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**ABIDING LOVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**August 9, 2020****TENTH 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: The Christian Seeks True Spiritual Wealth**

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE****SERVICE OF THE WORD****PASTOR'S WELCOME****Guest Preacher: Rev. Daniel Wagenknecht**

OPENING HYMN CW 421, v. 1-3

“All Depends on Our Possessing”



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are  
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.  
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.

**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:** O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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 8:28-30**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

**THE GOSPEL****Matthew 13:44-52**

*( Please stand.)*

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ!

*(Please be seated.)*

**SERMON HYMN CW 386, v. 1, 4, 5**

**“Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation”**



1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which  
4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The  
5 Let mer - cy cause me to be will - ing To



holds my life for - ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be -  
sea where my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my  
bear my lot and not to fret. While he my



fore the world's cre - a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's  
wounds find per - fect heal - ing; There is no con - dem -  
rest - less heart is still - ing, May I his mer - cy



wounds se - cure, Foun - da - tion which un - moved shall  
na - tion here! For Je - sus' blood through earth and  
not for - get! What - ev - er comes my heart to



stay When heav'n and earth will pass a - way.  
skies For - ev - er "Mer - cy! Mer - cy!" cries.  
test, His mer - cy is my on - ly rest.

**SERMON****Romans 8:28-30****THEME: "God Works All Things Out For Our Good"**

- Everything?
- Everything!
- Even \_\_\_\_\_?
- Everything!

**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](http://www.abiding-love.com/giving) and click on "donate."

## 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.

**HYMN CW 469****“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a  
 5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments  
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and  
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and  
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -  
 be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.

## **SILENT PRAYER**

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**After announcements, the ushers will dismiss the rows.**

### **WELCOME**

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Daniel Wagenknecht as our Guest Preacher today. Pastor Wagenknecht serves as a Christian Giving Counselor for the WELS South Atlantic District in the area of Current Gifts. Dan and his wife DyLyn live in Apopka, Florida and attend King of Kings Lutheran Church in Maitland.

Pastor Wagenknecht has roots in the South Atlantic and South Central Districts. He was born in Alabama, raised in Texas, and had his vicar year in Florida, and married a Floridian. After graduating from the seminary in 1994, he was called to congregations in California and served as chairman of the Arizona-California District Mission Board. He served as chairman of the district's Ministry of Christian Giving; as a circuit pastor; and as a Bible Camp director. In March of 2019, he began serving as a giving counselor for the South Atlantic District specializing in current gifts, which immediately fund WELS ministries.

The Ministry of Christian Giving encourages members to excel in the grace of giving and assists them in making planned gifts to support the gospel ministry of their congregations, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), and WELS agencies.

This mission is carried out through two broad but distinct efforts. First, by assisting with the gathering of Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO). They work to encourage direct gifts to WELS, or individual mission offerings, above and beyond congregational offerings.

**LAST WEEK AT ABIDING LOVE:**

**ATTENDANCE:** 8:00am: 25 10:30am: 23 Total: 48

**SERVING TODAY AT ABIDING LOVE:**

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

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, Aug. 10** Preschool & VPK School Year Begins

**Tuesday, Aug. 11** 8:00am—Men's Fellowship Breakfast at  
House of Omelets on Pine Island Road  
5:30pm—Preschool Board Meeting  
7:00pm—Men's Group

**Wednesday, Aug. 12** 11:00am—Women's Bible Study  
3:00pm—Online Bible Study

**PRIVATE HOLY COMMUNION**

For those who continue to worship online with us, Pastor Gensmer will be providing times for Private Communion for individual households. Timeslots for individual households will be available during the following dates and times:

**Thursday, August 20, 9:00-11:00am; Saturday, August 22, 4:00pm-7:00pm.**

Please contact the church office to set up an appointment (239-984-1441)



**WELS**  
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:*