

Fifth Sunday Epiphany ~ February 9, 2025

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor

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The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit call us together as the people of God

Please stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.

We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation.

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

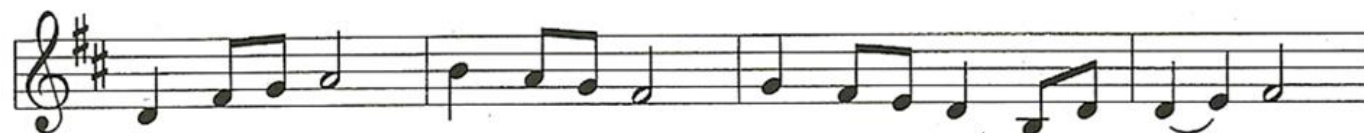
Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ ELW 574 *Here I Am, Lord*

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



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together
A brief silence is kept before the prayer. **Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

Please be seated

FIRST READING: 6:1-13

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'" ¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

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

PSALM: 138

Sung Responsively



Tone 11

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise
your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove
all things.**

³ When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your pur- ¹ pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works ¹ of your hands.**


SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I
proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,
² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message
that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I
handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that
Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was
buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the
scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he
appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most
of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to
James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he
appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called
an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of
God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the
contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the
grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we
proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to Luke, Chapter 5. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ **ELW 817** *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, illness or who are for any reason, grieving.

We pray especially for: Analee and family. Ellie, Court, Dick, Judy J., Damian & Marcia, Pat K., Marjorie, Ron F., Carolyn M., Larry & Barb, Tom, Esther, Judy N., Kathi (Cindy Filson's sister), Don & Donna, Evelyn and the prayer requests from our Little Library friends. Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

Please be seated

Installation of Officers and Council of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

The following people have been *elected* by the congregation to positions of leadership, and the council has elected its officers. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Officers

Andy Saska, President; Penny Gresh, Vice-President
Analee Cree, Secretary; Michele Rion, Treasurer
Cindy Filson, Financial Secretary

Council Members

Karen Parsh, Pastor
Dave Cunning, Rich Filson, Lois Kuhns, Paul Mirone, Diane Stoker

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

- You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.
- You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.
- You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.
- You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*? **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your *elected* leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

I now declare you installed as *officers and council members* of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand

PEACE

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

All share the Peace of the Lord with one another.

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING ~ Choir Anthem: *The Tallis Canon arr. D. Wagner*

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

Please Stand

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

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and 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, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,
and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion
we may know the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

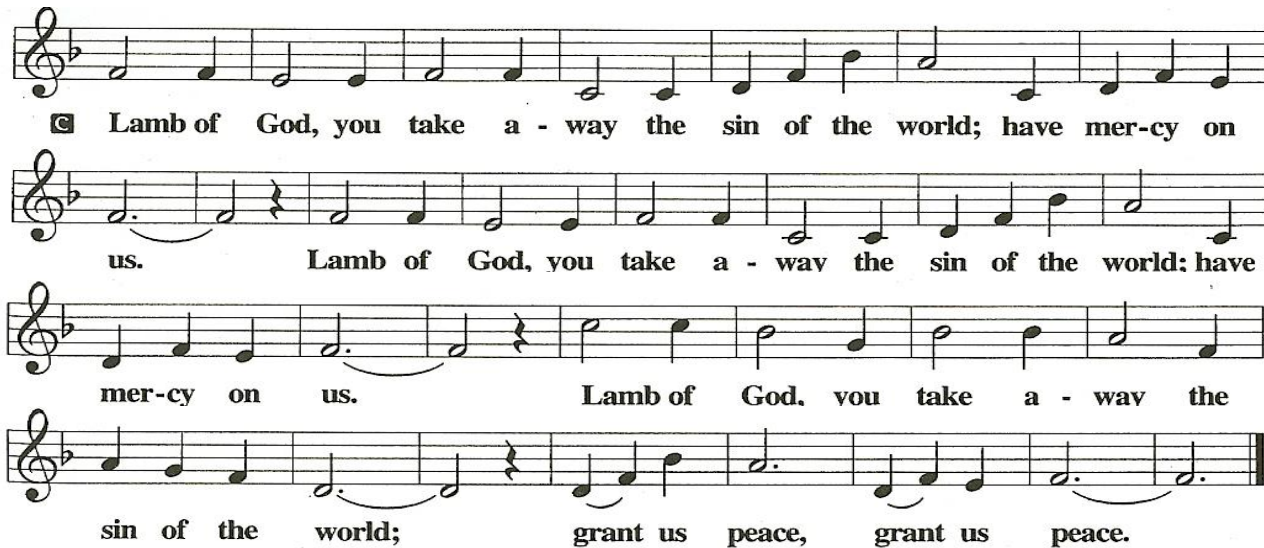
Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

