

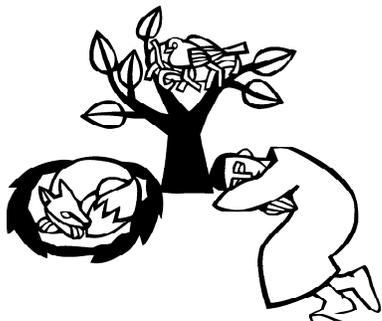
Third Sunday of Pentecost ~ June 26, 2022

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*We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

### GATHERING

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

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN ~ ELW 325 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

## 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* v. 1, 4



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Pow - er he has wield - ed, hon - or is his gar - ment,
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com - fort in our sor - row,
4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,



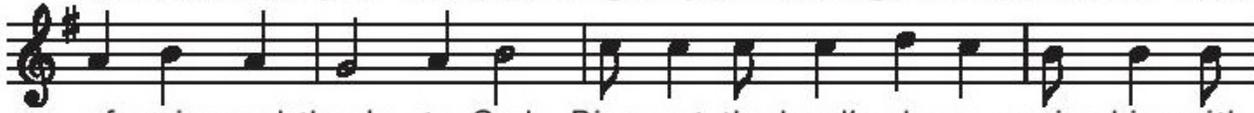
1. come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,
2. ris - en from the snares of death. His word he has spo - ken,
3. Spir - it of our God most high; so - lace for the wear - y,
4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,



1. his love is for - ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days.
2. one bread he has bro - ken, new life he now gives to all.
3. par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dor of the liv - ing God.
4. praise him with your danc - ing, praise God till the end of days.



Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o - dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with



your mu - sic, wor-ship him and bless his name.

## PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom.**

**Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

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

### **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 16 ~ Spoken Responsively**

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who up<sup>l</sup> hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>**You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

## SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1,13-25

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.      The word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' written below. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notation includes various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs.

### GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 9. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."      Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN of the DAY** ~ *Spirit, Open My Heart*

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## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying, especially, Ed, Lew & Jane, Roger & Irene, Darcée, Norma, the Gresh Family, Peggy, Nicole, Shirley, Cheryl, Mark, Sam & Dorothy, Karri, Bonnie, Judi, Karen, Milo, Ruth, Don, Judy, Carrie, Evelyn, Jack & Marjorie, and Joyce. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their head. God of grace

**hear our prayer.**

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**      *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **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 & PRESENTATIONS

**OFFERING HYMN ~ ELW 884** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**OFFERING PRAYER ~** Please pray together.

Let us pray. **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

## GREAT PRAYER OF 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 God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S108

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*At Abiding Hope all believers are welcome to share Holy Communion at the table of the Lord.*

*After receiving the bread, you may receive wine from the chalice poured into individual glasses or you may choose pre-poured grape juice as an alternative. Gluten free wafers are also available upon request.*

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen**

## LAMB of GOD

S112

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN ~ ELW 798** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

### PASTORAL BLESSING

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

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together, **We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### 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

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

**SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 697** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE ~ A Grave Misunderstanding**

When was the last time you were misunderstood? Was it a social media post taken in a way you didn't intend? A conversation with a relative that turned unintentionally tense? Maybe it was when you were giving directions to your children and they ended up lost or doing the wrong thing. It's frustrating to be misunderstood, especially by those you love. In today's gospel reading Jesus is misunderstood by just about everyone. We find him today setting his "face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51), an ominous phrase intended to give the hearers of this text a sense of the foreboding future: confrontation, crucifixion, and the grave. The Samaritans (outcasts in the eyes of the Judeans) didn't understand his singular mindset. Neither do the disciples, who think he may want vengeance when truly he is seeking purposeful peace. His followers want to clear up tasks and other duties before walking the road he is walking. What none of them understand is that where Jesus is going and what he is about to do will require his full attention, his full body, his full heart. He cannot be stopped, he has no heart for retribution, and he has no time for other tasks; salvation is at hand.

It's a grave misunderstanding.

On this final Sunday in June we find Jesus making clear that God's gracious work will take undivided attention and deserves ours, because the love of God seen through Christ will redeem our whole selves: the parts of our being that feel like outcasts, the parts of our hearts that desire vengeance over forgiveness, and the distracted parts of our heads that just don't seem to understand God's mission. God's work in Jesus is comprehensive. We often have a hard time understanding this because our world is fragmented, distracted, and distracting in so many ways. But if there's any misunderstanding today, the singular focus of Jesus provides clarity.

