Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost ~ November 8, 2026

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
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Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor
Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music

WELCOME

We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.
(please turn off your cell phone)

PRELUDE ~ CHOIR: *The Tallis Canon*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

All that we are is a gift from God.

The earth is the lord's and all that is in it.

All that we have is a gift from God. There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creations

For God has founded it on the seas.

Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's gifts.

God established it on the rivers.

Brothers and Sisters, we were born sinner, and sinner we will always be, if it were not for the grace of Jesus the Christ. We are told in 1 Corinthians 4:2 that a steward must be found trustworthy. Acknowledging that in our sin we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. Yet, we spend our time serving self.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. Yet, we tend to hide our gifts.

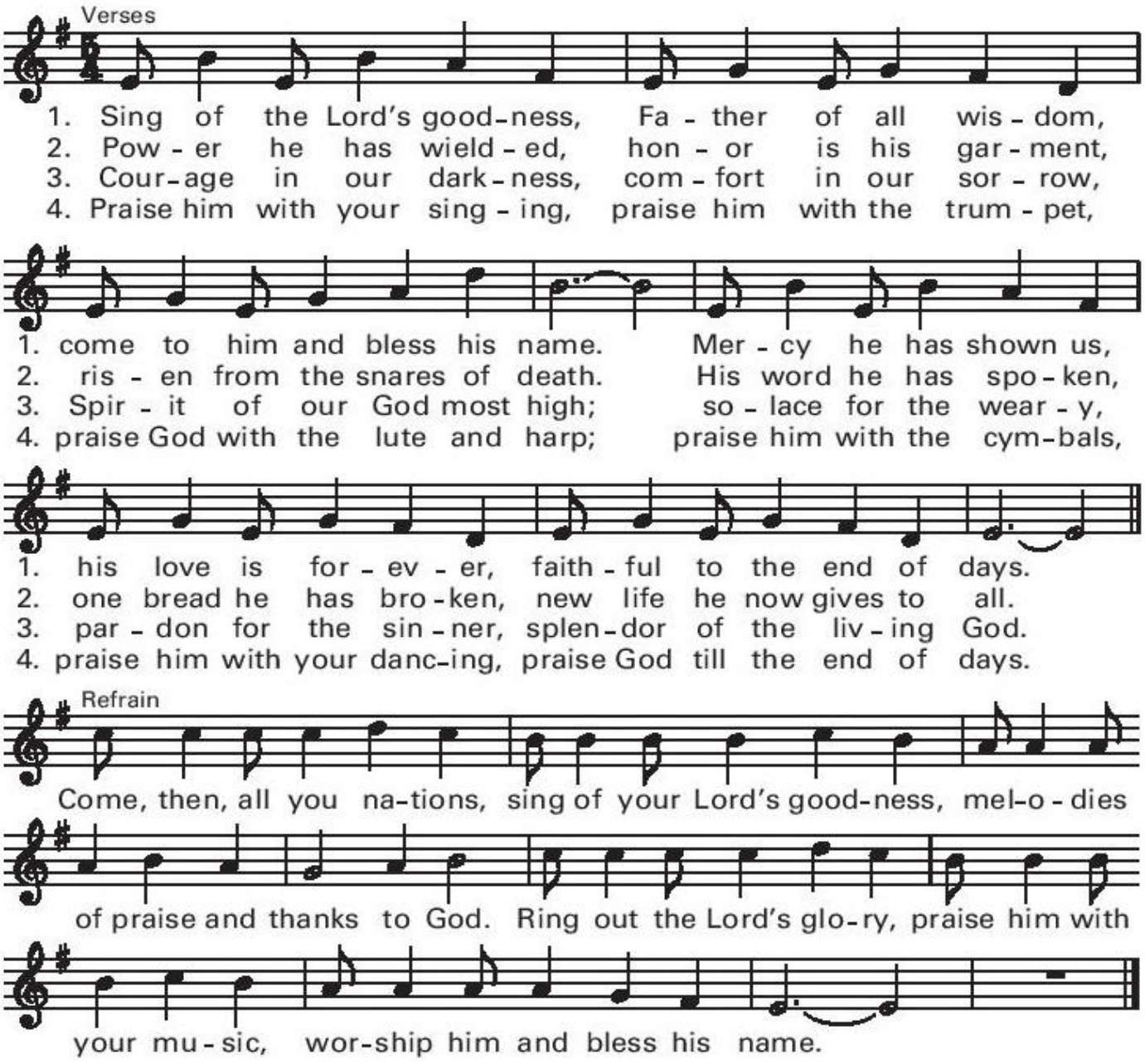
Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. Yet, we resist sharing because of fear for the future. **Lord in your mercy, forgive us.**
You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. Yet, we take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth. **Lord in your mercy, forgive us.**
In our sin, God reaches out to forgive and restore us. Receive this Good News, having confessed out sins, rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ ELW 625 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

