

# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

June 27, 2021

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*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

### Gathering

#### Greeting and Announcements

#### Prelude ~

*Please Stand.*

#### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*  
God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

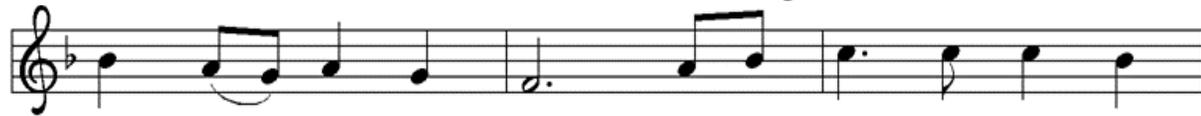
#### Gathering Song ELW



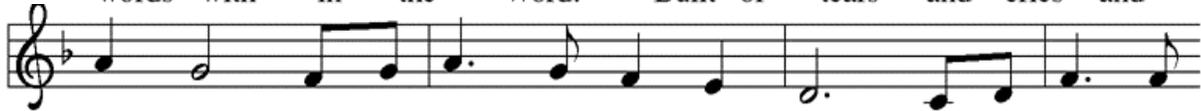
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

### Greeting

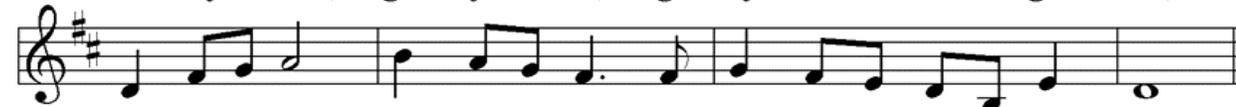
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

### Hymn of Praise *Glory to God*



☩ 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;



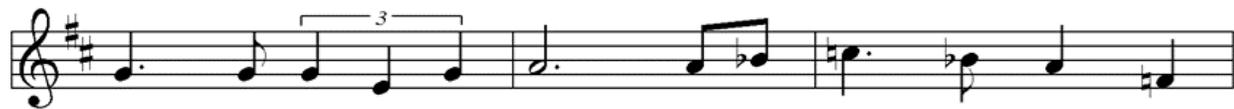
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.



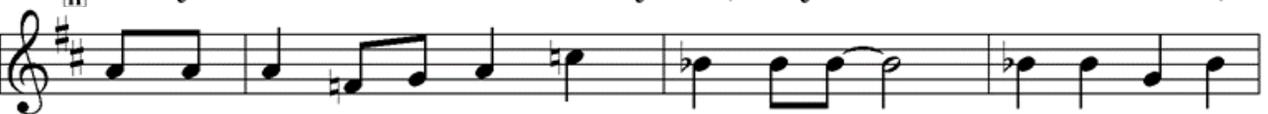
Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



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.

The Lord be with you.      **And also with you.** Let us pray.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.      **Amen.**

## **Word**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading: A reading from Lamentations 3:22-33**

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.<sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever.<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

### **Psalm: 30**

Read Responsively

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said,  
“I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper.”**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

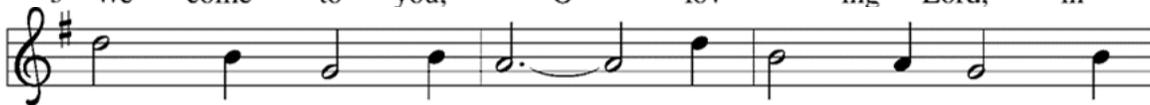
Please be seated

Sermon ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

### Hymn of the Day



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

### 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. *A brief silence.*

God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick, especially (please read only the first names from the prayer list in the bulletin, then "and for those we name aloud, or silently in our hearts."). Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop them in your love, that we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

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

*Please be seated*

## **Meal**

### **An Offering Moment**

At this time, the offering would normally be received - and your gifts presented. Let's take a moment now to reflect on God's gracious abundance of steadfast love and on how our Creator God's hands open wide to satisfy the desire of every living creature. With our offering gifts of time, talent, and financial resources, we give thanks for all this and for the saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. With joy and gladness, we offer these gifts either in the offering plate, online, or by mail to the church office. By offering our hands, hearts, and these gifts, we share in God's good work through the mission and ministry of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church who thanks you for your gifts.

