



AUGUST 27, 2023
13th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

PRELUDE

(11:00) "Love Round"

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

(11:00) **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** "Children of the Heavenly Father"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "All Praise to God for Word and Words"

THE READINGS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"I Love to Tell the Story"

THE GOSPEL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON & REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY (8:30) "It is Well With My Soul" vs. 1,3,4 #785
(11:00) "Ancient Words"

(8:30) PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

(8:30) "I Love to Tell the Story"
(11:00) "God is in This Story"

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

(8:30) "God is Here" #526
"Blessed Assurance" #638

(11:00) "Jesus Messiah"
"Come Thou Fount"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

(8:30) "Arise, Your Light Has Come" #314
(11:00) "Soul"
"Go in Peace"

MISSION AND PEACE

POSTLUDE



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism
of Jack Thomas Ellis,
with his parents, Nathan and Rose Ellis,
and grandparents, Gary and Pat Andrews.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life and new beginnings, teach us the song of creation, teach us the song of life, teach us the song of our days, teach us the song of our soul. Amen.

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

PSALM 32

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

LUKE 15:11-24

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

WORSHIP IN PENTECOST THE POWER OF STORY

- August 27: The Song of Your Soul
- September 3: Stories We Don't Like
- September 10: The Four-Fold Song
- September 17: The Gospel in Seven Words
- September 24: The Gospel of Your Life

RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Celebrate Faith Formation

9:45 am in the Sanctuary
Opening song and collection of
donations for the ALLC Children's Center

Visit the Ministry Faire

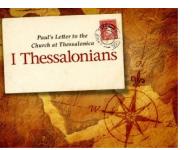
10:30 am & Noon in the Activity Center

Visit with representatives from all ministry areas
of Abiding Love: service, study, fellowship, and more.
Find opportunities where you can share God's love
with your time, talent and resources.

SERVING SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

Flowers in the worship space today are given to the glory of God, in honor of
Amelia Mettke's birthday and Amelia and Paul Mettke's anniversary.

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Rev. Brad Highum
Acolyte: (8:30) Isaac Schroeder (11:00) Molly Enno
Altar Guild: (8:30) Amelia Mettke, Beverly Sones (11:00) Denise Alaimo
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Kurt Lowe (11:00) Sue Milam
Children's Message: Tyler Parks
Communion Assistant: (8:30) Rosa Hatfield (11:00) Linda Corhan
Lector: (8:30) Audrey Lehman (11:00) Pat Shields
Ushers: (8:30) Tess & Joe Azzato (11:00) Kurt Armstrong
Tech: Zee Zepeda, George Glaser, Cindy Atwell, Greta Rymal
Music: Stephanie Morrison, Gus Sterneman,
Sanctuary Choir, Mixed Blessings



SUNDAY ADULT FORUM 9:45 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

Living as Christ in Our Time: Led by Pastor Brad Highum

Paul's second missionary journey establishes a Christian community in Thessalonica. Along his journey, Paul writes back to that struggling community, encouraging them to live Christ-like lives despite persecution. His letter can be read today for the same encouragement for the people of God in contemporary life.

ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 8:30 am Worship w/Communion
- 9:45 am Faith Formation
- 11:00 am Worship w/Communion
Baptism; Mixed Blessings
- 4:00 pm OWLS (AC)
- 4:00 pm Youth Ministry Pool Party

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- 11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry
- 3:30 pm CC After School (L)
- 5:45 pm Bread For All Food Pantry
- 7:00 pm AA (HS Room)
- 7:00 pm Troop 555 (AC)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study
- 3:30 pm CC After School (L)
- 7:00 pm Alanon (C)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)
- 3:30 pm CC After School (L)
- 6:00 pm Music Rehearsals
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

- 10:00 am Chapel
- 10:00 am Quilting
- 3:30 pm CC After School (L)
- 6:00 pm Alanon (L)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 3:30 pm CC After School (L)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:30 am Worship w/Communion
- 9:45 am Faith Formation
- 11:00 am Worship w/Communion

ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Song of Your Soul

There is a story that is distinctly yours. It is unique in all of human history. Your story is interwoven with countless others, but it is yours alone. There has never been nor will be another quite like it. And it is unique in all the world and unique in the sight of God. It is a song that sounds at the deepest levels of yourself ... it is the song of your soul. It is the anthem of who you are. And it will remind you if ever you forget.

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