

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost ~ July 19, 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)

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

Thank you to Paul Sontheimer and Howard Lyon for providing special music today!

PRELUDE ~ Be Still My Soul J. Sibelius/arr. L. Gee

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 689 Praise and Thanksgiving v.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.**

HYMN of PRAISE ~ *Glory to God*

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER of the DAY

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

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of 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: Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

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

PSALM: 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of
your handmaid.**

¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7 $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat\text{sus}$ $\text{E}\flat$ Cm7 $\text{A}\flat/\text{C}$ Cm7

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

11 $\text{A}\flat\text{add9}$ $\text{A}\flat/\text{B}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat\text{sus}$ *to repeat* $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{A}\flat/\text{B}\flat$ *final* $\text{E}\flat$

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, fill our hearts

75 Fm7 $\text{E}\flat/\text{G}$ $\text{A}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat\text{sus}$ $\text{B}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat\text{sus}$ $\text{B}\flat$ **D.S.**

and kin - dle in us the fire of your love. _____

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 13. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ *God of the Poor* pg.7

God of the Poor



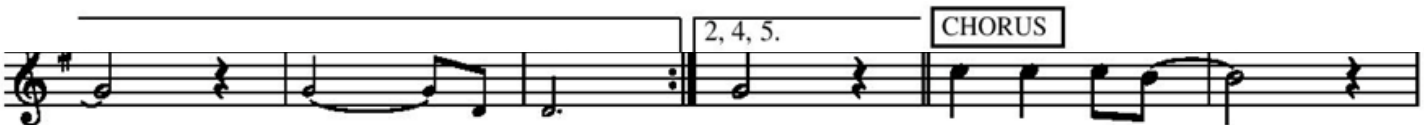
1. Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des - pair, Lord, in Your
 2. Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills, work for the
 3. Re - fuge from cruel _ wars, ha - vens from fear, cit - ies for
 4. Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams, plun - dered and
 5. Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame, un - til Your



suff - ring world, this is our prayer. Bread for the chil - dren,
 crafts - men, trade for their skills. Land for the dis - pos - sessed,
 sanc - tu - 'ry, free - doms to share. Peace to the kill - ing fields,
 poi - soned, our fu - ture our dreams. Lord, end our mad - ness,
 jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain; Un - til the na - tions



jus - tice, joy, peace, sun - rise to sun - set Your king - dom in - crease. ____
 rights for the weak, voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't
 scorched earth to green, Christ for the bit - ter - ness, His cross for the pain. ____
 care - less - ness, greed. Make us con - tent _ with the things that we
 learn of Your ways, seek Your sal - va - tion and bring You their



2, 4, 5.

CHORUS

— speak. God of the poor, —
 — need.
 — praise.



friend of the _ weak, give us com - pas - sion we pray, melt our cold



hearts, let tears fall like _ rain. Come change our love _ from a



spark _ to a _ flame. ____



3. ENDING



PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

To each petition: God of Grace. *Please response: **hear our prayer***

Presentation of New Members

These persons, Rich and Bernadette desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism as members of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church.

Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear his Word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen

PRAYER SHAWL PRESENTATION ~

WELCOME

We joyfully welcome you and celebrate your membership into our Abiding Hope Community. Peace be with you.

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

OFFERING and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING ~ *Aria* Flor Peeters

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 679 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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 for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats), and 8/8 time. It consists of 17 measures. The melody is characterized by eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed in pairs (indicated by a '2' above the notes). The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words spanning multiple measures. The score includes measure numbers 13, 17, and 19. The final measure (19) ends with a double bar line.

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.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san - na, ho - san - na, ho -

25 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

san - na in the high - est.

29 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

9 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

15 mer-cy on us.

21 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

27 Grant us peace.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION MUSIC ~ *Pavane* G. Faure/ arr. P.L. Christopherson
I Will Pray J. S. Stevens

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 ~ ELW 399 *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE ~ *Hornpipe* from Suite from Water Music G. F. Handel

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Parish Notes ~ July 19, 2026

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Please keep in your prayers: Gilda & Anthony, Eric & Benjamin Askins, Ed & Jeanne Tropper, James Herring, Cindy & Rich Filson, Pr. Karen Parsh, 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, July 19: Worship 9:30a.
Bible Study 11a..last Sunday until further notice.

TODAY....
BINGO Tickets still available to purchase.



Monday, July 20: Prayer Shawl Ladies now @ 12n – 2p until further notice.

Tuesday, July 21: Pastor Karen’s surgery in Pittsburgh

Thursday, July 23: Care & Share Group @ 1p with Damian. Open to ALL

Sunday, July 26: Worship, 930a No Bible Study

Little Free Library: There has had an influx of visitors the past few weeks, exchanging and contributing books. We have no need of books at this time, but surely appreciate your prayers for this ministry! *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, parish notes, 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 beginning July 20, please contact Rick Penn @ 814.737.9974. For **additions or revisions** to the **weekly prayer list**, please **call** or **email** the **office**.

Worship Leaders ~ July 19, 2026

Videographer	Penny Gresh	Presenter	June Morey
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Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Damian Santabene	Usher	Andy Saska
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Communion Cups	Penny Gresh	Counters	Andy & Penny
Communion Tray	Jeanne Tropper		