

Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost ~ November 9, 2025

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

2402 W Grandview Blvd, Erie Pa 16506

Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor

Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music

Third Stewardship Sunday

The Reality of being involved in a Faith Life at Abiding Hope

WELCOME

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

(please turn off your cell phone)

PRELUDE ~ *Deep River Janet Getson, soloist*

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.

Holy God, we confess that we are lax in nurturing the faith you have planted within us. We do not take time to dwell in your holy Word and seek your guidance and direction for our lives as much as we ought.

In our life together, we neglect to care for each other, and hold each other in prayer. We so often fail to use the skills and talents you have given us in the ministry of our congregation. We hold tightly to our possessions, finding our security in them, rather than in you.

We turn away from the needs of neighbors near and far; we hesitate to respond to needs that are not our own, and we fail to see your likeness in the face of our sisters and brothers everywhere. We have not lived as your loving presence in the world, and we have sinned by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.

By your gracious mercy, forgive us. Renew us in faith and devotion to you. Strengthen us in love toward each other and toward the world that you so love, that we may serve you with all that is within us and with all that you have given us. God, who is steadfast in his love toward us and toward the world, forgives you all your sins, for the sake of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**


GATHERING HYMN ~ **ELW 636** *How Small Our Span of Life*

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*


Verses



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,

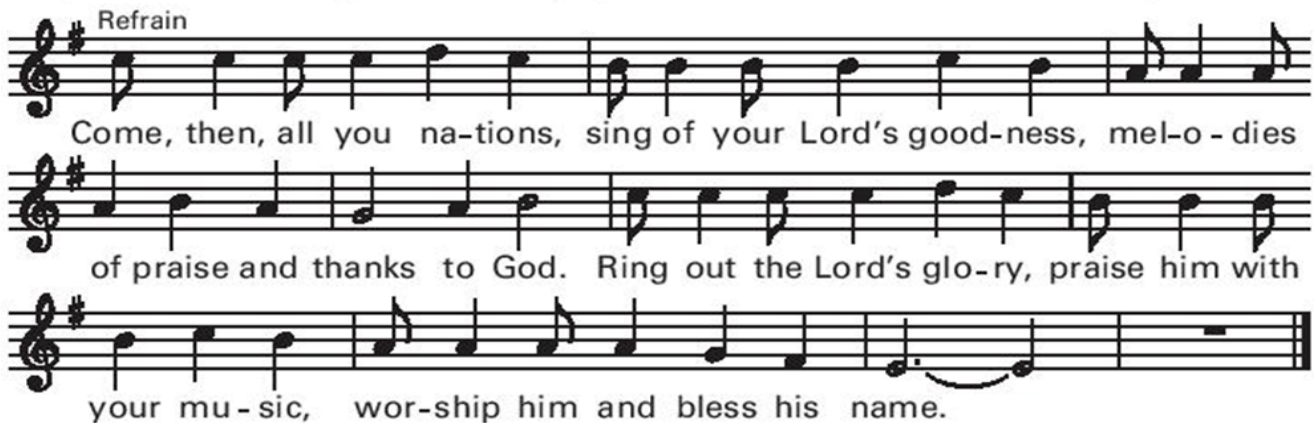


1. come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,
2. ris - en from the snares of death. His word he has spo - ken,
3. Spir - it of our God most high; so - lace for the wear - y,
4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,



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.

Refrain



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

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

A brief silence is kept before the prayer. **Almighty God, you call us into congregations where we can grow in faith, and into mission in the world where we live out our faith each day. So guide and direct us that we may be wise and faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us, that your love may be made known to all; through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

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

First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

²³“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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

PSALM: 17:1-9 Sung Responsively **Tone 1**

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed I to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from I lying lips.

² **Let my vindication come forth I from your presence;
let your eyes be I fixed on justice.**

³ Examine my heart, visit I me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- I ty in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what I others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways I of
the violent.**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your I well-worn path;
and my feet I do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will I answer me;
incline your ear to me and I hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous I lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those
who I rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple I of your eye;
hide me under the shadow I of your wings,**
⁹ **from the wicked I who assault me,
from my deadly enemies I who surround me.**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. **cont'd**

³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ Celtic Alleluia



GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 20. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

HYMN of the DAY ~ **ELW 678** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. We pray especially for: Carl, Ed W., Dick, Pat, Candy & Arch, Leslie & Michele & Sue, Gail, Joy, Shirley, Karen, Dan & Peggy, Bob, Kathi, Judy, Maury & Linda, Damian & Marcia, Don & Donna, and requests from the Little Library. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE ~ The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING ~ Choir: *Speak, O Lord* -K. Getty/S. Townend

