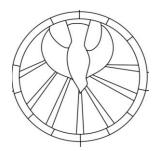
Third Sunday of Pentecost ~ June 9, 2024

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church 2402 W Grandview Blvd, Erie Pa 16506 Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music



A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

PRELUDE ~ *His Eye is On the Sparrow*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Thank you to Howard Lyon for providing special music this morning.

Piano and Organ duets arranged by M. Hayes and M. Gaspard.

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, \pm 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.**

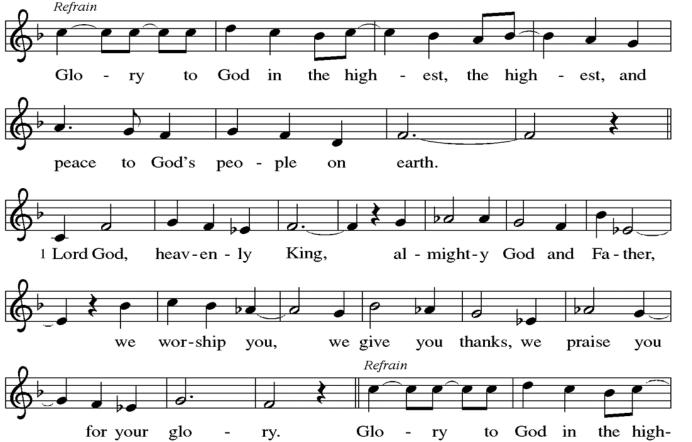
GATHERING HYMN ~ This is the Day



GREETING

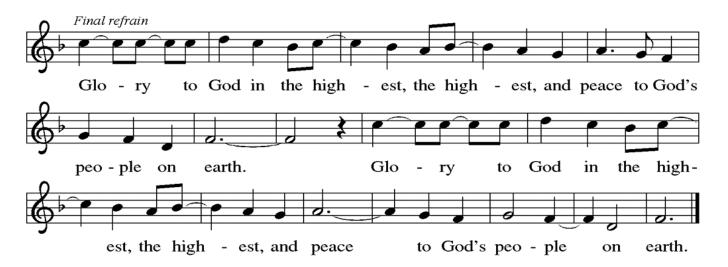
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**







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PRAYER of the DAY

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

A brief silence is kept before the prayer. All-powerful God, in Jesus

Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 14The LORD God said to the serpent," Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

PSALM: 130 Spoken Responsively

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 4:13-18, 5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. ^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ pq. 5



GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter Three.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. A brief silence. You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, hopelessness, and illness. We pray especially for: The families of Earl and Ruth. Ed & Jeanne, Darcée, Jeff, Jackie, Dan, Skip, Harry, Stephanie, Matt & Sally, Don & Donna, Pastor Karen & Dave, Evelyn. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and to bless the organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **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 and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING ~ Be Thou Thy Vision

Please Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ Only by Grace



Now by Your grace we come,

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OFFERING PRAYER

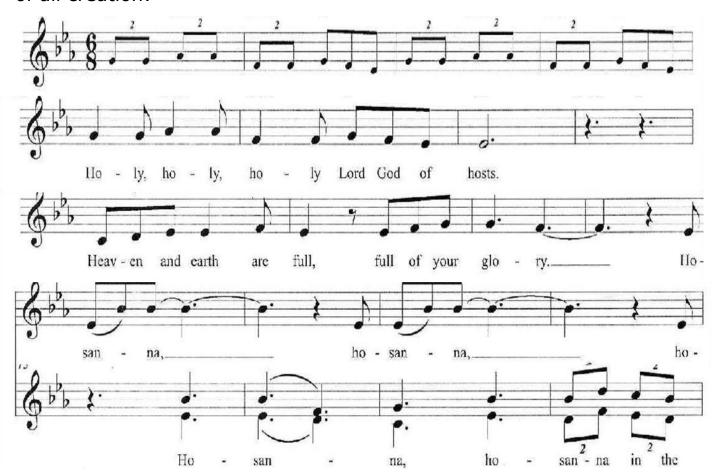
Let us pray together. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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:





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, 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.