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 ~ *Sing of the Lord's Goodness*



PRAYER of the DAY

Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together. **O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those
who love her and is found by those who seek her. 13 She hastens to make
herself known to those who desire her. 14 One who rises early to seek her
will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. 15 To fix one's
thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her
account will soon be free from care, 16 because she goes about seeking
those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

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

PSALM: 70 Response Sung  **Tone 1**

1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and
| be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is
the LORD!"

5 **But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly,**
O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do
not tarry.

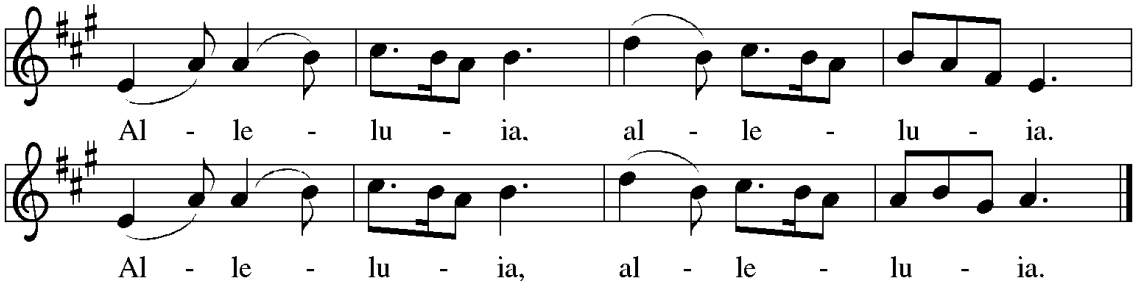
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have
no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we
declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive,
who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet
the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

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

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ *Celtic Alleluia*



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 25.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five
of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and
slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough
for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and
those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the
door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord,
lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*



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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for: Christan, Nancy, Sharron, Karen S., Vicki, Marygrace, Mary Alice, Megan, Larry K, Donna G., Brian & Penny, Shirley, Candy & Arch, Sam, Priscila, Don, Joan, Pat K., Connie, Christine P., Cheryl, Ed & Jeanne, Cindy & Rich, Harry & Susan, Dick & Diana, Kathi, Maury & Linda, Don & Donna, Damian & Marcia, Little Library visitors, and for all in our hearts. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 695 *As Saints of Old*

