

# Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

## Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

October 17, 2021

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Prelude ~ 8:30am *Worthy is the Lamb* arr. D. Wyrzten

10:30am Adult Choir

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* arr. K. Scott

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG ~ *Ten Thousand Reasons*



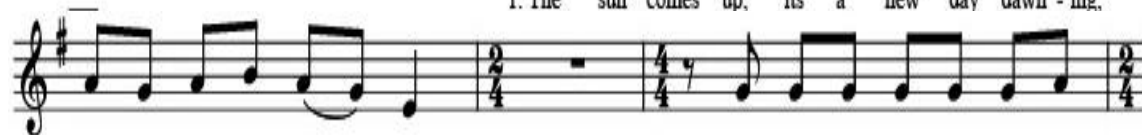


— Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; Ill wor-ship Your ho - ly name. .

VERSE 1



1. The sun comes up, its a new day dawn - ing,



-ev - er lies be - fore — me.

let me be sing - ing when the



To CHORUS

eve - ning comes.

VERSE 2



2. Youre rich in love and Youre slow to an - ger. Your



name is great and Your heart is kind. — For all Your good-ness, I will keep on sing - ing; —



To CHORUS

Ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find.

VERSE 3



3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the



end draws near. and my time has come: — Still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing —



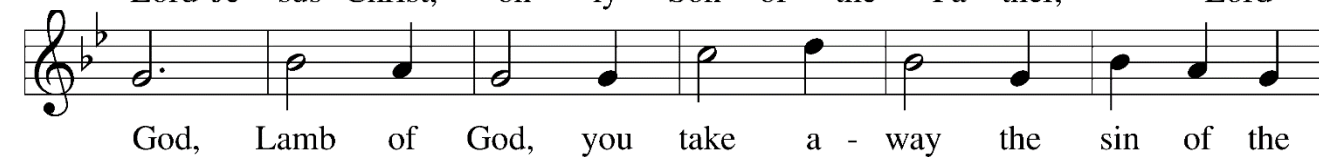
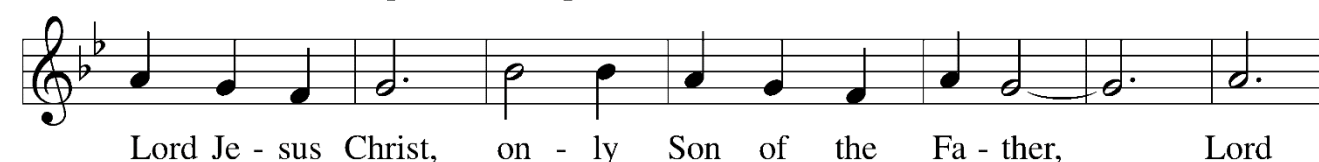
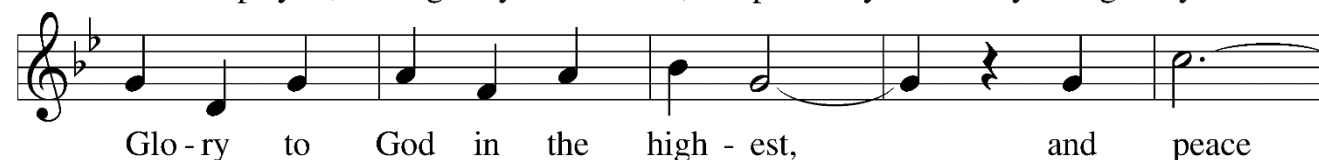
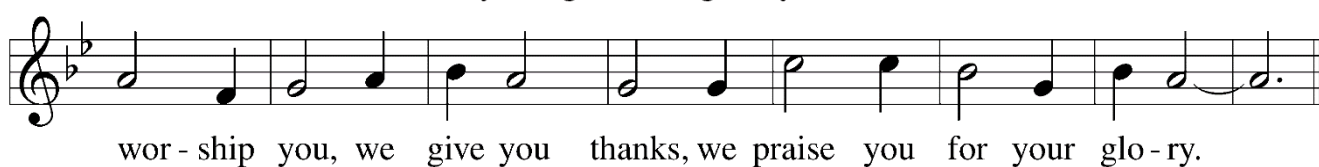
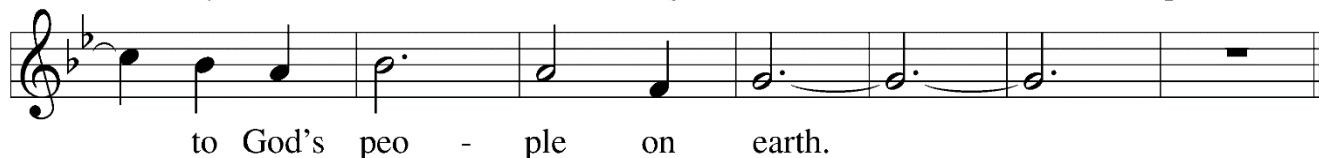
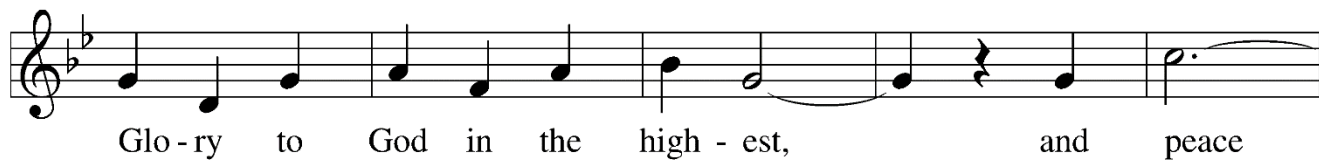
To CHORUS

