

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 10, 2026

*Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
a Loving Family, Growing In Faith,
Sharing the Hope of Christ...*

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Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

WELCOME

We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

(please silence your cell phone)

Thank you to Howard Lyon for providing Special Music today!

PRELUDE ~ Serenade F.Schubert/arr. D. Marani

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit call us together as the people of God

Please Stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN ~ WOV 793 (blue book) *Shout for Joy*

GREETING

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

HYMN of PRAISE ~ WOV 791 *Alabaré* v.2,3

Refrain



1 John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed, and
2 Wor - thy is Christ . . . the Lamb who was slain, whose
3 Sing with the peo - ple, the peo - ple of God, and



all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.
join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.



Thou - sands were pray - ing, ten thou - sands re - joic - ing, and
Pow - er and rich - es, and wis - dom and strength . . . and
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might . . . to

Refrain



all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
hon - or and all bless - ing shall be his.
God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together. **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 66:8-20

Sung Responsively



Tone 1

⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised | with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of
rams; I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

²⁰ **Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John, Chapter 14. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN of DAY ~ **ELW 397** *Loving Spirit* v.1,2,3

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

To each petition, Merciful God. Please respond: receive our prayer.

PEACE ~ The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY & PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING ~ CHOIR: *A Mother's Love* B. Bacon

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, 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 are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING at the TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.... Amen.

INVITATION to COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB of GOD vs. 1, 4, 5.



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



5. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

COMMUNION HYMN ~ ELW 781 *Children of the Heavenly Father*
Instrumental Meditation

Please stand

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our † Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. **Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 822 *Oh, Sing to the Lord*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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*This week the sanctuary flowers,
given to the glory of God, are in
Memory of Marion Siira & David Will, Sr
from Beverly Will*



Happy Mother's Day!



**Sunday, May 10: Choir: 9:00 & 10:45a, Worship: 9:30a, Bible Study: 11a
Zoom Bible: 7p**

Please keep in your prayers: Cindy & Rich Filson, Dale & Delores Mayhue, Jane Penna, Bill & Sharron Sontheimer, Pastor Karen Parsh, Dolly Pacileo, Carl Larese, Peggy Kaeberlein, Christine Petrone, Darcée & Fred Anthony, Ava Whitely, Ed Whitbred, Matt, Carolyn & Elliott Marriotti, Josh, Adrianna, Titus, Jackie Seib, Dick & Diana Stoker, Leslie Gallagher-Kelly & Michele Rion & Sue, Harry & Susan Speakman, Kathy Sinnott, Maury & Linda Allen, Damian & Marcia Santabene, Don & Donna Holder and Little Library visitors.

Sunday, May 10: Last day to place request/payment in **offering plate for Day of Pentecost Geraniums.** If you wish to have a plant on the altar, forms are in the **narthex.** You may also **leave in office today** or **Monday 5/11** during office hours. Plants are **\$4.50.**

Thursday, May 14: Erie Lutheran Conference **Ascension Service, Luther Memorial, 7:00p. Bishop Papson,** presiding. Reception to follow. If interested in joining the choir, contact Bryan Timm at BTimm@LutherMemorialOnline.org

Sunday, May 17: Choir: 9:00 & 10:45a, Worship: 9:30a, Bible Study: 11a

Sunday, May 17: Last day for Pentecost **KAFP donations** in **offering plate** or to the office.

Sunday, May 17: New Hope is hosting a **homemade lasagna dinner, 12:30-3:00pm. Donations** for the dinner **appreciated** to **benefit KAFP.** **RSVP today, May 10,** sheet is in narthex, but walk-ins welcome. If you would like to contribute a dessert, please indicate on the RSVP sheet.

Monday, May 18: Prayers Shawl Ladies Gathering beginning at 10a.

Tuesday, May 19: Don't forget to **VOTE today!!**

Tuesday, May 19: Care Team meeting @ 12:30p. Volunteers Needed! Please consider becoming a Care Team member. A joyful ministry, bringing Holy Communion and a smile to homebound members. For more information, contact **Jacque Holmberg @ 814.490.4470**

Wednesday, May 20: Prayer Warriors, anytime 1-3p. Quiet prayer in sanctuary.

Wednesday, May 20: Men's Night Out @ McGarry's Oakwood, 6:30p. Sign-up by **5/18** in narthex or just stop in.

Thursday, May 20: Ladies Night @ Riverside Brewery, 5:30p. Sign-up by **5/18** in narthex...indicate if you need a ride.

Office Hours: Mon. & Tue, 930a-330p. Wed., 930a-1230p. For immediate pastoral needs, **Thursday-Saturday,** contact **Pastor Karen Parsh – 814.881.3266.** **Friday,** contact **Rick Penn – 814-737-9974.**

Worship Leaders ~ May 10, 2026

Videographer	Andy Saska
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Presenter	Carolyn Hayes
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