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 696 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Generous God, we offer to you what is already yours - all that we have and all that we are. Grant us grateful hearts that can see your goodness toward us, and willing hands that are open to share the blessings we have known from you; in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

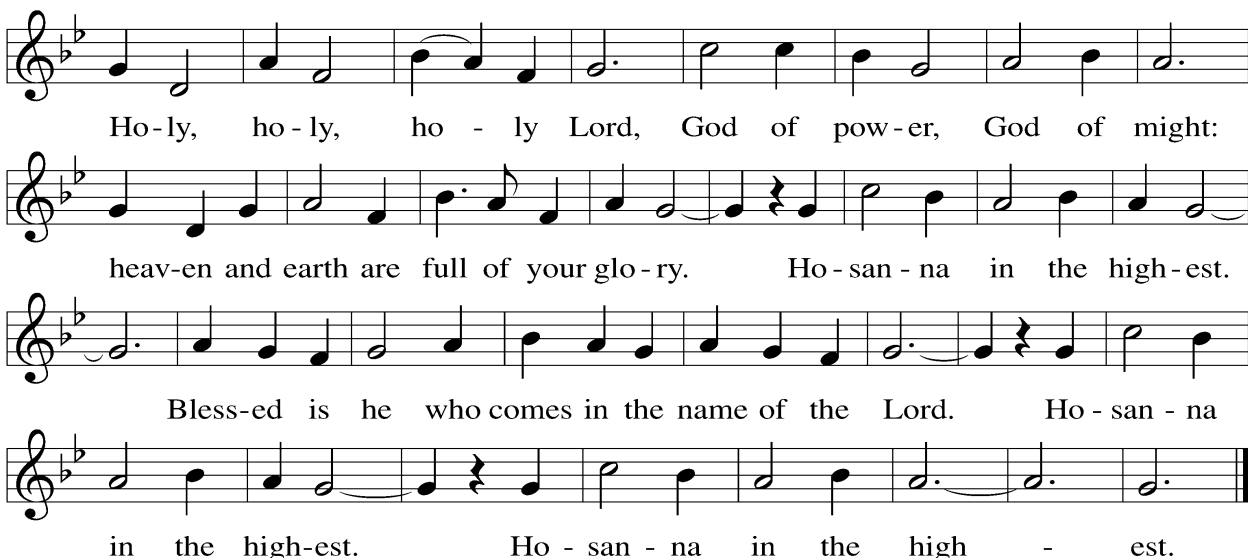
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



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

Please be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

LAMB OF GOD

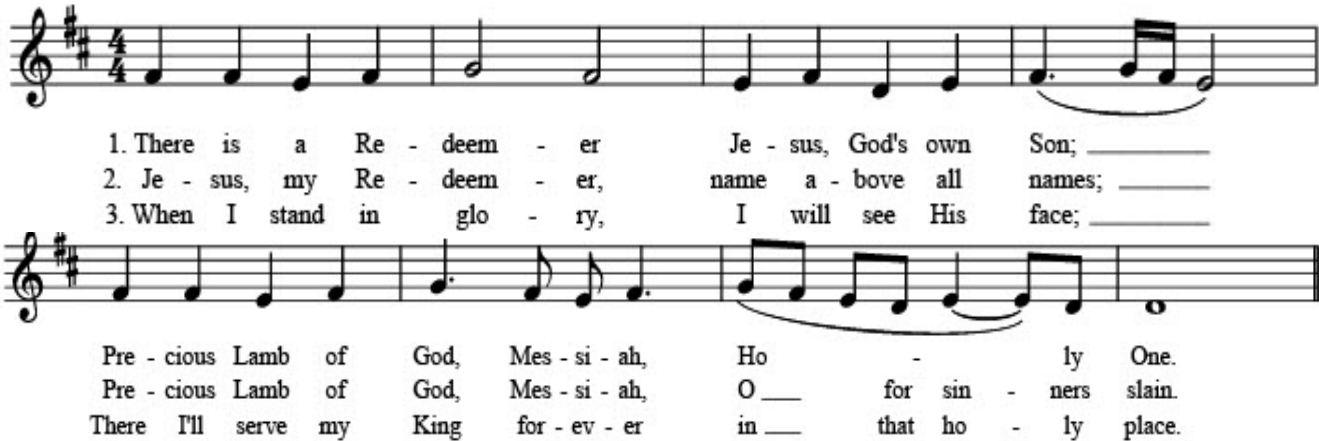


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ *There is a Redeemer*



1. There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son; _____
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; _____
3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face; _____
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O _____ for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in _____ that ho - ly place.