ten thou-sand years, and then for - ev - er - more!

## 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



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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. a - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: 91:9-16

## Sung Responsively

Tone 1



<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the <sup>1</sup> LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your <sup>1</sup> habitation,  
<sup>10</sup>no evil <sup>1</sup> will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come <sup>1</sup> near your dwelling.  
<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge <sup>1</sup> over you,  
to guard you in <sup>1</sup> all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will <sup>1</sup> bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- <sup>1</sup> gainst a stone.  
<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion <sup>1</sup> cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion <sup>1</sup> and the serpent.  
<sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who <sup>1</sup> cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they <sup>1</sup> know my name.  
<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will <sup>1</sup> answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and <sup>1</sup> honor them.  
<sup>16</sup>With long life will I <sup>1</sup> satisfy them,  
and show them <sup>1</sup> my salvation.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

*Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

The gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

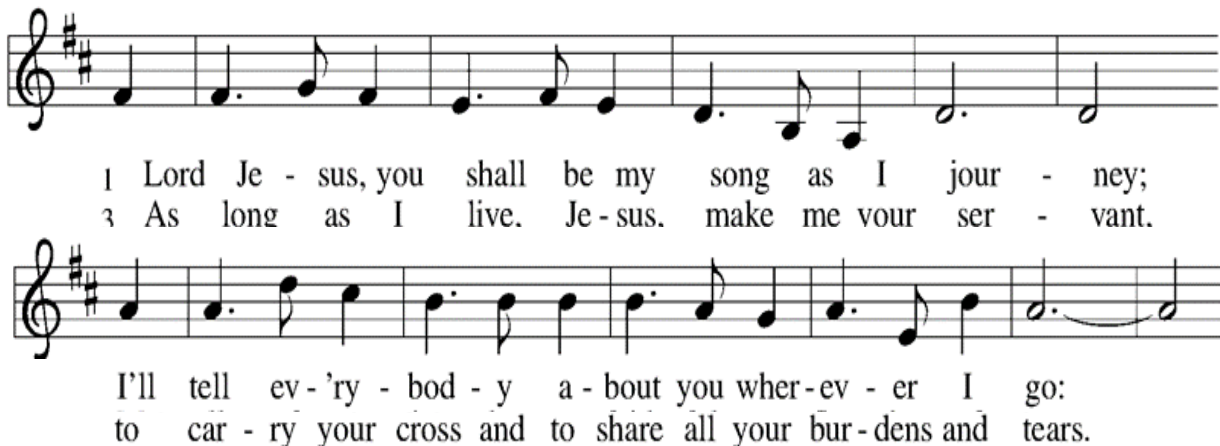
<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day ELW 808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song v.1,3





## 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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness especially, those we name before you aloud or in our hearts (pause) that all may be healed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly greets each other from their pew space, then is seated*

