

Day of Pentecost ~ May 24, 2026

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

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

Sheryl Williams ~ Coordinator of Music

WELCOME

We invite you to quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

(please silence your cell phone)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as a people of God

PRELUDE ~ Choir: *Come Holy Spirit*

Call to Confession, Acts 2:21

"Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Come, then, let us confess our sins to the one who is faithful to forgive.
Come, then, let us adore the one who is mighty to save!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gracious God, Our hearts cry out for you to make us whole again. Even as we celebrate that you have come to dwell within us, we have sinned against you and abandoned your commandments. We have been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive.

We have not heeded your Word and we have not cherished your covenant. Help us to glorify you in all times and in all places. As our souls thirst for your living waters, quench our needs and satisfy our love. That we may come back to you and be sent forth to fill the world with your mercy and grace. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, And by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us, Amen.



Assurance of Pardon – from John 20:19-23

“Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; If you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”

GATHERING HYMN ~ ELW 396 *Spirit of Gentleness v.1,4*

ASPERGES ~ Sprinkling of Baptismal Water During the Hymn

GREETING

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

come, Holy Spirit.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

come, Holy Spirit.

HYMN of PRAISE ~ ELW pg. 185 *Glory to God in the Highest*

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray together. **God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Please be seated

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

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

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b Spoken Responsively

²⁴ How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms**

too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships | to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away
their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;

and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;**

O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.

³² You look at the earth | and it trembles;

you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while
I | have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, | O my soul. Hal- | lelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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



Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Musical score for Gospel Acclamation. The score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system is an instrumental introduction. The second system (measures 7-10) features the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -". The third system (measures 11-14) features the lyrics "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". Above the notes in measures 13 and 14 are boxes: "to repeat Eb Ab/Bb" and "final Eb". The fourth system (measures 15-18) features the lyrics "Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, fill our hearts". The fifth system (measures 19-22) features the lyrics "and kin - dle in us the fire of your love." and ends with "D.S.". Chord symbols are provided above the notes: Eb, Ebsus, Eb, Cm7, Ab/C, Cm7, Abadd9, A♭/B♭, Eb, Ebsus, Eb, Ab, B♭sus, B♭, B♭sus, B♭.

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

The holy gospel according to St. John Chapter 7. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁷ On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple,] he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church

We are truly blessed by God and enriched in our fellowship by the many people of this congregation who volunteer their time and their talent in small and large ways for the benefit of this church and for the advancement of the gospel of Christ in this place. St. Paul tells us that there are varieties of gifts and varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone as a manifestation of the Holy Spirit for the common good.

There is no insignificant work that is done among us. All efforts -- from maintaining our property to cleaning the church to leadership to visiting the sick to praying for one another and for our ministry -- all are important efforts by which we are mutually blessed and by which our ministry prospers. At the same time, St. Paul teaches us to give thanks always to God through Christ in whom he has given us every blessing, including the blessing of one another. It is therefore appropriate on this day that we should recognize the work that is done by so many faithful and dedicated people, giving thanks to one another and to Almighty God for making the Spirit manifest among us in such a variety of ways.

Thanksgiving Litany

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have called us into fellowship as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place, and you have blessed us and enriched our lives through your Holy Word and Sacraments. You strengthen us and inspire us with your Holy Spirit to live lives of mutual love and service in the world. For all this, and, above all, for the gift of your Son and our salvation, we give our heartfelt thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who lead and those who follow; for officers, council members and committees.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For assisting ministers and readers, for greeters and ushers, for presenters, communion assistants and for our musicians and choir.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For prophets and seers, for teachers and preachers, for those who visit the ill and homebound.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who prepare, serve and provide food for: funeral luncheons and the homebound; beverages and snacks for events and meetings, and Sunday coffee hour.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

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For office helpers, counters and record keepers, for all our volunteers of every talent and ability.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who give and those who pray, for those who guide, for those with wisdom and those with inspiration:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For our past and for our future, for the many ways that we embody Christ for the needy in the world, for mission and ministry and for a purpose for being the Church.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

Keep us ever close to your Word and Holy Sacraments, that we might find strength to endure to the end.

We dedicate our lives to your service.

Bind us to your love, and through that love, to one another, for the sake of the gospel.

We dedicate our lives to your service.

Make us cheerful givers and faithful workers for the kingdom of your Son:

We dedicate our lives to your service.

Make us one in the body of Christ that we may acknowledge with gratefulness the importance of all our members and all our gifts for the mission that you give us.

We dedicate our lives to your service.

Lift up the weak among us. Heal the sick. Relieve the distressed and comfort the mourning. We pray especially for: Kim, James, Pat K., Irene, Cindy & Rich, Dale & Delores, Jane, Bill & Sharon, Carl, Pastor Karen, Christine P., Ed, Dolly, Ava, Matt, Carolyn, & Elliott, Adrianna, Peggy, Jackie S, Harry & Susan, Dick & Diana, Leslie, Kathi, Maury & Linda, Damian & Marcia, Don & Donna, and Little Library visitors, and for all those we name in our hearts.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Holy God, Blessed Lord, we thank you for all the good people of faith that you have raised up among us for the work of the gospel. Multiply our gifts by your Holy Spirit. Be in our hands and our minds and our words that we might bring your love to the world. And prosper our work to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 884

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERING PRAYER

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: Holy, Holy, Holy ~ pg 9

Holy, Holy, Holy

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 -
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, the high - est.
 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

