

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost ~ June 28, 2026

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

We are a Loving Family, Growing in Faith,
Sharing the Hope of Christ.

Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor

Sheryl Williams ~ Coordinator of Music

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

(please turn off your cell phone)

*If you would like to follow along as the lessons and gospel are read,
bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary.*

PRELUDE

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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN - All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirst - y, all who are ___ weak, come to the foun-
- tain. Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sor - row
be wash'd a - way in the waves of His mer - cy as deep cries
out to deep. (We sing) Come, Lord Je - sus, ___ come.
Come, Lord Je - sus, ___ come. Come, Lord
Je - sus, ___ come. Come, Lord Je - sus, ___
___ come. All who are thirst - Ho - ly Spir - it, ___
___ come. Ho - ly Spir - it, ___ come.
Ho - ly Spir - it, ___ come. Ho - ly
Spir - it, ___ come. As deep cries out to
deep. As deep cries deep, ___ we sing
Come, Lord Je - sus, ___ come.

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 ~ ELW p. 185 *Glory to God in the Highest*

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray together. **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

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

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written in G-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system is an instrumental introduction. The second system begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -'. The third system continues the lyrics 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' and includes a 'to repeat' section and a 'final' section. The fourth system contains the lyrics 'Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, fill our hearts'. The fifth system concludes with the lyrics 'and kin - die in us the fire of your love.' and a 'D.S.' marking. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal lines, and the score includes various musical notations such as repeat signs, double bar lines, and dynamic markings.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 10.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Stephanie Volland

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ **ELW 641** *All Are Welcome* 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: God of Grace. *Please response: **hear our prayer***

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

OFFERING and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ *Give Thanks* pg.6



Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



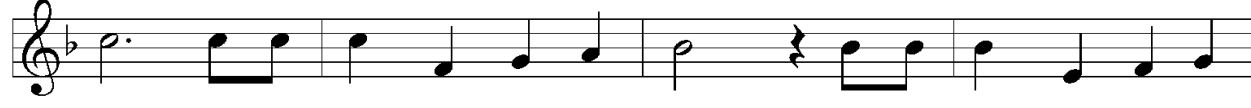
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. **Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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: Holy, Holy, Holy ~

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 13 and 17 indicated. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the san - na in the high - est. high - est, the high - est."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
13 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
san - na in the high - est.
17 high - est, the high - est.

cont'd

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, the high - est.

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

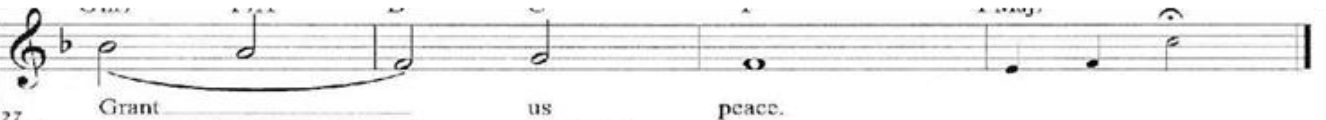
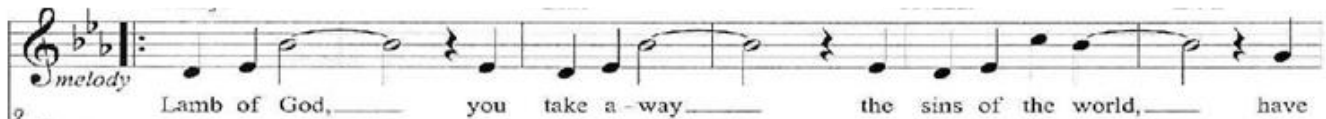
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father, who art in heaven, Amen.

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 HYMNS ~ ELW 483 *Here is Bread*
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: **Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ~ How Great is Our God pg 11

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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How Great is Our God

VERSE



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;



Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -



Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide, and trem - bles at His voice,
head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, the Li - on and the Lamb,

CHORUS



and trem - bles at His voice. How great is our God! Sing with me: How
the Li - on and the Lamb.



great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God! *Fine*

BRIDGE



2. And Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise.



My heart will sing: How great is our God! is our God!



How great *D.S. al Fine*

Parish Notes ~ June 28, 2026

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Please keep in your prayers: Eric & Benjamin Askins, Ed & Jeanne Tropper, Vicki Farnsworth, James & Margaret Mayberry, James Herring, Cindy & Rich Filson, Pr. Karen Parsh, Christine Petrone, Ava Whitely, Matt, Carolyn & Elliott Marriotti, Adrianna & Family, Dick & Diana Stoker, Harry & Susan Speakman, Leslie Gallagher-Kelly, Kathy Sinnott, Maury & Linda Allen, Damian & Marcia Santabene, Don & Donna Holder and Little Library visitors.

Sunday, June 28: Worship, 930a – Bible Study 11a - Zoom Bible, 7p. All are invited to join. If interested, **send your email to Rick Penn** any time prior to 7p on the Sunday of your choice.

Thursday, July 2: Care & Share Group @ 1p with Damian

Sunday, July 5: Worship 9:30a - Bible Study 11a

Tuesday, July 7: Gem City Concert Band, 7p. Enjoy a summer evening of music with family & friends. **Bring a lawn chair.** Popcorn, lemonade will be served.

FLYERS with Information on sponsorship in narthex. Tickets in Office. Plan to attend to support this fun "raising event.

Office Hours: Mon. & Tue, 930a-3:30p. Wed, 9:30a-12:30p. **For immediate pastoral needs, Thurs-Sat., contact Pastor Karen Parsh 814.881.3266.** On **Fri., contact Rick Penn, 814.737.9974.**

Worship Leaders ~ June 28, 2026

Videographer	Analee Cree
Greeter/Coffee	Mary Randall
Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Penny Gresh
Lector/Prayers	Rick Penn
Communion Cups	Michele Rion
Communion Tray	Diana Stoker
Presenter	June Morey
Presenter	Donna Holder
Usher	Rich Filson
Usher	Rick Penn
Counters	Bill & Penny

Worship Leaders ~ July 5, 2026

Videographer	Andy Saska
Greeter/Coffee	Cindy Filson
Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Donna Holder
Lector/Prayers	Cindi Reid
Communion Cups	Barb Ruhlman
Communion Tray	Linda Allen
Presenter	Connie Kerr Vogt
Presenter	Diana Stoker
Usher	Andy Saska
Usher	Rich Filson
Counters	Rich & Barb