

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost ~ August 2, 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

Let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

(please turn off your cell phone)

This morning, we welcome Sandra Throop as our Lay Minister.

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 – ELW 461 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* vs. 1, 3

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.**

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the



health of the church. for the u - ni - ty of all:



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray together.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

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

Psalm: 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are
bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you
shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Sandra Throop, Lay Minister

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* pg. 5

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken v.1,4

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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 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 ~

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 479 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

Assisting Minister

PRAYERS of DISTRIBUTION

Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

When our congregation gathers for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remember the words that have been spoken:

"In the night in which he was betrayed, he 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We have been given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ. As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, Amen.

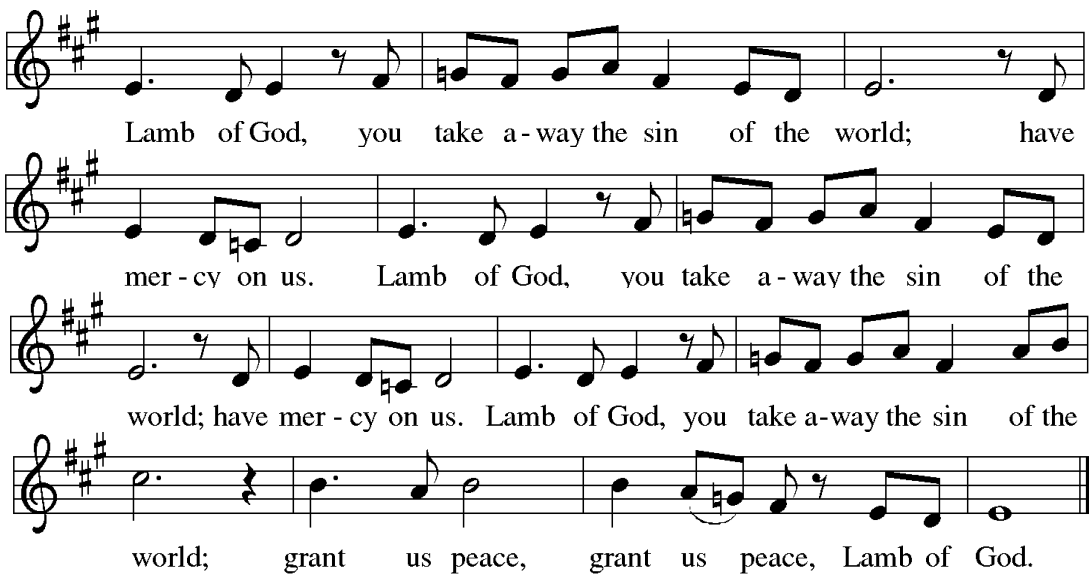
Please be seated

INVITATION to COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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COMMUNION HYMNS ~ ELW 484 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Instrumental Meditation

Please stand

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 ~ ELW 843 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE ~

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Parish Notes ~ August 2, 2026

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Please keep in your prayers: Kim Sandhold, Pastor Karen Parsh, Don & Marion Fuller, Cheryl Hicks, Trudy Mueller, Gilda & Anthony, Ed & Jeanne Tropper, Cindy & Rich Filson, Christine Petrone, Matt, Carolyn & Elliott Marriotti, Adrianna & Family, Dick & Diana Stoker, Harry & Susan Speakman, Kathy Sinnott, Maury & Linda Allen, Damian & Marcia Santabene, Don & Donna Holder and the Little Library visitors.

Sunday, August 2: Worship 9:30a with Lay Worship Leader, Sandra Troop

Monday, August 3: Prayer Shawls Gathering meets at 12 noon.

Thursday, August 6: Care & Share Group @ 1p with Damian. Open to ALL.

Wednesday, August 5: For this month, Prayer Warriors will meet on the 1st

Wednesday. The sanctuary is open 1-3p for private prayer during this time.

Please consider joining us.

Sunday, August 9: Worship, 930a Zoom Bible on hiatus until Fall.

Sunday, August 9: Erie Lutherans will meet @10a for the annual beach service at the Cookhouse Pavilion in Presque Isle State Park. We will gather for worship, fellowship, and food. If you plan to attend, please bring a chair and if able, a dish to share that does not require heating or refrigeration.

Get Well Cards: Pastor Karen Parsh ~ 3649 Gerry Ave, Erie 16508

Little Free Library: There has had an influx of visitors the past few weeks, exchanging and contributing books. Bookmarks for children's books are running low. Donations are GREATLY appreciated and can be placed on the Library shelf in the Heritage Room. *Connie Kerr-Vogt* will soon be creating **educational packets to place in the library for young children. **Monetary donations** to purchase items will be appreciated. **Watch for additional information** in the August newsletter, and weekly email updates regarding **how to donate**.**

Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 9:30a-3:30p. Wednesday 9:30-12:30p.

For immediate pastoral needs, please contact Rick Penn @ 814.737.9974.

For **additions or revisions** to the **weekly prayer list**, please **call** or **email** the **office**.

Worship Leaders ~ August 2, 2026

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