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August 2, 2020**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

"We, as a Christian congregation, are committed to reaching out with the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, while living and growing ourselves in God's Word."

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word.

- Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the church.
- We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus.
- **Please silence your cell phones!**

SERVICE SUMMARY

THEME: Live as Wheat Among the Weeds

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**SERVICE OF THE WORD****PASTOR'S WELCOME****Guest Preacher: David Shilling**

OPENING HYMN CW 221, v. 1-3 "Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

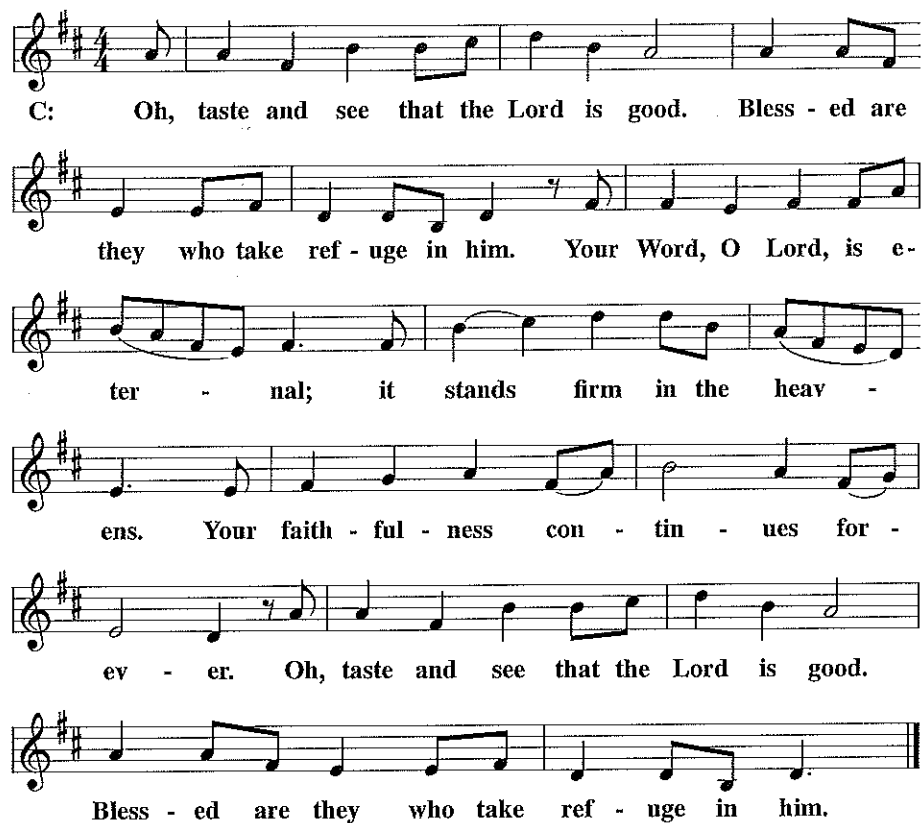
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORIA

"Oh, Taste and See"



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
 they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ THE WORD +

LESSON

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

(Please stand.)

²⁴Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸"'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹"'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴²They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Please be seated.)

SERMON HYMN CW 523, v. 1, 2, 4

"God of Grace and God of Glory"



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On your peo -
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ,
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e -



ple pour your pow'r; Crown your an - cient Church's
 as - sail his ways. From our fears that long have
 vils we de - plore; Let the gift of your sal -



sto - ry; Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r.
 bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 va - tion Be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom; grant us cour - age For the fac - ing
 Grant us wis - dom; grant us cour - age For the liv - ing
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, Serv - ing you whom



of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 we a - dore, Serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

SERMON**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43****THEME: "Take Heart Even When You See Weeds in the Wheat"****APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

Our offering to the Lord our Savior God flows from hearts of joy and love. The offering is used to support the work of proclaiming the gospel message here and around the world. No one is obligated to join in the offering.

To give an offering electronically, visit our website: www.abiding-love.com/giving and click on "donate."

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers were donated by Linda Gosey in memory of her mother, Ruth Bruhn, and also in honor of her parents' wedding anniversary.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW 332, v. 1-3

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,



Never a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and



I am with you; You are my own.
 much I love you, What I can cure.
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,



with my bless - ing— You are my own.
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.

SILENT PRAYER

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After announcements, the ushers will dismiss the rows.

WELCOME

Today we are pleased to welcome David Shilling as our guest preacher. Dave is presently connected with the ministry at Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Fort Myers, where his wife Laura serves as their preschool director. Consider talking with Dave and Laura if you would like to find out more about the WELS Lutheran elementary school in our area -- Crown of Life Academy.

LAST WEEK AT ABIDING LOVE:

ATTENDANCE: 8:00am: 38 10:30am: 45 Total: 83

SERVING TODAY AT ABIDING LOVE:

ACCOMPANIST: 8:00am Sarah Miller
10:30am Jack Lehnhardt

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Aug. 3 6:30pm—Property Maintenance & Grounds Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 4 8:00am—Men's Fellowship Breakfast at
House of Omelets on Pine Island Road
Wednesday, Aug. 5 11:00am—Women's Bible Study

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES WED., AUGUST 5th

Women's Bible Study will resume this Wednesday at 11:00am in the Church Sanctuary. We are currently studying the book Love Rules which is a study of the Ten Commandments. Please join us!



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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

ABOUT ABIDING LOVE:

Abiding Love Lutheran Church is a congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), with almost 400,000 members in 49 states and missionaries in 23 nations. The WELS is committed to the Scriptures as the inspired, inerrant Word of God, and therefore the only guide for faith and life. If you would like to know more about us, or if you're seeking Biblical counseling, give Pastor Gensmer a call at 850-445-1970 or email him at: revgensmer@gmail.com.