Please be seated

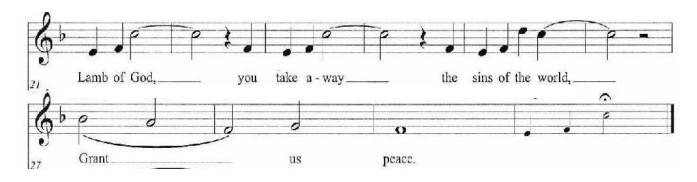
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

LAMB OF GOD



CONT'D



COMMUNION

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



ELW 785 When Peace Like a River **ELW 543** Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Please stand

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our \pm 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

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 \pm give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 860 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE ~ Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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GOSPEL MESSAGE ~ No Room for Compromise

Some things seem more trouble than they're worth. People who fish with monofilament line may find that when it kinks, and tangles it isn't worth the effort to pull apart the knots. Likewise for knitters whose balls of yarn unravel into a snarl on the floor. Or when packages of puff pastry can be had from the grocer's freezer case, a baker may well find making it from scratch more bother than benefit and opt for ready-made. Those banking on Jesus' admonition to forgive seventy times seven may find it impossible to make peace with his uncompromising warning that "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness." Like a foreign-language crossword puzzle, it might seem unsolvable. Some might find relief in joining the people gathered around Jesus' home who concluded that it would be best to ignore him: "He has gone out of his mind." Others, like his family, stay on the edge of conflict and attempt to restrain him—"Hush, you're making a scene." Tensions are high, not only out among the crowds, not merely *close* to home, but in the center of home, the very heart of community and family. The air sizzles with discord. It must have been like the many broken bonds and hollowed-out relationships familiar to us today, at a time roiling with division. Pursuing hope and finding healing might seem not worth the effort. To that temptation Jesus delivers a scorching, confounding warning: by ascribing his actions to the evil one, rejecting good as though it were demonic, judging the spirit of God's love to be wicked—all of this is to choose against forgiveness and mercy. Without recognizing the urgency of love behind Jesus' warning, we may think his words a contradiction to Jesus' commitment to forgiveness. In fact, he uncompromisingly claims that the way of forgiveness belongs to the kingdom of God. Period!

PARISH NOTES ~ June 9, 2024

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Sanctuary Flowers, are given to the Glory of God, in Celebration of the marriage of our son, Christopher and Brooke Lutterbaugh, June 1, 2024 ~ Advent Lutheran Church, Uniontown, Ohio. by Damian and Marcia Santabene

Thanks to everyone who prayered twisited during my long recovery

Please pray for the following deceased, their families and friends: Earl Pifer (Sally Zill's brother) and Ruth Hinkson.

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: Ed (treatment issues) & Jeanne Tropper, Evelyn Senger (eye surgery), Jeff Moffett-denise's nephew, Jackie Seib (recuperating from a fractured back), Dan Kaeberlein (dealing with leukemia) Harry Speakman (improving on new medication), Stephanie Voland (doing well, continues preventive Chemo until August), Matt & Sally Zill, Don (struggling with Alzheimer's) & Donna Holder, Pastor Karen & Dave.

ALSO... Our Friends at New Hope Presbyterian

Sunday, JUNE 9: Bible Study: 11a

Wednesday, June 12: The Lunch & Listen series for June will welcome Dean Baldwin, President of "Hooked on Books for Kids". Bring a lunch (12n) and listen (speaker, 1230p) to learn about the success of the organization and Dean's dedication in providing new high- quality books to Erie County's underprivileged children for over 30yrs. This will be the last L & L until September.

<u>Thursday, June 13:</u> The Riverside Brewing Company is the gathering place @ 5:30p for Ladies Night Out this month. <u>All</u> ladies (bring a friend along!) are welcome to join the group. Please **sign the sheet** in the narthex (on the high table), or RSVP to Jacque Holmberg 814.490.4470 by Monday, June 10. If you can drive or need a ride let Jacque know. Drivers will leave AHLC @ 4:45p.

<u>Friday and Saturday June 14 & 15:</u> The NWPA Synod Assembly will take place at Theil College. **Pastor Karen, John and Jacque Holmberg** will be attending, representing Abiding Hope.

