

*Abiding Peace* LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Morning — 10:00— July 5, 2020  
Fifth 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 support 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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*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and promise, we find rest for our souls.*

**Prelude:** *Prelude on CALVARY*  
*by Daniel B. Towner, arr. Anna Laura Page*

## **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 as you participate in the prayer of confession. 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, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C **Amen**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P Reconciling God,

C **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

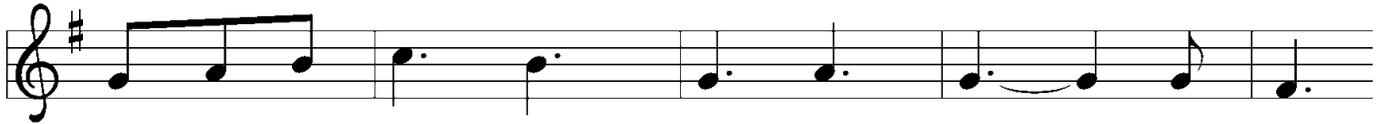
C **Amen**

Opening Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

ELW Hymn: 841



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

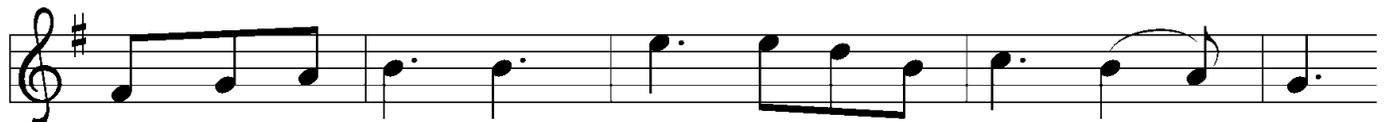


Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

*continued*



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**B** 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.

*continued*



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. You are great, O God,

C and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

### Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

*The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah helped to fulfill God's promise that Abraham and Sarah would become the ancestors of many nations.*

Laban, Rebekah's brother, received a visitor who said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

### Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (chanted in unison)



- <sup>8</sup>The voice of | my beloved!  
Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding o- | ver the hills.
- <sup>9</sup>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.
- <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and | says to me:  
“Arise, my love, my fair one, and | come away.
- <sup>11</sup>For now the win- | ter is past,  
the rain is o- | ver and gone.
- <sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of sing- | ing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove is heard | in our land.
- <sup>13</sup>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.

### Romans 7:15-25a

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Sermon**

*(Time for reflection)*



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -  
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -  
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -  
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -  
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I  
 va - tion; from ev - 'ry guile your heart I free, from  
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -  
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."  
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."  
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

*Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624-1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813-1896, alt. Music: Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555-1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586-1630 All worship hymns are reprinted under One License.net #A-700457 and CCLI #2840035*

## 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 Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*(A brief silence)*

A We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word in love. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for the nations. Guide leaders in developing just policies and give courage for difficult and healing conversations. Free us from the kind of patriotism that hinders relationship-building and that divides the allegiance we owe to you. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, despairing, sick, or oppressed. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. We pray for those who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, and name them now aloud or in our hearts. (Pause for a moment.) We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for this congregation. Sustain those who contribute to our worship, nourish our garden, and plan for our re-gathering. Empower our creativity in connecting and caring for each other while we are apart. Shine in this community that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We give thanks for those who have died in faith, including Amani Kildea. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **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.*

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

P My Jesus,

C I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart +. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## Thanksgiving for the Word

P Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.