At Abiding Hope all believers are welcome to share Holy Communion at the table of the Lord. After receiving the bread, (gluten free) you may receive wine from the chalice poured into individual glasses or you may choose pre-poured grape juice (in center of tray) as an alternative.

COMMUNION

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

LAMB of GOD



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

COMMUNION HYMN ~ ELW 491 *Come, Let Us Eat*
INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

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. **God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING HYMN ~ Step By Step pg.13

BLESSING

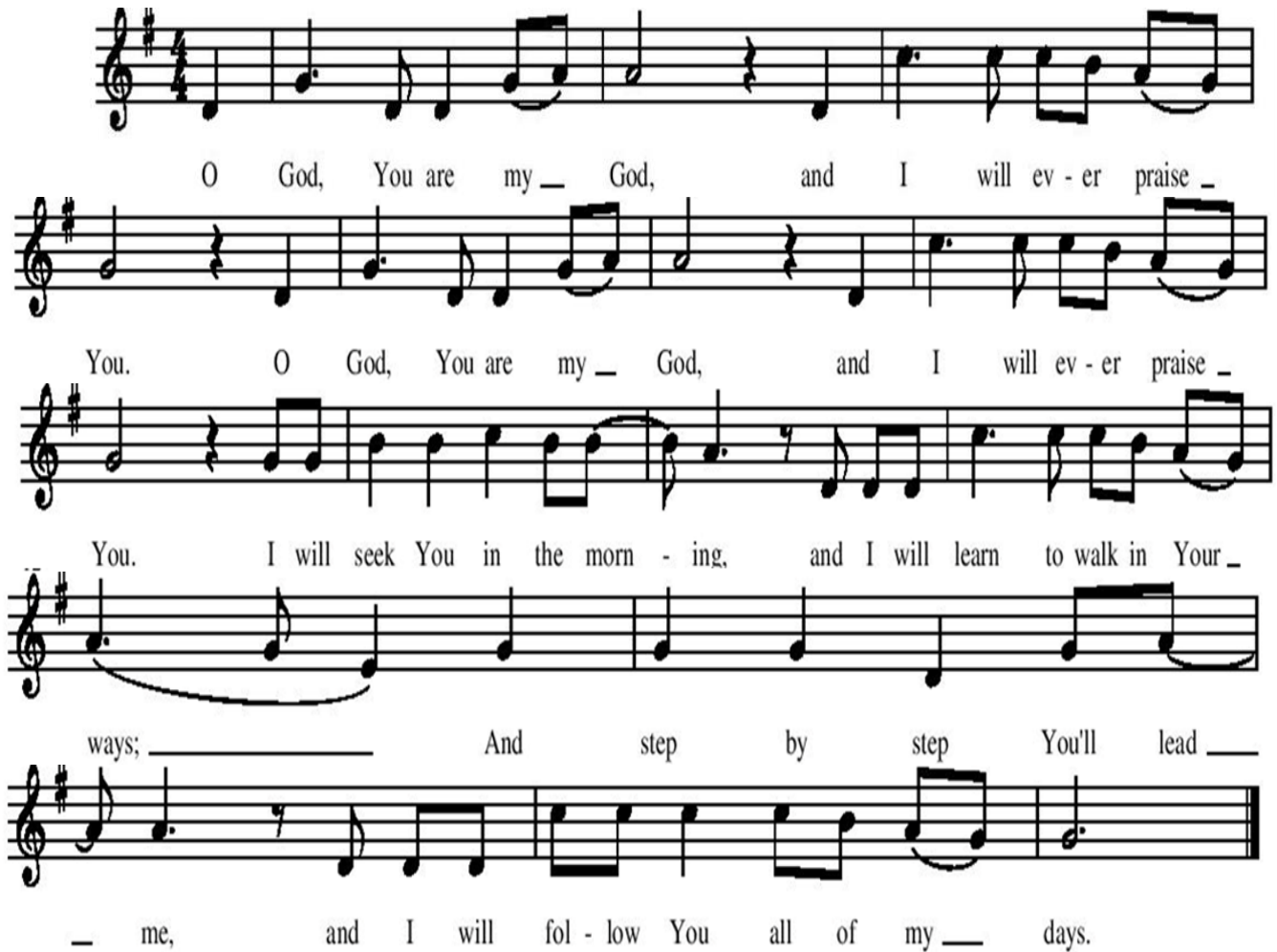
God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Step by Step