OFFERING PRAYER

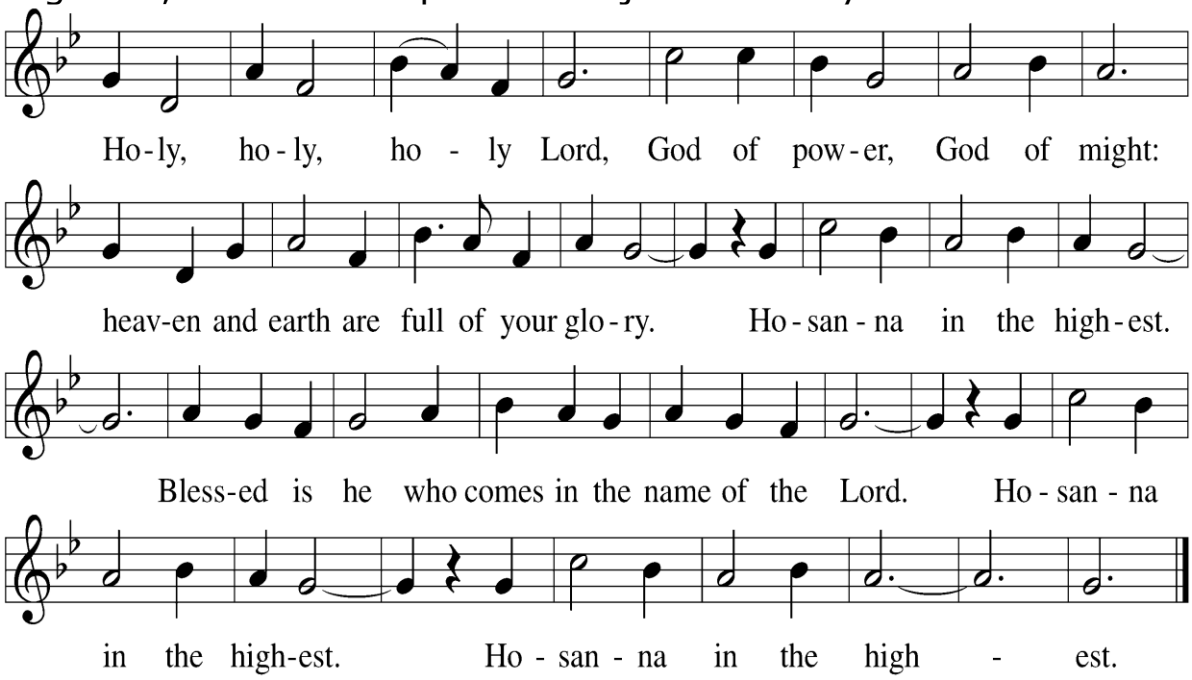
Let us pray together. **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all. We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God. And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence. Together, we offer our praise and join in the hymn of all creation:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

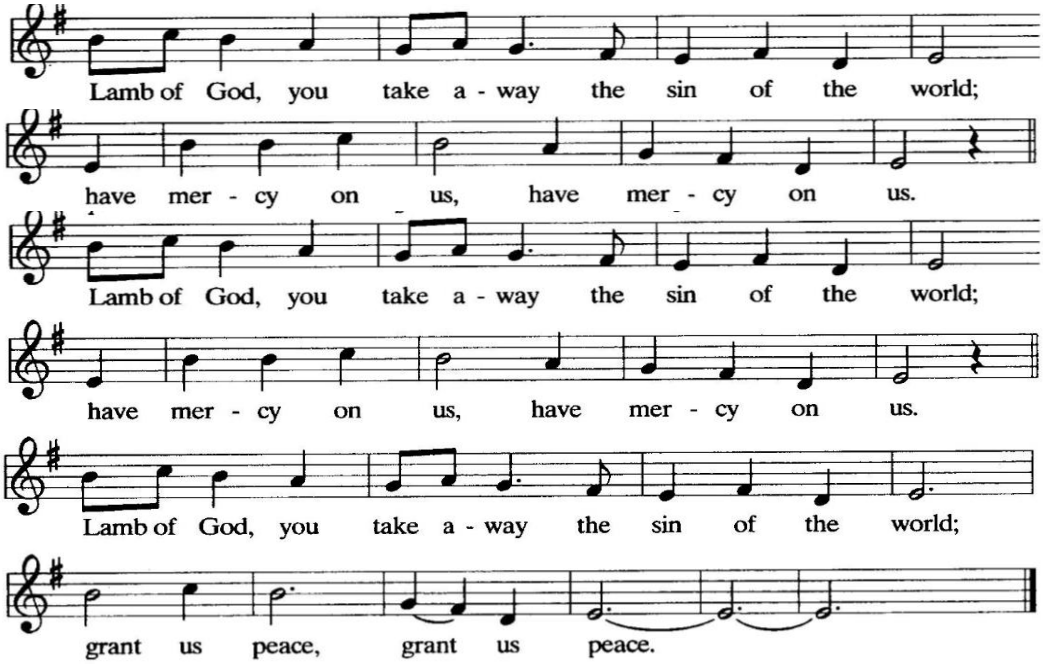
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father, who art in heaven, …… Amen

Please be seated

INVITATION to COMMUNION ~

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

LAMB OF GOD



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

COMMUNION HYMN ~ ELW 785 *When Peace Like a River*
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: **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 808 *Lord, Jesus You Shall Be My Song*