<u>Wednesday, June 19:</u> Prayer Warriors next gathering, 1:00-3:00p in the Sanctuary. Pray with us silently for whatever time you can or wherever you are during that time. Through intercession prayers believers can bring comfort, encouragement and hope to those facing difficult circumstances.

<u>Wednesday, June 19</u>: Men's Night Out, 6:30p @ Compadres located in the Lakeside Commons Mall (220 W. Plum) in Edinboro. No need to RSVP. Just show up to enjoy Mexican cuisine from a locally owned restaurant, good conversation & maybe a cool drink with other guys from AHLC.

<u>Thursday, June 20 ~ 1st Day of Summer:</u> A "Get to Know AHLC Members" picnic will be held on Presque Isle at Beach 9. The Pine Tree Pavilion (short distance past the lighthouse) has been reserved and is available to use ALL day. Set up for the picnic will begin @ 4:00p, food served @ 6:00p. Hot dogs etc., ham, lemonade (other beverages up to you) provided along with ingredients for s'mores. Bring a dish to share, beach & board games, a chair to relax and converse.

<u>Milton Sontheimer Exhibit:</u> ALL of Milton Sontheimer's paintings that were donated to Abiding Hope are now **on display**, until September, in the art gallery at **P.A.C.A., 1505 State St.** The paintings are available to purchase through a silent auction to the highest bidder or can be purchased instantly by a price agreement. The gallery is open when a theatrical play is being featured or you may arrange a viewing at another time by contacting Mark @ 814.434.0687.

Sound System Donations: So far, members have contributed a total of \$5,700.00 towards the cost of the sound system update. The goal (\$8000) is **still short** of being met. If at all possible, please consider a donation. **Any amount** will be helpful. This expense was approved by council to benefit all members of the congregation.

Little Library Update: Our "Little Free Library" had a few 'bumps' at the start, but much of each day it is being used positively. God is so faithful to this ministry! The camera shows folks stopping by while riding a bike or walking; many drive in, and books are exchanged, a snack or items for a meal is taken, and much has been donated. A few suggestions for warm weather food donations: rice, quinoa, pastas/noodles, cereals, individual oatmeal or hot cereal packets, peanut butter and jam in PLASTIC jars, fruit/granola bars (no chocolate or honey) dried beans, and dried fruits such as raisins/cranberries. All donations (food, books, bookmarks) are so greatly appreciated and have made a tremendous impact. -Connie Kerr-Vogt.

Office Hours: Mon & Tues, 930a-1230p. Wed 9:30-12:30p

For Pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Karen @ 814-881-3266

<u>Bethany Outreach</u>: Collection of used clothing and household items continues as well as collection of shoes (pairs only) in good condition for **The Chosen.** Baskets on the shelf in the Heritage Room.

<u>KAFP Project Dignity</u>: June item, hair conditioner. Donations can be place in the basket on the shelf in the Heritage Room.

<u>Altar Flowers:</u> Anyone who wishes to **donate flowers** for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up and request forms are on the table in narthex. Arrangements- **\$20.00 each.** Place the **completed form and payment** in the offering plate, or to the office by Monday prior your chosen Sunday.

May Finances

Income	\$ 9,240.00	Year to Date \$52,241.03
Expenses	\$14,266.47	Year to Date \$58,839.22
Difference	\$-5,026.47	Year to Date \$-6,598.19
	YTD Budget \$55,935.44	

WORSHIP LEADERS ~ June 9, 2023

Videographer	Penny Gresh
Greeter/Coffee	Mary Randall
Lector/Prayers	Sally Zill
Assisting Min/Acolyte	Analee Cree
Comm. Assist/Cups	Nancy Cunning
Communion Tray	Michele Rion
Presenter	June Morey
Presenter	Carolyn Hayes
Usher	Rich Filson
Usher	Volunteer
Counters	Diana and Dave



Come to a Hymn Sing and an Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social! Sunday, June 30th @3:00 pm.



Please list your favorite hymns you would like to sing! They can be old or new, folk, contemporary or international! Please place in the offering plate!

HYMN TITLE	NUMBER