O God, You are my God, and I will ev - er praise -
You. O God, You are my God, and I will ev - er praise -
You. I will seek You in the morn - ing, and I will learn to walk in Your -
ways; And step by step You'll lead -
me, and I will fol - low You all of my days.

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PARISH NOTES ~ February 9, 2025

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This week the sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In Memory of Nikki Woomer
from Kayla and Emily Miller

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: Analee Cree and Family. Ellie Cherpak, Court Cratty, Dick Brucker, Judy Johnston, Evelyn Senger, Damian and Marcia Santabene, Pat Kerr, Marjorie Wonner, Ron Froess, Judy Nordin, Carolyn Mariotti, Larry & Barb Ruhlman, Esther Klakamp, Tom Cirillo, Kathi (Cindy Filson's sister), Don & Donna Holder, prayer requests from our Little Library.

Receiving Communion: If it is a challenge for you to come forward to receive communion, please alert the usher and you will be served communion at your seat.

Sunday, February 9: Worship, 930a ~ Choir: Rehearsal, 1045a

Sunday, February 16: Worship, 930a ~ Choir: 900a & 1045a

Bible Study, 1045a

TODAY!: Souper Bowl Sunday... Donate by check to KAFP or designate part of your offering to "Souper Bowl of Caring". Please place monetary donations in the soup kettle in the sanctuary or in the offering plate. Canned goods – place on floor near center table in narthex.

Wednesday, February 19: Prayer Warriors 1-3p in the Sanctuary or "Quiet" room. 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.

Wednesday, February 19: Men's Night Out, 630p - McGarrey's Oakwood. RSVP not necessary. Just stop in and join the AH guys for good food & conversation.

Thursday, February 20: A new place for **Ladies Night Out.** The group will meet at **The Cornerstone Bar & Grill, 308 E. 38th, 530p.** Join in for a fun night of good food, conversation and some LAUGHS. Sign-up sheet in narthex, please **RSVP** by **Tuesday, Feb 18.** Drivers/riders meet @ AHLC, 5:00p. All ladies are welcome.

Sunday, February 23: Once again this winter, **Abiding Hope** is providing a "Night of Food" bags for "**Our Neighbors' Seasonal Overflow Shelter**" to feed people who are cold and hungry. **Following worship,** lunch bags (about 60) will be filled with fruit, sandwiches, snacks, a dessert, beverage/napkins. A **sign-up sheet** for volunteers is in the narthex. You may also text **Jacque Holmberg** - 814-490-4470, email - jholmberg@roadrunner.com, OR *just show up that morning*. We thank the Thrivent Financial Action Team program for the funds to purchase supplies.

