jurtschenko, Rachel Pawlo

Those in mourning: Those mourning Henry Hill, The Bowden and Schroeder families on the death of Evelyn Bowden, The Jaeger family, The Schwier family on the death of Elsa Platt, Marja-Liisa Apgar, the Linderman family, the Ashu family, The Kildea family, The Woodard family, those mourning John Lewis, the families of Nilsen and Degraw/Wilman, those mourning the death of Michael Krush, the McCabe family, Linda Tubelis (on the death of her husband, Oto), Those mourning the death of Christy Kakassy, those mourning the death of Michael Tisler, those mourning the death of Heath Morgan, 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, the Alstede family, Millie Miller on the death of her sister, The Scalora and Crescenzo families on the death of Jeanne's cousin Sandy

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:** Fruit, Juice, White Beans, Bread, Hot-Dog Buns, Hot-Dogs, 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.

This Week at Abiding Peace

- Sunday, 7/4**
- 6TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST
 - Webcast/In-Person Worship, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, 7/6**
- Faith Kitchen, 9:00 am
- Wednesday, 7/7**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, 7/10**
- NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

Next Week at Abiding Peace

- Sunday, 7/11**
- 7TH SUNDAY/PENTECOST
 - Webcast/In-Person Worship, 10:00 am
 - Balcony Conversations, 11:15 am
- Monday, 7/12**
- Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 12:30 pm
 - Children's Church Zoom, 5:45 pm
- Tuesday, 7/13**
- Council Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 7/14**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
 - Bible Study: Psalms of Conflict, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 7/15**
- Anniversary Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Friday, 7/16**
- NEWESLETTER DEADLINE
 - NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events

- ~ July 18: Bible Study—Psalms of Grace, 11:15 am
~ July 21: Book Club—Love is the Way, Pt. 2 (Ch. 5-9), 7:30 pm

For all live-stream services, click link below
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