*The assembly stands.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

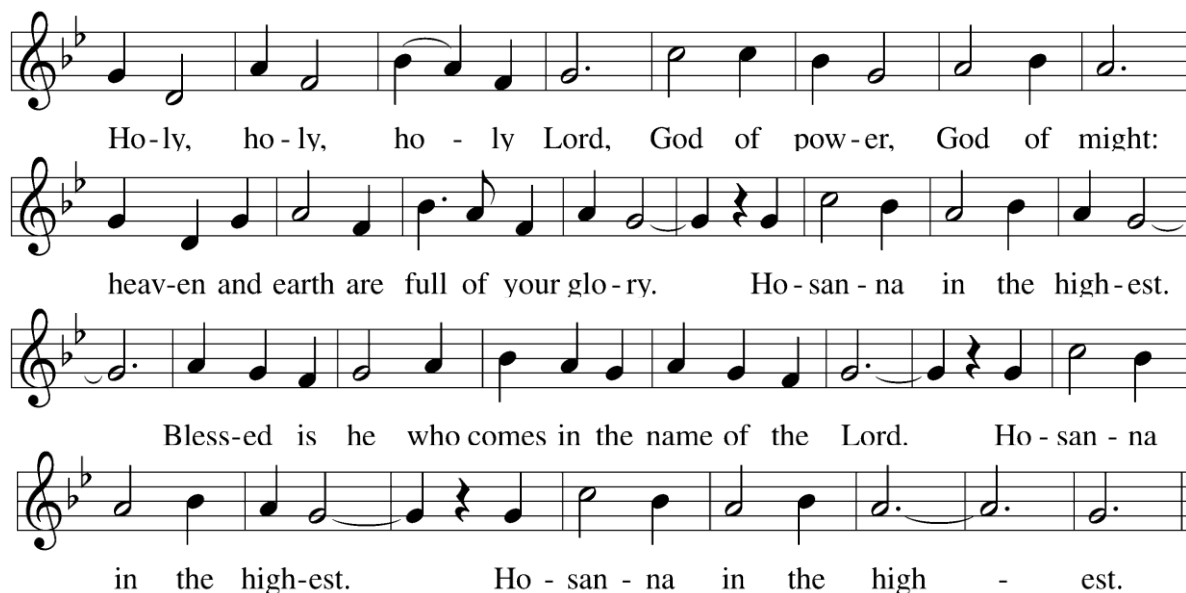
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
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 all the choirs of angels,  
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, 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, 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 upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

### 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.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## COMMUNION

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

### Communion Hymn ~ ELW 692 We Are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our  
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have,  
all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an  
offering, we are an offering.

### Post Communion Canticle ~ *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

1 Thine the amen thine the praise al-le-lu-ias an-gels raise  
thine the ever-lasting head thine the break-ing of the bread  
thine the glo-ry thine the sto-ry thine the har-vest then the cup  
thine the vine-yard then the cup is lift-ed up lift-ed up.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 ☩ give you peace. Amen.

## Sending Hymn ~ ELW 551 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* v.1,3,4

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

### GOSPEL MESSAGE - Servant Leadership!!!

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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## Parish Notes ~October 17,2021

**Please pray for:** , Pastor Gesler. Pastor Washill, Nick, grandson of Bill & Sharron Sontheimer. For the family of Steven Naruswicz, John & Jacque Holmberg, Judy Nordin, Judi Pacileo, Joe Pacileo, Bishop Lozano, Bob Pacileo, Carrie Fiske, Evelyn Senger, Jack & Marjorie Wonner, Joyce Hersperger, Teresa Burgess. *Names will remain on our printed lists for four weeks unless renewed.*

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

**Fall/Winter Schedule for In-Person Worship:** Sunday service is offered @ **8:30a and 10:30a**. The 10:30a service will live-stream on Facebook and then posted to the **AHLC** web page.

**Adult Choir:** Wednesday evening @ 6:00p.

**Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 9:30a-3:30a Wednesday 9:30a-12:30p**

**Bible Study:** Continuing this Sunday and through the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November, bible study will be held weekly following the 8:30a service. A lively discussion and study of what it means to be Lutheran is led by Pastor Karen. The class will follow the text of the **AUGSBURG CONFESSION**: a commentary (written in plain and simple language). Twelve books are available.