CHORUS



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, _____ and
leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work _ on _ earth _ is done.

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: **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.**

BLESSING

May Almighty God, the Father who created the world, the Son who lived to teach us how to live together, and died that we might live together with him forever, and the Spirit who inspires and nurtures us in faith, bless you and keep you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 638 *Blessed Assurance*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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PARISH NOTES ~ November 9, 2025

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**The flowers, this week, are given to the Glory of God
in Memory of Pauline and Richard Jenkins
from Lon Jenkins**

Please keep in your prayers: The Family & Friends of Judy Johnston.

Also members and friends: Carl Larese, Ed Whitbred, Dick Stoker, Pat Kerr, Gail Boyce, Candy & Arch Watkins, Leslie Gallagher-Kelly & Michele Rion & Sue, Karen Shick, Shirley Englert, Ed Tropper & Jeanne, Monica MacKellar, Dan & Peggy Kaeberlein, Bob McDaniel, Maury & Linda Allen, Damian & Marcia Santabene, Kathy Sinnott, Don & Donna Holder, Judy Johnston, and requests from the Little Library.

Sunday, November 9: Choir ~ 9a & 10:45a Bible Study ~ 10:45a

Sunday, November 16: Choir ~ 9a & 10:45a Bible Study ~ 10:45a

Pastor's Sabbath Day: Rev. Parsh will **not be available to **answer/return phone calls** or **read/reply** to **emails** on **Fridays**. If a pastoral emergency arises, please **contact Rick Penn @ 814-737-9974****

Sunday, November 16 ~ CELEBRATE the GOODNESS of GOD

If you have not already done so, we hope you will make your financial commitment by **next Sunday** to support all that happens (with God's help) through the hearts and hands of the people of Abiding Hope. Great things happen here and we are certainly blessed with our church family who give generously of their treasure, time, and talent!

Thursday, November 13: Ladies Night at **The Bullfrog** (above Andy's Pub at Peach/Liberty) @ **5:30p**. **Sign-up sheet** by **Mon. Nov. 10**. Indicate if you need a ride or will drive. **Rides leave AH @ 5:00p**.

Sunday, November 16: New Hope Presbyterian, has graciously invited members of **Abiding Hope** to join them for a "**Friendsgiving Dinner**" @ **12:15p**. Please **RSVP** by **today Nov 9**. Sign-up sheet in Narthex.

Wednesday, November 19: Prayer Warriors 1:00-3:00p. Please stop in the sanctuary for quiet intercessory prayer. Stay for as long you can or pray wherever you are.

Wednesday, November 19: Men gather for the evening @ **Valerio's, 740 Powell Ave @ 6:30p**. **ALL** are welcome. **RSVP sign-up by Mon. 11/17**.

Thursday, November 20: Volunteers needed (**3:50-6:45p**) for a **Sloppy Joe Dinner** for the Homeless hosted by Abiding Hope. **Cookies Needed**. **Holy Trinity Lutheran, 643 W 17th St**. Please **sign the volunteer sheet by Nov 16**.

Thursday Afternoon's @ 1:00p: Care & Share with Damian Santabene & Pastor Karen. A gathering with meaningful discussions about God, Daily Life & Eternal Life

Little Library Update: Now that autumn has arrived, welcomed donations include: **cans/pouches of soups/meals/stews, tuna, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, small cereal, nuts, breakfast bars**. **Please check expiration dates. Glass containers, or liquids cannot be accepted.** **THANK YOU -Connie Kerr-Vogt.**

KAFP Food Drive: November...creamed corn, dried beans, oatmeal and shaving products. Baskets for items in the Heritage Room.

Office Hours week of Nov.10: Mon 930a-330p-Wed 930a-330p-Thurs 930a-1230p

Flower arrangements for Sunday worship: Weekly sign-up and request forms are on the table in narthex. Arrangements: **\$20.00ea**. Please place the completed form/payment in the offering, or to the office by the Mon. prior your chosen Sun.

WORSHIP LEADERS ~ NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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| Videographer | Penny Gresh |
| Greeter/Coffee | Mary Randall |
| Assisting Minister/Acolyte | Donna Holder |
| Lector/Prayers | Judi Pacileo |
| Communion Cups | Carol Korn |
| Communion Tray | Penny Gresh |
| Presenter | Connie Kerr-Vogt |
| Presenter | Lois Kuhns |
| Usher | Andy Saska |
| Usher | Volunteer |
| Counters | Andy & Paul |