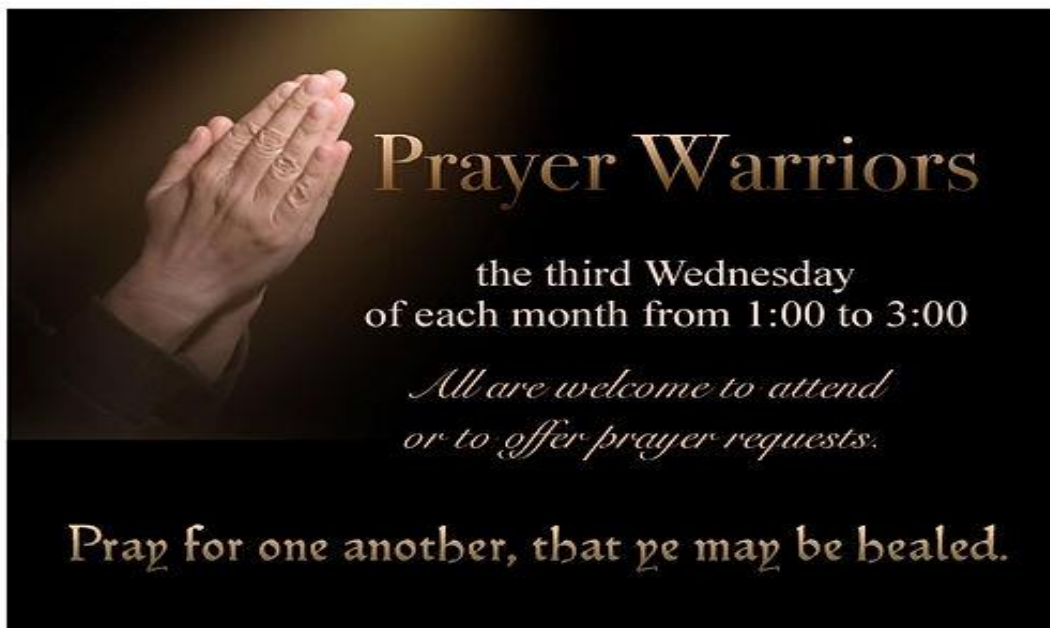
Little Free Library/Pantry: Even on the harshest of days in January, visitors stopped at the AH library/pantry and many books were exchanged/added/taken. The food pantry has experienced higher usage in terms of the amount of foods taken. Appreciated donations would be: **individual hot cereal packages; hot chocolate packages; dried grain meals pasta/quinoa/rice/noodles etc); dried soup mixes; peanut butter/jam in PLASTIC jars; crackers; small packages of nuts/trail mix; granola bars.**

Altar Flowers: Anyone who wishes to **donate flowers** for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up sheet and request forms on table in narthex. Arrangements-**\$20.00 each.** Place the **completed form and payment** in the offering plate, or to the office at least two weeks, no less than one, prior to your chosen Sunday.

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, 9:30a-3:30p. Wednesday, 9:30a-12:30p. For **immediate pastoral assistance,** call **Pastor Karen,** 814-881-3266.

Worship Leaders ~ February 9, 2025

Videographer	Penny Gresh
Greeter/Coffee	Cindy Filson
Assisting Minister/Acolyte	Damian Santabene
Lector/Prayers	Analee Cree
Communion Cups	Lois Kuhns
Communion Tray	Michele Rion
Presenter	Cindy Filson
Presenter	Diana Stoker
Usher	Rich Filson
Usher	Andy Saska
Counters	Diana & Analee



Prayer Warriors
 the third Wednesday
 of each month from 1:00 to 3:00
*All are welcome to attend
 or to offer prayer requests.*
Pray for one another, that ye may be healed.



PRAYER SHAWL WORKSHOPS
 Need some training, instruction, patterns or yarn? Ladies will provide it all! Join us. Yarn provided.
 Join us
February 3 & 16
 10 til 12 noon

Little Free Library & Food Pantry

Thank you to all who share books & food items in our library

Have a Snack

Take a Book ~ Share a Book

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WARM-UP AT 9:00
REHEARSING
SUNDAYS AT 11:00

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WHETHER OR NOT YOU
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COME JOIN THE FUN!

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