



**August 16, 2020**

**ABIDING LOVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**August 16, 2020****Eleventh 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 Trusts God to Provide.**

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Service of the Word and Sacrament**

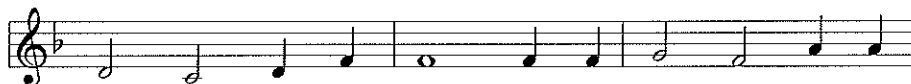
**PASTOR'S WELCOME**

## OPENING HYMN CW 353

## "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a  
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a  
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the  
 strong, yet gen - tie, word; Praise the one who drove out  
 suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing  
 Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing  
 des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing  
 what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
 wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

**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:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**M:** God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

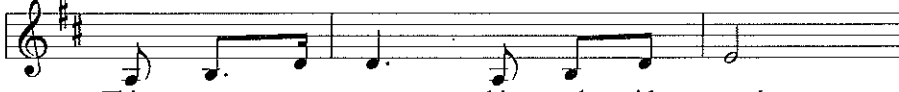
## HYMN CWS 752

## “In Christ Alone”




1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,

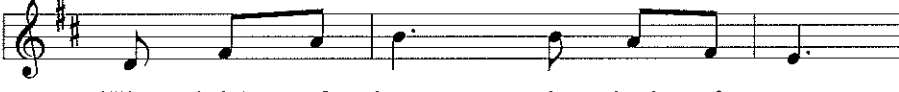
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,




Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.




What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
 For I am his and he is mine—  
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,



*(Fine)*

Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

*(Children will remain in their seats.)*

## + THE WORD +

### FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

"Come, all you who are thirsty,  
 come to the waters;  
 and you who have no money,  
 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
 without money and without cost.

<sup>2</sup>Why spend money on what is not bread,  
 and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
 Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
 and you will delight in the richest of fare.

<sup>3</sup>Give ear and come to me;  
 listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
 my faithful love promised to David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,  
 a ruler and commander of the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Surely you will summon nations you know not,  
 and nations you do not know will come running to you,  
 because of the LORD your God,  
 the Holy One of Israel,  
 for he has endowed you with splendor.”

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **Romans 8:35-39**

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
 we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **THE GOSPEL**

## **Matthew 14:13-21**

*(Please stand.)*

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup> “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

<sup>18</sup> “Bring them here to me,” he said. <sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

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

*(Please be seated.)*



## SERMON HYMN CW 465

## "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,  
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;  
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!  
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -  
 They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man  
 Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your  
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on  
 hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are  
 ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your  
 heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry  
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have  
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you  
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er  
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,  
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in  
 carth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -  
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may  
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may  
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.  
 shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.  
 gath - er; All must work for good to me.  
 glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

## **SERMON**

**Theme: The Christian Trusts God to Provide**

## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and The Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING AND SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

*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

### 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.

## + THE SACRAMENT +

*Dear visiting friends,*

*Abiding Love joins in the historic practice of the Christian Church regarding "close" communion. What this means is that our pastor takes his responsibility to spiritually care for each soul in our congregation very compassionately and seriously. We want those coming to the Lord's table to do so to their spiritual benefit and not harm. We also want the oneness expressed in receiving Holy Communion to be genuine and not contrived.*

*Since this is what we believe, we respectfully ask, if you are not a member of a sister church in WELS or ELS, that you refrain from joining us at communion today. We truly want you to participate in communion with us, but we ask that you give Pastor Gensmer an opportunity to privately speak with you about it first. Thank you!*

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*Please follow the direction of the ushers as they invite individuals and family units to come forward at this time.*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



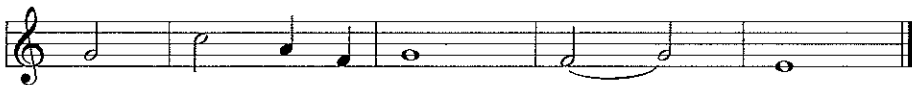
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

(Communicants may come forward at the ushers' direction.)

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN CW 310

### “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and  
 5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are  
 sole - ly in your Word, And, con - scious of the sins be -  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish  
 poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are



*Refrain*  
 a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.  
 fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.  
 nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part. Lord, may your  
 nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!  
 turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.



bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## 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.

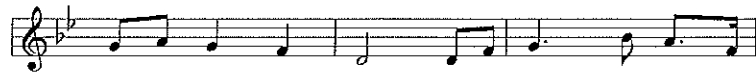
**C:** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN CWS 728

## "Jerusalem the Golden"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With  
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The  
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The



milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -  
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed  
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the



fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I  
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where  
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There



know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us  
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the  
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -



there, What ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, What  
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are  
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The



bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -  
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy  
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in



end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -  
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where  
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The



midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.  
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.  
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

## SILENT PRAYER

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After announcements, the ushers will dismiss the rows.

### SERVING TODAY AT ABIDING LOVE:

**ACCOMPANIST:**   8:00am     Katie Schlomer  
                          10:30am     Jack Lehnhardt

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, Aug. 18**     8:00am—Men's Fellowship Breakfast at  
  House of Omelets on Pine Island Road  
  3:30pm—Elders' Meeting  
  6:30pm—Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday, Aug. 19**   11:00am—Women's Bible Study  
  3:00pm—Online Bible Study Live-Stream

**Thursday, Aug. 20**     9:00-11:00am—Private Holy Communion

**Saturday, Aug. 22**     4:00-7:00pm—Private Holy Communion



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*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](mailto:revgensmer@gmail.com).*