# SENDING

## Benediction

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C Amen

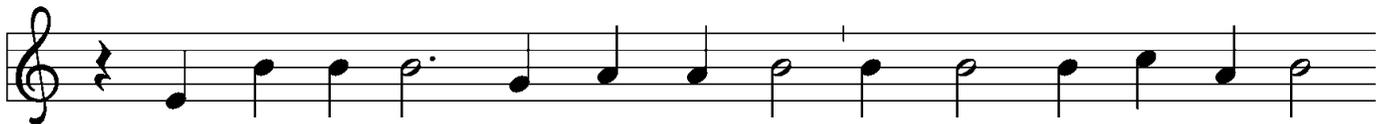
## Announcements

### Closing Hymn: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

*ELW Hymn: 332*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Toccata on DIR, DIR, JEHOVA*

*Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690;*  
*arr. Hans Arnold Metzger*

**Next Week's Lessons:**

Worship at St. Luke's Washington

**Office Hours:**

Pastor Serena will be on vacation this week.  
See note below about emergency pastoral coverage.

Christine:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
3:30 pm—5:30 pm

☩ Serving in Worship		
	Today (7/5)	Next Week (7/12)
Altar Guild	None	None
Bread Baker	None	None
Coffee Hour	None	None
Counter	None	None
Greeter	None	None
Usher	None	None
Reader	Karen Coates	None
Assistant Minister	Sheeba David	None
Communion Assistant	None	None
PowerPoint	None	None

**Keep These Friends in Your Prayers:** *Those who are sick or in need:* Sharon Puglia, Juli Pullara, Michael Krush, Judy Wayman, Tamsin Skeels, Don Larsen, Sandy Olson, Col. Phillip E. Miller, Jim Kosiorek, Pat Linn, Eleonor Braun, David Coyne, Megan McGuire, Donna Woody, Gillian George, Eastlyn Rodriguez, Richard Biunno, Gertrude Price, Isabella Adams, Laura Dennis, Michael, Rachel and Cora Pawlo, Gayle Pinkham, Sophia Hawthorne, Baby Jackson Cook, Kacie Schmidt, Gregg Clark, Susan Jacob, Luke Mueller, 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, Gary and Linda McCabe, James Ehrke, Jennifer Van Doran, John Brun, Michelle Kamin, Roslyn & Kerry Winfield, Chris Killian. Margret Zwicker, Amy Orama, Nalina (Sheeba's mom)

*Those who are expecting:* Kimberly Defreitas, April and Scott

*Those in mourning:* Those mourning Henry Hill, The Bowden and Schroeder families on the death of Evelyn Bowden, The Jaeger family, those mourning John Bohmke, The Schwier family on the death of Elsa Platt, Marja-Liisa Apgar, the Linderman family, the Ashu family, The Kildea family

**Announcements:**

~ **Pastor Serena will be on vacation from July 6—July 18. All pastoral emergencies will be handled by Pastor Karol VanWulfen. She can be reached at (908) 689-1976.**

~ **Food Pantry Needs for June:** Parmalat Milk, Bread, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Vegetables, Soup, Spaghetti Sauce

~ **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.

### This Week at Abiding Peace

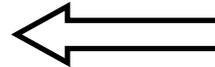
- Sunday, 7/5**
- 5TH SUNDAY/PENTECOST
  - Webcast Worship, 10:00 am
  - Zoom Coffee Hour, 11:00 am
- Tuesday, 7/7**
- Faith Kitchen, 9:00 am
- Wednesday, 7/8**
- AA Meeting, Cancelled
- Friday, 7/10**
- NA Meeting, Cancelled
- Saturday, 7/11**
- NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

### Next Week at Abiding Peace

- Sunday, 7/12**
- 6TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST
  - Worship with St. Luke's Washington, 9:00 am
- Wednesday, 7/15**
- AA Meeting, Cancelled
- Friday, 7/17**
- NA Meeting, Cancelled
- Saturday, 7/18**
- NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

**For St. Luke's Washington service on July 12 click link below**

<https://stlukeswashington.com/worship-servicespodcasts/worship-servicessermons>



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### Upcoming Events

- ~ July 22: Living Lutheran Bible Study: Unpacking White Privilege, 7:00 pm
- ~ August 5: Summer Book Club, Part 2: *The Jesus I Never Knew*, by Philip Yancey, 7:00 pm

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