DISMISSAL ~ Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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PARISH NOTES ~ November 8, 2026

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Pease keep members & friends in your prayers: Christan Moffett-Lyle, Nancy Riley, Sharron Sontheimer, Karen Shick, Vicki Farnsworth, Mary Alice Ross, Megan Ross, Marygrace Cirillo, Larry Kozlowski, Donna Graham, Shirley Englert, Brian & Penny Gresh, Candy & Arch Watkins, Sam Elder, Priscila Mirone, Don Morey, Joan Doehrel, Pat Kerr, Connie Kerr-Vogt, Christine Petrone, Cheryl Hicks, Ed & Jeanne Tropper, Dick & Diana Stoker, Cindy & Rich Filson, Harry & Susan Speakman, Kathy Sinnott, Maury & Linda Allen, Don & Donna Holder, Damian & Marcia Santabene, and Little Library visitors.

In remembrance of our loved ones who have passed.
Diane Farnsworth, Don Nagy, Wilson & Ann Farnsworth, Matt Keener, Nancy Antonchak
by Lee & Vicki Farnsworth

Sunday, November 8: Worship 9:30a Choir 9 & 10:45a
Bible Study 11:00a.
LAST Day to Return PLEDGE CARDS! Cards on tall table in narthex
Sunday, November 8: Final day to **RSVP** for **New Hope's** Friendship Thanksgiving Dinner. Sign-up sheet in narthex
Wednesday, November 11: 1-3p. Prayer Warriors. Visit the church sanctuary for silent prayer/meditation or pray from wherever you are.
Wednesday, November 11: Men's Night, **6:30p** @ **The Cab**. Sign sheet in narthex or just stop in.
Thursday, November 12: Ladies Night, 5:30p @ **Royal Chopstix**. **RSVP** sheet in narthex by **11/09.**
Friday, November 13: Pastor Karen is on vacation until November 22.
Pastoral Emergencies 11/13-11/22: Pr. Clay Woodring - 814.572.0743. Pr. Kristen Woodring - 814.323.9490. Pr. Erik Young – 310.686.6257.
Sunday, November 15: Worship 9:30a with Barb Dennison officiating. Choir 9 & 1045a No Bible Study
Sunday, November 15: New Hope's "Friendship Harvest Dinner" @ 12:15p.
Sunday, November 15: Bob Hicks is **"Going to Jail! Please help pay** his **"bail"** that will support the Kairos Prison Ministry. **Donation box** is in the **sanctuary entrance**. You may sign-up for hourly prayer (wherever you are) for prisoners. Day/time sheet in narthex.
Thursday, November 19: Volunteers needed **(3:50-6:45p)** for **Sloppy Joe Dinner** for the Homeless, hosted by Abiding Hope members. **Holy Trinity Lutheran, 643 W 17th. Cookies also needed. Sign-up sheet in narthex.**
Poinsettia's for Christmas: If you wish to have a plant in the sanctuary for Christmas, request forms are either in the weekly email on a table in the narthex. **Forms and payment need to be in the office by Dec. 1**
Bethesda Christmas: A wish list of gifts for the children who reside at Bethesda is on the tree table in the narthex. **Unwrapped gifts** to **AHLC** by **Dec. 9**
KAFP November Donation: Oatmeal
Little Jesus Project: An easy way to be an Ambassador for Christ is to leave a Little Jesus in a public place to be found by someone passing by! They are located in a basket under the monitor in the Narthex—help yourself!
Sanctuary Flowers: To **donate** for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up sheet/forms on table in narthex.
Office Hours: Mon & Tues, 9:30a-3:30p. Wed. 9:30-12:30p.
Until 11/12, **Pastoral Emergencies:** Pastor Karen Parsh- 814.881.3266 – email: Pastorparsh@gmail.com**.**

Worship Leaders ~ November 8, 2026

Videographer	Andy Saska
Greeter/Coffee	June Morey
Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Bob Hicks
Lector/Prayers	Sally Zill
Presenter	Diana Stoker
Presenter	Carolyn Hayes

Communion Cups	Volunteer
Communion Tray	June Morey
Usherette	Linda Allen
Usher	Jay Zeimet
Counters	Bill & Diana