The musical score for 'LAMB of GOD' is presented in two systems. The first system includes a melody line and a harmony line. The melody line starts with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have'. The harmony line is in bass clef and provides accompaniment for the melody. The second system continues the melody and harmony, with lyrics: 'mer-cy on us.' followed by a repeat sign and then 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have'. The melody line includes first and second endings. The final system shows the concluding phrase: 'Grant us peace.' with a final cadence in the melody and harmony lines.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ *Spirit Song* pg.12

Instrumental Meditation

Spirit Song

VERSE

1. Oh let the Son of God en - fold you with His Spir - it and His
2. Oh come and sing this song with glad - ness as your hearts are filled with
love; Let Him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul. Oh let Him
joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name. Oh give Him
have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it like, a dove, will des - cend up - on your
all your tears and sad - ness; Give Him all your years of pain, and you'll en - ter in - to

CHORUS

life and make you whole. Je - sus, oh Je - sus,
life in Je - sus' name.
come and fill Your lambs. Je - sus, oh Je -
sus, come and fill Your lambs.

Please stand

PASTORAL BLESSING

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

PRAYER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. **Thank you, Divine Spirit, for this holy meal and for coming to us as we have shared it. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; May the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign in every word we speak and in everything we do. 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 ~ Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

Verses



1. Up - on the moun - tain when my God spoke,
All a - round me, it looked so fine
2. 'Ol Jor - dan Riv - er, chill - y and cold,
There ain't but one train that's on this track,

D.C.
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
I asked my Lord if all was mine.
It chills the bod - y, but not the soul.
It runs to heav - en and runs right back.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Please keep in your prayers: Kim Sandholdt, James Herring, Pat Kerr, Irene Owens, Cindy & Rich Filson, Dale & Delores Mayhue, Jane Penna, Bill & Sharron Sontheimer, Pastor Karen Parsh, Dolly Pacileo, Carl Larese, Peggy Kaeberlein, Christine Petrone, Ava Whitely, Ed Whitbred, Matt, Carolyn & Elliott Marriotti, Adrianna, Jackie Seib, 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, May 24: Choir: 9:00 & 10:45a, Worship: 9:30a, Bible Study: 11a,

Sunday, May 31: 9:30a worship. Bible Study 11a. Blended service for Holy

Trinity Sunday and a Memorial Remembrance of Veterans. **Zoom Bible: 7p**

Tuesday, June 2: AHLC **"WORK"** day beginning @ **6p.** Please consider volunteering a little of your time to help spruce up the church surroundings: i.e., remove the fire pit (no longer used), clear weeds/broken limbs from trees, spread mulch etc. Your help will be appreciated

Thursday, June 4: Care & Share group resumes @ 1pm with Pastor and Damian.

Card Shower: High School graduation - **Andrea & Julie Saska,** Ft LeBeouf on **June 4.** Address: 2921 Valley Circle Dr. Erie, Pa 16509

Bibles: As the lessons and the gospel will not be included in the worship bulletin, if you would like to follow along while being read by the lector and Pastor, bibles are available to use during the service.

Art Sale in the Fellowship Hall: June 12, 4-7p. & June 13, 10a-4p. Wide selection of new and vintage wall art priced from \$5.00-50.00. Benefit AHLC.

Office Hours: Mon. & Tue, 930a-330p. Wed., 930a-1230p. For immediate pastoral needs, **Thursday-Saturday,** contact **Pastor Karen Parsh – 814.881.3266.** On **Friday,** please contact **Rick Penn, 814.737.9974.**

WORSHIP LEADERS ~ May 24

Videographer	Andy Saska
Greeter/Coffee	Nancy Cuning
Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Rick Penn
Lector/Prayers	Jacque Holmberg
Communion Cups	John Holmberg
Communion Tray	Jeanne Tropper
Presenter	Diana Stoker
Presenter	Nancy Cuning
Usher	Andy Saska
Usher	Jay Zeimet
Counters	Andy & Bill

WORSHIP LEADERS ~ May 31

Videographer	Analee Cree
Greeter/Coffee	Jo Zeimet
Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Damian Santabene
Lector/Prayers	Jeanne Tropper
Communion Cups	Linda Allen
Communion Tray	Barb Ruhlman
Presenter	Carolyn Hayes
Presenter	Lois Kuhns
Usher	Rich Filson
Usher	Rick Penn 14
Counters	Jo & Penny

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PENTECOST GERANIUMS

To the Glory of Our Lord,

In Memory of:

Jim Pacileo, Joe Pacileo,
Jim-Jim Pacileo
from Judi Pacileo

My Parents & Sisters
from Ann Louise Bitzer

My Loved Ones
from Analee Cree

David B. Perry
from Lauren Steele

My Loved Ones
from Sheryl Williams

Kym Morey
from Don & June Morey

Pauline Jenkins, Richard Jenkins
Jeff Jenkins
from Lon Jenkins

Marion Siira, Doris Watson
David Will, Sr., Robert Dinges
from Beverly Will

Richard and Florence Vogt
Edward Kerr, St.
from Jerry & Connie Kerr-Vogt

Anthony & Bernice Pokosh
Delona Pokosh-Kozlowski
Neal & Bette Moffett,
Dean Moffett
Milton & Colleen Luke
from denise

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PENTECOST GERANIUMS

To the Glory of Our Lord,

In Celebration of:

Our Abiding Hope Family
from Nancy and Dave Cunning

In Honor of:

Patricia Kerr
from Jerry & Connie Kerr-Vogt

My Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren
from Judi Pacileo



PENTECOST KAFF DONATIONS

To the Glory of Our Lord,

In Memory of:

Loved Ones
from Sheryl Williams

In Honor of:

Patricia Kerr
from Jerry & Connie Kerr-Vogt