**Boscov's Coupon Shopping Event:** Once again we are selling **\$5.00 coupons** for you to shop all day, **Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 8am-11pm** and save up to **25%** on your purchases. Best thing! ....the \$5.00 comes back to the church. The savings discount also applies to items on sale. You can purchase any number of coupons for family & friends. Please see Analee Cree or contact Denise in the office to purchase.

**Ladies Dining Out:** Mark your calendars! for **October 21<sup>st</sup> @ Chico's in Fairview at 5:30 pm**. Thirteen ladies enjoyed our last gathering! No agenda ... just good fellowship and food. (Dutch treat. RSVP to Jacque Holmberg @ 814 490-4470.

**NWPA SYNOD FALL CELEBRATION:** **Sunday, October 24** at Good Hope Lutheran Church (800 Moran St, Oil City, PA). Preaching: the Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin, President, United Lutheran Seminary; Presiding: the Rev. Kimberly Hirsch, Pastor, Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Erie, PA. Musical prelude begins at 3:00 and Festival Service of Word and Sacrament begins at 3:30 pm. RSVP-**[nwpasynodelca@gmail.com](mailto:nwpasynodelca@gmail.com)** More information about this service is posted on the BB in the narthex.

**Reformation Day Events:** Two events will take place on **Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> to celebrate**. At the **8:30a & 10:30a** service a Reformation Day Drama will take place and in between services a **Reformation Day Breakfast** will be served. Members along with family and guests are invited to enjoy great worship, good food and fellowship.

**AED:** Memorial funds have recently been used to purchase an AED (automated defibrillator device). This is a medical device to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. This new device is mounted on the wall near the restrooms on the upper level at church. Thank you to our Thrivent Financial Action Team for financially supporting this educational event. To those of you who are interested, **training on the use of this AED device- plus CPR** - will be offered at **Abiding Hope** by a Millcreek Paramedic, on **Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00a-1:00p**. The signup sheet for this training is available in the narthex. If you have questions, please call Jeanne Tropper @ 814-823-1484 or **[hijeanneh@gmail.com](mailto:hijeanneh@gmail.com)**. If you wish to preview CPR/AED training before attending a class you may go to **[americanAED.com/dvd/onsite](http://americanAED.com/dvd/onsite)**.

**Financial Secretary:** According to our constitution and bylaws, Pat Wenzel will be completing her fifth and final term as Financial Secretary at the end of December. We need someone to take over this position. The main duties are entering weekly contributions, composing monthly reports to church council and sending out contribution statements. It averages about 2 hours a week...any day or time that is convenient for you as long as the office computer is available. Please contact Pat or any member of the church council if you are interested in this volunteer position.

**Bishop Lozano** Is continuing his lengthy recovery. Prayers are powerful and are requested to be continued along with cards and notes, which can be the medicine he needs on days when it is hardest to keep strong. They'll be forwarded to the Bishop several times. A box is in the narthex.

**WELCA - Lily Project:** The Lily Project has teamed with St. Vincent Health Center to assist women and girls who have been assaulted by replacing clothing items after the assault. Often times, the victim does not have her clothing returned to her because it is ruined or is needed for evidence. There is an ongoing project to collect new/clean clothing for these victims to wear to return home. ALL items MUST be new according to health regulations. Items needed in sizes small to 2XL: Camisoles/cotton sports bras, cotton panties, socks, loose athletic pants, plain t-shirts. There is a poster in the narthex for more information and a box for your donations in the mailbox room.

### **Finances at AHLC**

#### **Current**

\$ 5,165 current offerings received in September 2021

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

#### **Year-to-Date**

\$101,932 as of the end of September 2021

\$109,359 needed for budgeted expenses (not adjusted for reduced pastor expenses).





**ABIDING HOPE  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

**Remembering those who have passed on before us in faith is very important.**

As part of our worship services on **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, names of those known to us who have died during the year will be spoken aloud. In addition, there will be a memorial insert in the bulletin with names of loved ones you would like to be remembered by our Abiding Hope family.

*If you have loved ones you wish to be remembered, we invite you to list their names clearly in the space below. **Please indicate with a check mark those who have died during the past year so we can be sure to name them aloud in our prayers.***

**Please PRINT CLEARLY**, place the form in the offering plate by Sunday, **October 24** or return to the office no later than Tuesday, **October 26**.

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