## **PARISH NOTES ~ June 26, 2022**

**Please pray for:** Lew & Jane Penna, Ed Tropper, Roger & Irene Owens, Darcée Anthony - Lon Jenkins' sister, Norma Squire, the Gresh Family, Peggy Kaeberlein, Nicole Woomer, Shirley Wolbach-Sheryl Williams' mother, Cheryl Tufts, Mark Pacileo, Sam & Dorothy Elder, Karri Pacileo, Bonnie Gebhardt, Judy Nordin, Karen Shick, Milo Mariotti, Ruth Hinkson, Don Fuller, Judi Pacileo, Carrie Fiske, Evelyn Senger, Jack & Marjorie Wonner, and Joyce Hersperger.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE for In-Person Worship:** Only one service @ 9:30a until Sunday, September 4. Both 8:30a & 10:30a worship will return on Sunday, September 11.

The service will live-stream on Facebook and then post to the AHLC web page. Please check parish notes or our web site for any time changes that may occur during this time period.

**Gem City Concert Band:** Performing on the lower parking area of Abiding Hope, this Tuesday evening June 28 @ 7:00p. Bring your friends, relatives and lawn chairs for an enjoyable summer evening of music. It's free! and there'll be complimentary popcorn and lemonade.

**Outdoor Worship & Family Picnic:** This summer, there will be two outdoor 9:30a services, July 10 & August 14, followed by a family picnic. Hotdogs/rolls, condiments and drinks provided. A tureen dish to share is welcomed. Bring your own table service and if you'd like, a lawn chair(s). Further details will be forthcoming in emails and/or parish notes.

**KAFP Project Dignity:** June item ~ Hair conditioner. Laundry basket in "cry room" for your donation

**Office Hours:** Mon & -Tue 9:30a-3:30p, Wed 9:30a-12:30p. If office is not staffed, leave a message, your call will be returned. For immediate pastoral assistance, call Pastor Karen at 814-881-3266. Pastor is in the office on Tuesdays, 10:00a and by appointment.

**Lutheran Disaster Response:** Since the first refugees from Ukraine arrived in Budapest, staff and volunteers have dedicated themselves to supporting them. Over 600 volunteers distributed such items as clothing, bedding, toys and hygiene products to refugees. The people of Ukraine now need a different kind of support. Staff and volunteers are helping refugees place children in schools, find jobs, take language classes, access the health care system and integrate into the community. **Your support is still needed. Thanks to a generous donor, gifts to the Eastern Europe Crisis Response fund will be matched, dollar for dollar, until \$25,000 is reached!** Checks or money orders can be sent to: **Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.** Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check memo line. Give by phone at **800-638-3522** (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT) or online @ <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response> .

**Bethany Outreach:** Doing some wardrobe cleaning out and updating? Remember your gently used clothing, shoes, household items, toys, children's items can be donated. All items are given out without charge. Thank you for your continued support. Analee Cree -814-397-6168.

**Altar Flowers:** Anyone who wishes to **donate flowers** for Sunday worship, the weekly sign-up form and request form are on the table in the narthex. A single arrangement may be purchased or two people may share a Sunday for the same week. The arrangements are **\$20.00 each**. Please place the **completed request form and payment** in the offering plate or to the office at least two weeks, but no less than one week prior to your chosen Sunday. Arrangement orders are called in on Monday.

**Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God,  
In Memory of Gordon and Mark Wunch, from Carol Wunch**

### CURRENT FUND REPORT

May Income: \$ 9,586.99    Year to Date Income: \$41,981.92  
 May Expenses: \$10,809.05    Year to Date Expenses: \$51,328.68  
 May Difference: \$ -1,022.06    Year to date Difference: \$-9,346.76  
 Year to Date Budget: \$ 53,167

### **WORSHIP LEADERS ~ June 26, 2022 ~ 9:30am**

Videographer	Penny Gresh
Greeter/Coffee	Mary Randall
Lector/Prayers	Lon Jenkins
Comm Assist/cups	Analee Cree
Comm. Assist/wine	Penny Gresh
Communion tray	Carol Whitbred
Presenter	Ed Whitbred
Presenter	Judi Pacileo
Usher	Mike Paris
Usher	Rick Penn
Counters	Lon Jenkins - Penny Gresh

HYMN of the DAY Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.