

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost ~ July 12, 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

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

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 ~ WOV 753 *You Are the Seed* 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



for your glo - ry. *Refrain* 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.
Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

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

PSALM: 65:1-13

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts
to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your
house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our
salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at
your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to
sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for
the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys
cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Musical score for Gospel Acclamation in E-flat major, 6/8 time. The score consists of five systems of music with lyrics. The first system (measures 1-6) is an instrumental introduction. The second system (measures 7-10) begins with a repeat sign and includes the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!". The third system (measures 11-14) continues the melody and includes the lyrics "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The fourth system (measures 15-18) includes the lyrics "Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, fill our hearts". The fifth system (measures 19-24) includes the lyrics "and kin - dle in us the fire of your love." and ends with a double bar line. Chord symbols are provided above the staff: Eb, Ebsus, Eb, Cm7, Ab/C, Cm7, Abadd9, Ab/Bb, Eb, Ebsus, Eb, Ab/Bb, Eb, Fm7, Eb/G, Ab, Bbsus, Bb, Bbsus, Bb, and D.S.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Please be seated

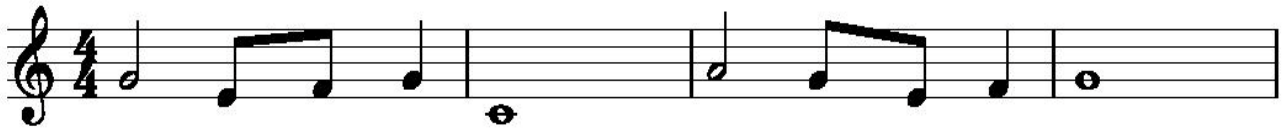
SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ *Seed, Scattered and Sown* pg.6

Seed, Scattered and Sown

REFRAIN



Seed, scat - tered and sown, wheat gath - ered and grown,



bread, bro - ken and shared as one, the Liv - ing Bread of God.



Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is



shared by all; the Liv - ing Cup, the Liv - ing Bread of God.

VERSES



1. Is not the bread we break a shar - ing in our Lord?

2. The seed which falls on rock will with - er and will die.

3. As wheat up - on the hills was gath - ered and was grown,



Is not the cup we bless the Blood of Christ out - poured?

The seed with - in good ground will flow - er and have life.

So may the church of God be gath - ered in - to one.

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 ~ ELW 512 *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

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 ~ pg. 8

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 is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of five systems of staves. The first system shows the beginning of the melody and harmony. The second system includes the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have". The third system includes the lyrics: "mer-cy on us." and features a first and second ending. The fourth system includes the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,". The fifth system includes the lyrics: "Grant us peace." and concludes with a final cadence.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ WOV 783 *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* 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 ~ ELW 547 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Parish Notes ~ July 12, 2026

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*The flowers this Sunday, given to the Glory of God,
are in Memory of David Parsh
from Mike & Greg Parsh*

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 12: Worship 9:30a - 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.

Wednesday, July 15: The **sanctuary is open 1-3p for Prayer Warriors.** Join us for silent prayer/meditation or from wherever you are to pray for our families, friends, our church family, neighborhood, state, our country and our world.

Wednesday, July 15: Men's Night Out, Madeline's, 6:30p. Signup sheet in the narthex or just show up!

Thursday, July 16: Ladies Night Out, Royal Chopstix, 5:30p. RSVP by 7/13. Signup in narthex. Don't forget **to bring a personal hygiene item or two** (small sizes) for the "City Mission Homeless" or leave in the Heritage Room basket.

Thursday, July 16: Care & Share Group @ 1p with Damian. Open to ALL

Sunday, July 19: Worship, 930a – Bible Study 11a

Sunday, July 19

FLYERS with Information on sponsorship in narthex.

Tickets in Office.

Plan to attend to support this "fun"raising event.

Baked goods needed...

Sign-up sheet in narthex.

If not going to BINGO, please bring to church before service on 7/19.



Monday, July 20: Prayer Shawl Ladies will now meet at 12noon until further notice.

Tuesday, July 21: Pastor Karen's surgery in Pittsburgh.

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 for the week of July 13: Wed, Thurs 9:30a-3:30p. Fri 9:30-12:30p
For immediate pastoral needs, Thurs-Sat., contact **Pastor Karen Parsh 814.881.3266.** On **Fri.,** contact **Rick Penn, 814.737.9974.**

Worship Leaders ~ July 12, 2026

Videographer	Analee Cree
Greeter/Coffee	Mary Randall
Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Analee Cree
Lector/Prayers	Judi Pacileo
Communion Cups	Nancy Cuning
Communion Tray	Lois Kuhns
Presenter	Michele Rion
Presenter	Carolyn Hayes
Usher	Jay Zeimet
Usher	Volunteer
Counters	Lois & Analee

Worship Leaders ~ July 19, 2026

Videographer	Penny Gresh
Greeter/Coffee	June Morey
Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Damian Santabene
Lector/Prayers	Sally Zill
Communion Cups	Penny Gresh
Communion Tray	Jeanne Tropper
Presenter	June Morey
Presenter	Nancy Cuning
Usher	Andy Saska 12
Usher	Linda Allen
Counters	Andy & Penny