



OCTOBER 1, 2023
18th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP
LITANY OF JOY
WELCOME
SONG OF CELEBRATION
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY
THE READINGS
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
THE GOSPEL
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON & REFLECTION
SONG OF THE DAY
PROFESSION OF FAITH
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
SPECIAL MUSIC
OFFERING PRAYER
COMMUNION
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING
SENDING SONG
MISSION AND PEACE
POSTLUDE

"It is Well"
"Raise a Song of Gladness"
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #631
"We are Singers of the Story"
"Peace Like a River"
Apostles' Creed
(8:30)"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(11:00)"How Marvelous are the Works"
"Break Now the Bread of Life" #515
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" #461
"Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" #545
"Go in Peace"

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ABIDING LOVE!
May you know God's love as you sing, pray, proclaim, and serve.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNION AT ABIDING LOVE.
Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing may come forward and cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life and all creation, in all weathers we seek to live in the joy of presence with you. Teach us the manifold mysteries of joy, that we may abide in it as we abide in you, come what may. Amen.

EZRA 3:10-13

¹⁰ When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel;¹¹ and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy,¹³ so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

PSALM 126



¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." ³The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. *Antiphon*

⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. ⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. ⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. *Antiphon*

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-4:9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

LUKE 6:17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.



WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

October 1: *The Paradox of Joy*
October 8: *Fruit of the Spirit*
October 15: *Enter Into Joy*
October 22: *That Your Joy May Be Complete*
~Psalm 16:11

*"In your presence
there is fullness of joy!"*

PROCEEDS FROM HOLIDAY MARKET SURVEY

Proceeds from November 4 Holiday Market will go to High School Graduate Scholarships, Lutheran World Relief quilts and two charities. Stop by the table in the narthex **TODAY**, to vote for your two choices from the following: Austin City Lutherans Homeless Initiative, Austin Humane Society, Lutheran World Relief Disaster Fund, New Life Children's Center (for foster girls), Safe Place, and St. Judes.

OFFICE AND COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AVAILABLE

People of Abiding Love or qualified people you recommend are invited to provide a letter of interest and resume' for the Office and Communications Administrator position. This position is full-time, onsite and involves a range of administrative and communications roles. Compensation includes a competitive salary, retirement contribution, health insurance stipend, paid vacation and medical leave. Send communications to
Pr. Brad Highum, bhighum@abidinglove.org.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 10 AM TO 3 PM
AT ABIDING LOVE**

lost & found

AN EXPLORATION OF THE HEALING POWER OF JOY
WITH REV. DR. ANGELA WILLIAMS GORRELL

*The cost is \$65 for the day's event and includes lunch.
Use code AL20 at checkout for a \$20 discount.*

To learn more and purchase tickets, visit eremos.org.

This event is offered in partnership by Abiding Love Lutheran Church and Eremos, a Center of Contemplative Life.

JOIN US AT OUR 1ST ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT AT ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIS WILL BE A FUN-FILLED EVENT FOR ALL AGES!
BRING A BUCKET, CHECK OUT ALL OF THE WONDERFUL TRUNKS, AND RECEIVE HALLOWEEN TREATS ALONG THE WAY. ENJOY HOT DOGS, CHIPS, POPCORN, DRINKS AND SUPPORT

THE ABIDING LOVE YOUTH MINISTRY AT OUR CONCESSION STAND!

**SAT.
OCT 28**
FROM 6:00PM - 8:00PM

ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
7210 BRUSH COUNTRY RD | ATX

ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
8:30 am Worship w/Communion
9:45 am Faith Formation
11:00 am Worship w/Communion
12:30 pm Small Group Training (AC)
6:00 pm ASCI Diversity Band (AC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2
11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
5:00 pm Bread For All
7:00 pm AA (HS Room)
7:00 pm Troop 555 (AC)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
10:00 am Lifetime Learning: (AC)
10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:30 pm Oak Hill Svc Unit (AC)
7:00 pm Alanon (C)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4
7:45 am Women Alive! (L)
10:00 am Lifetime Learning: (AC)
10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:00 pm Music Rehearsals
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:45 pm Cantata Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
10:00 am Chapel
10:00 am Quilters (UC)
3:30 pm CC After School (L)
6:00 pm Alanon (L)
7:00 pm Small Group Training (AC)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6
3:30 pm CC After School (L)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
2:00 pm Puzzle Swap (AC)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
8:30 am Worship w/Communion
9:45 am Faith Formation
11:00 am Worship w/Communion
6:00 pm ASCI Diversity Band (AC)

SERVING
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Flowers in the worship space today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Margaret & Pat Dove's anniversary.

Preaching and Presiding
Rev. Brad Highum

Acolyte
(8:30) Travis Hagen
(11:00) Isaac Schroeder

Altar Guild
(8:30) Margaret Dove
Amelia Mettke

Assisting Minister
(8:30) Margaret Dove
(11:00) Lacye Matejowsky

Children's Message
Tyler Parks

Communion Assistant
(8:30) Pat Dove
(11:00) Sue Milam

Lector
(8:30) Mike Riggs
(11:00) Rosa Hatfield

Music
Stephanie Morrison
Gus Sterneman
Sanctuary Choir

Ushers
(8:30) Paul Mettke,
Teri Nelson-Zepeda
(11:00) John Berkeland
TJ Shoaf

Tech
Jan Haas
Zee Zepeda
Cindy Atwell

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The Paradox of Joy

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. ~ James 1:2-4

We seek a theology of joy. We seek to embrace and understand joy in all the ways it manifests itself in us and the world around us: from the happiness, satisfaction and well-being we derive from daily living, to the joy that is ours despite, or even because of, misfortunes, hardship and the struggle of sacrifice. The wisdom and teachings of God are full of paradox because the Kingdom of God does not operate the way earthly empires do. The same is true of the paradox of joy.

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