*Please stand*

### **Offering Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life,

**you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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.**

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, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Here is bread; here is wine; here is Jesus. Take and eat his body and blood. They are given for you. **Amen.**

For all of our non-communing children and adults, receive this blessing: Remember that you are a child of God. May Jesus be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

☩ 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.

*Please stand*

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

Let us pray:

**Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.** (Silence for reflection)

## Sending

### Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 733 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

**Postlude**

**Parish Notes - June 27, 2021**

**Please pray for:**

For: Judi Pacileo, John Holmberg, Rick Penn, Joe Pacileo, Bishop Lozano, Bob Pacileo, Carrie Fiske, Evelyn Senger, Jack & Marjorie Wanner, Joyce Hersperger, Teresa Burgess. ***Names will remain on our printed lists for four weeks unless renewed.***

**We welcome our new interim pastor, the Rev. Karen Parsh.** Pastor Karen is scheduled to work part-time, 20 hours per week. Part of her task will be to guide us during this time of transition as we discern our mission and ministry and seek to call a pastor. If you have any pastoral emergencies, please contact her: - 814-881-3266 or [pastorparsh@gmail.com](mailto:pastorparsh@gmail.com)

**Office Hours:** Monday & Tuesday 9:30-2:30.

**Prayer Requests:** Please call or email Pastor Karen with prayer requests. Phone: 814-881-3266 or [pastorparsh@gmail.com](mailto:pastorparsh@gmail.com).

**In-Person Worship:** Saturday evening @ 5:30pm will **begin July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Sunday morning @ 9:30am. Sunday service will continue to live-stream on Facebook and then posted to our web page. Sunday bulletins will continue to be emailed and sent USPS for all who worship at home. For anyone who receives the bulletin by USPS and decides to return to **in-person** worship on Sundays, please advise the office so the expense for paper/postage can be saved. *Thank you.*

**Hospitality Time!** Beginning July 11, Hospitality Time will start again! Stick around after worship service for coffee, refreshments, and conversation! Our Church Council will host on that Sunday.

**Ladies Dining Out!** All Ladies (new and older friends) ... come join in for good food and conversation! Thursday, July 8, 6:00pm at the U Pick 6 Public House, 4575 West Ridge Rd. We will just hang out and share some laughs. (No agenda; food and beverages are Dutch Treat). Please RSVP to Jacque Holmberg-(814-490-4470, [jholmberg@roadrunner.com](mailto:jholmberg@roadrunner.com)) by Monday, July 5.

### **Finances at AHLC**

\$12,201 current offerings received in May 2021

\$12,151 needed monthly to meet 2021 budgeted expenses (not adjusted for reduced pastor expenses)

#### **Year-to-Date (as of the end of May)**

\$54,374 offerings received

\$60,755 needed for budgeted expenses (not adjusted for reduced pastor expenses).

Thank you for your faithful stewardship as we give to the Lord's work together and live as wholehearted followers of Jesus!

### **Covid Guidelines**

The CDC continues to update their guidelines. We encourage you to follow the latest guidelines, act prayerfully, and most of all, treat one another with kindness and respect during this pandemic. We will observe these guidelines when in the building to keep everyone safe:

- Masks are optional. People vaccinated are not required to wear a mask. If not vaccinated, your **need** to wear a mask to protect others around you.
- Please use the provided hand sanitizer upon entering the church.
- Please practice social distancing.
- Please Share the Peace with a wave from your own pew space.
- Holy Communion is available to the individual at the altar with pre-poured wine and wafers or, if you prefer, prepackaged communion packets remain available for those who wish to commune in their pew. Pastor Karen and Communion Assistants will use hand sanitizer, wear surgical gloves and masks.

**State Clearances** Are you a volunteer with Abiding Hope's Children and Youth Ministry? Are copies of your current clearances on file in the church office? Clearances are required for an employee or unpaid volunteer at a minimum of ***every 60 months from the date of the oldest clearance***. Please call the church office during regular office hours, or contact Jacque Holmberg (814.490.4470, [jholmberg@roadrunner.com](mailto:jholmberg@roadrunner.com)) to check the status of your clearances. If you would like to serve as a volunteer in this ministry and do not have any clearances, please begin the process.