



***June 13, 2021***  
***Loving God with all your heart!***

The calling to love God with the whole of our being is central to Jesus' life and teaching. He draws upon the ancient wisdom tradition of Moses in proclaiming the "greatest commandment": to love God with all that we are, loving others as we would be loved ourselves. That's heart, soul, mind and strength. To love with our whole hearts is the calling to unlock the emotional love metaphorically seated in the "heart" of our being. The heart symbolizes the life dwelling in the body. Heart love is the capacity to connect deeply and empathetically with something or someone beyond us; perhaps to give another greater priority than our very selves.



## 3rd Sunday after Pentecost June 13, 2021

### CALL TO WORSHIP

"Holy Spirit Come to Us"

Holy Spirit, come to us,  
Kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Holy Spirit, come to us,  
Holy Spirit, come to us.

### WELCOME

### LITANY

FROM THE BEGINNING, the invitation of faith is to love God with the whole of our being.

**ALL: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.** *(Deuteronomy 6:5)*

The invitation of God's Christ is to love God by loving others,

**ALL: to love our neighbors and God's world as we would be loved ourselves.**  
*(Matthew 22:39)*

One who does not love does not know God, for God is love. *(1 John 4:8)*

**ALL: If I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.**  
*(1 Corinthians 13:2)*

Teach us a language of love,

**ALL: Let us live in love. For whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.**  
*(1 John 4:16)*

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

God of all, open our hearts to share the love that you have planted and nourished there. Set us free to love you whole-heartedly and so to love others and your creation. **Amen.**

## LEVITICUS 19:17-18

<sup>17</sup> You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

And the Word was with God. **And the Word was God.**

**PSALM 51:1-2,6-7,10-12** *Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

<sup>7</sup> **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me,  
and I shall be whiter than snow.**

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup> **Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**ACTS 2:22-28**

<sup>22</sup> "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**"Open Our Eyes"**

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.  
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## JOHN 14:26-31

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON

Pastor Brad Highum

#### SONG OF THE DAY

**"I Love to Tell the Story"**

**1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.**

*Refrain*

**I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.**

**2 I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. *Refrain***

**3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, you have blessed us in abundance with such love and goodness. We marvel at the beauty of your creation, at the world and our place in it. We thank you for sustenance and shelter, for the love of faith community and family, even as we reach out in love to those in need, the suffering and the stranger.

**ALL: O come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into God's presence with songs of praise and offerings of  
thanksgiving to the Lord of life and God of all.**

We offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and joyful praise. Receive our offerings as signs of our whole lives lived to your glory and devoted in service to you.

**ALL: Gracious God, receive our gifts as signs of your Kingdom come on earth.  
With them we commit ourselves to your rule and reign, in our lives and in all  
the world. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



*All are welcome to celebrate communion at Abiding Love. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Take a cup of wine or grape juice from the tray. Children and adults not communing are welcome to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.*

## COMMUNION SONG

## "Thy Holy Wings"

- 1 Thy holy wings, O Savior,  
spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely  
through good and ill in thee.  
Oh, be my strength and portion,  
my rock and hiding place,  
and let my ev'ry moment  
be lived within thy grace.
- 2 Oh, let me nestle near thee,  
within thy downy breast  
where I will find sweet comfort  
and peace within thy nest.  
Oh, close thy wings around me  
and keep me safely there,  
for I am but a newborn  
and need thy tender care.
- 3 Oh, wash me in the waters  
of Noah's cleansing flood.  
Give me a willing spirit,  
a heart both clean and good.  
Oh, take into thy keeping  
thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber,  
enfold us one and all.

## BLESSING



## SENDING SONG

## "We Are Called"

- 1 **Come! Live in the light!**  
**Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**  
**We are called to be light for the kingdom,**  
**to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

### *Refrain*

**We are called to act with justice,**  
**we are called to love tenderly;**  
**we are called to serve one another,**  
**to walk humbly with God.**

- 2 **Come! Open your heart!**  
**Show your mercy to all those in fear!**  
**We are called to be hope for the hopeless**  
**so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain***

- 3 **Sing! Sing a new song!**  
**Sing of that great day when all will be one!**  
**God will reign, and we'll walk with each other**  
**as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain***

## PROCLAIMING OUR MISSION AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

We go forth together, **sharing God's love!**

## POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST



### *Loving God*

**June 20:** *Loving God – Soul*

**June 27:** *Loving God – Mind*

**July 4:** *Loving God – Strength*

**July 11:** *Loving God – Loving Self*

**July 18:** *No Greater Love*

**July 25:** *Unmediated Love*

## SERVING SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Rev. Brad Highum

Altar Guild: (8:30) Beverly Sones, Coleen Thompson (11:00) Denise Alaimo, Cindy Atwell

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Reggie Kikta (11:00) Tony Napolillo

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Margaret Dove, Pat Dove, Rosa Hatfield  
(11:00) Bill Hatcher, Nan Hatcher

Lector: (8:30) Pat Shields (11:00) Dale Sump

Music Leaders: Luciano Laurentiu, Karron Lewis

Sound: George Glaser

Ushers: (8:30) Marvin Haddock, Willie Haas, Jerald Segner, Morris Thompson  
(11:00) Kurt Armstrong, TJ Shoaf

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Austin City Lutherans Annual Meeting - TODAY, June 13, 2:00 pm**

**ZOOM Meeting ID: 865 7703 3387   Passcode: 165262**

Updates on the following will be included:

- **Bread For All Food Pantry** and additional services which have been developed for the well-being of our neighbors;
- **Mariposa Family Learning Center** and plans for expansion;
- opportunities coming out of the Homelessness Summit 2021 for ACL congregations to play a role in solutions to the challenges of homelessness in Austin.

Ann Howard, County Commissioner for Precinct 3 and recent Executive Director of ECHO - Ending Community Homelessness (member of St. Martin's) will attend to talk about plans and opportunities for us to engage.

## **Setting and Safety Measures Update**

Following CDC Guidelines, the Abiding Love Council has determined that face coverings will not be required inside or outside for people who have been fully vaccinated. We ask those who have not been vaccinated to please continue to wear a face covering. People who are vaccinated may also continue to wear a face covering as an extra safety measure.

We will continue to maintain at least 3 ft of social distance and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Communion servers will wear face coverings and gloves.

In this time of transitioning to indoor worship, we will always gather together with the health and safety of one another as our first and foremost consideration.

## **LWR Summer Matching Gift Challenge**

The Lutheran World Relief's 2021 Summer Matching Gift Challenge is receiving donations to provide clean water for drinking and handwashing in areas of our world where clean water and other human needs are desperately needed. Any gift made by June 30 will be doubled until the total \$175,000 match is met. For more information and to make a donation, please go to [lwr.org](http://lwr.org).

# **ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR**

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

8:30 & 11:00 am    Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)  
3:00 pm              Austin City Lutherans Annual Meeting

## **MONDAY, JUNE 14**

11:00 am            ALLC Food Pantry  
6:00 pm            Bread for All Food Pantry  
7:00 pm            Children's Outreach Ministries (Zoom)  
7:00 pm            Scout Troop 555 (Outside)  
7:00 pm            AA (Music Room)

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

7:00 pm            Al-Anon (Music Room)

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

10:00 am           Hannah Circle (Classroom)  
10:00 am           Staff Meeting (Library)

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

10:00 am           ALLC Quilters (Upstairs Commons)  
10:00 am           WELCA Meeting (Classroom)  
6:00 pm            Congregation Council (Zoom)

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 20 Father's Day**

8:30 & 11:00 am    Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)