

Abiding Peace LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Morning — 10:00 — August 9, 2020
Tenth 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 up 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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When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and through the various ways we recognize Christ's presence in our own lives God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

Prelude: *Meditation on ARLINGTON*
by Thomas Arne, arr. Robert J. Hughes

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**



1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

John Cawood, 1775-1852, alt. Music: J. Day, Psalter, 1562 All worship hymns are reprinted under One License.net #A-700457 and CCLI #2840035

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:

continued



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 defender,

C storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Genesis 37:1-8, 12-28

Joseph is his father's favorite son, but this favoritism, and his prophetic dreams, prompt jealousy in his brothers. They plot for his destruction, and sell him into slavery, but God will use this scheming to save the whole family when Joseph rises to power in Egypt.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹⁷The Lord sent a | man before them,
 Joseph, who was sold | as a slave.
¹⁸They bruised his | feet in fetters;
 his neck they put in an | iron collar.
¹⁹Until his prediction | came to pass,
 the word of | the Lord tested him.
²⁰The king sent | and released him;
 the ruler of the peoples | set him free,
²¹setting him as a master o- | ver his household,
 as a ruler over all | his possessions,
²²to instruct his princes according | to his will
 and to teach his elders wisdom. ^{45b} | Hallelujah!

Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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. Matthew the 14th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

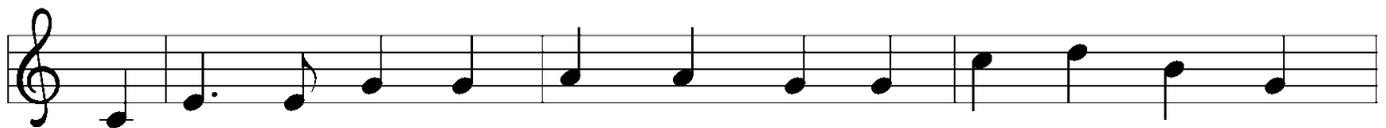
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

(Time for reflection)

Hymn of the Day: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

ELW Hymn: 756



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



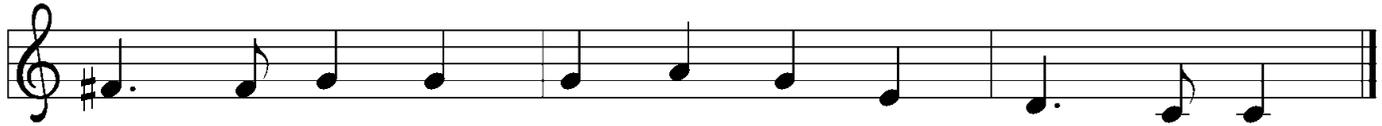
rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

continued

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own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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 Confident of your care, O God, and helped by the Holy Spirit who hears our words and our hearts, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence)

A We pray for your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from both natural and human-made disasters. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day , including those impacted by the storm and for all who were hurt or traumatized by the explosion in Beirut. We pray for those who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Sharon, Juli, Michael, Judy, Tamsin, Don, Sandi, Phillip, Jim, Pat, Eleonor, David, Meagan, Donna, and Gillian. 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 our congregation. You have gathered us together as your people , even when we are separated in space, and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year unlike any other, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; 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: *By Grace We Have Been Saved* (vs. 1-3, 5)

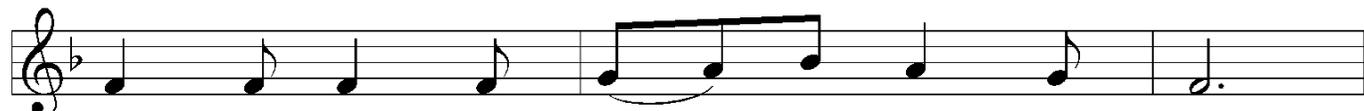
W&P Hymn: 25



1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
 2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
 3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
 5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -



not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
 plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
 Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
 va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.
 filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
 died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
 feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

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P Go in peace. Christ is with you.
 C Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Postlude on GUIDE ME*
 by George Warren, arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Next Week's Lessons:

Genesis 45:1-15
 Psalm 133
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
 Matthew 15:10-28

Office Hours:

See announcements below

Christine:

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

☩ Serving in Worship		
	Today (8/9)	Next Week (8/16)
Altar Guild	None	None
Bread Baker	None	None
Coffee Hour	None	None
Counter	None	None
Greeter	None	None
Usher	None	None
Reader	Demetria Laird	Linda Venator
Assistant Minister	Sue Stirrat	Joe Barrett
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), Lauren Francis, Jackie King

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, those mourning Herman Cain, The Woodard family, those mourning John Lewis

Announcements:

~ **Pastor Serena will not have open office hours during the week at this time. However, she is available to speak by phone or to communicate by other means. If you have a pastoral need at any time, please do reach out. Telephone, facetime, messenger, or many other means of communication can keep up connected even when we have to be physically separated.**

~ **Food Pantry Needs for August:** 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, 8/9**
- 10TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST
 - Webcast Worship, 10:00 am
 - Zoom Coffee Hour, 11:00 am
- Wednesday, 8/12**
- AA Meeting, Cancelled
 - Zoom Study: ELCA Social Statement on Race & Racism, 7:00 pm
- Friday, 8/14**
- NA Meeting, Cancelled
- Saturday, 8/15**
- NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

Next Week at Abiding Peace

- Sunday, 8/16**
- 9TH SUNDAY/PENTECOST
 - Webcast Worship, 10:00 am
 - Zoom Conversation: Telling Our Church Story, 11:00 am
- Tuesday, 8/18**
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Wednesday, 8/19**
- AA Meeting, Cancelled
 - Zoom Conversation: Tapping and Stress Relief practices (with guidance from Sibylle Schroeder), 7:00 pm
- Friday, 8/21**
- NA Meeting, Cancelled
- Saturday, 8/22**
- NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

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