

Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost ~ October 20, 2024

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

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With the eye for an eye reference, Jesus establishes context for what He will share – but He actually focuses His teaching on a different perspective than what the original intent of this statement was. The statement “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” gains most of its benefit when prompting someone’s self-control or self-restraint.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ from Pastor...

Thank you to Howard Lyon for accompanying today’s service!

PRELUDE ~ *In Thee Is Gladness* -Ralph E. Schultz

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross that sign that marked us at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Host at every table, Companion of the suffering, Spirit of resurrection life. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. God of letting go,

We confess that we fill ourselves with empty riches while our neighbors starve. God of the cross, We confess that we grasp for dreams of wealth and reject your path of sacrificial love. God who knows our pain, We confess that we become numb or grumpy when you invite us into compassion.

God who saves, feeds, and heals, We repent of setting the table too small. We lament our habits of scarcity and distrust. We renounce the lures of prosperity and seek your reign of joy and peace.

People of God, we are both sinners and saints: God's table is set for all creation. In Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven all our fears are cast aside and all our neighbors are fed. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Praise the Holy Spirit who gives us abundant life! **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

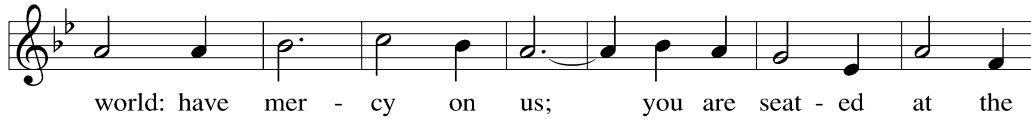
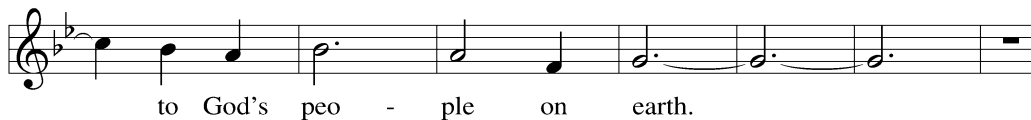
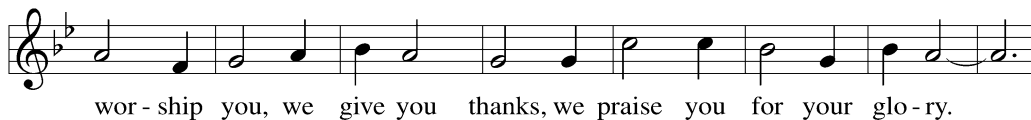
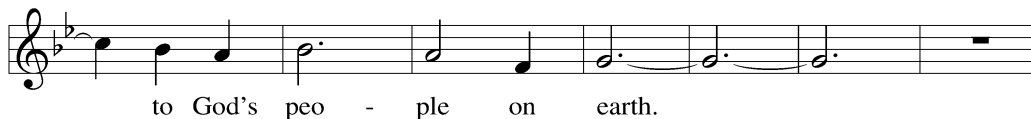
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ~ ELW 825 *You Servants of God*, vs. 1, 4

GREETING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ WOV 607 *Glory to God (cont'd p. 4)*



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo - ple on earth.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's pray together.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of living hope, we have wept for love of your creation. Stand beside us when we weep and walk with us along the roads of grief. When we are held captive to greed, call us by name and set us free from the grip of death. On the last day, gather us together with all your saints to feast in freedom and joy in the company of Jesus Christ, our friend and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

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¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:9-16

Sung Responsively



⁹Because you have made the [|] LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your [|] habitation,

¹⁰**no evil [|] will befall you,**
nor shall affliction come [|] near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge [|] over you,
to guard you in [|] all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will [|] bear you up,**
lest you strike your foot a- [|] gainst a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion [|] cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion [|] and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who [|] cling to me;**
I will uphold them, because they [|] know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will [|] answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and [|] honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I [|] satisfy them,**
and show them [|] my salvation.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ WOV 613

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef and the key signature of D major (two sharps). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff begins with a quarter note on D4, followed by a quarter note on E4, a quarter note on F#4, and a quarter note on G4. This is followed by a half note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on C5. The second staff begins with a quarter note on D4, followed by a quarter note on E4, a quarter note on F#4, and a quarter note on G4. This is followed by a half note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on C5. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the first staff, and 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the second staff. The music is a simple, melodic line with a final cadence on C5.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

The Holy Gospel of the Lord according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

Glory to you O Lord

Love Your Enemies

³⁸⁻⁴² “Here’s another old saying that deserves a second look: ‘Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.’ Is that going to get us anywhere? Here’s what I propose: ‘Don’t hit back at all.’ If someone strikes you, stand there and take it. If someone drags you into court and sues for the shirt off your back, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. And if someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously.

⁴³⁻⁴⁷ “You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that.

⁴⁸ “In a word, what I’m saying is, *Grow up*. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Make Us One*

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 56$ C/E F G/F C2/E Am F



1,4. Make us one, make us one; Make us one, un - di - vid - ed
 (2. Make us) love, make us love; Make us love, so the world will know we
 (3. Make us) pure, make us pure; Make us pure, and right - eous, make us

1, 2, 3

C/G G C/E F G/F C2/E Am7 F Gsus G C C/E



bod - y. Make us one, make us one. For the sake of Your Name, make us one. 2. Make us
 love You. Make us love, make us love. For the sake of Your Name, make us love. 3. Make us
 ho - ly. Make us pure, make us pure. For the sake of Your Name, make us pure. 4. Make us

ENDING

4 F Gsus G Am Am/G F Gsus G Am Am/G



sake of Your Name, make us one. For the sake of Your Name, 'til You come, for the

13 F Gsus G C



sake of Your Name, make us one.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed are you, God of creation. You fashion the rhythms of the planet and send water to nourish all life. The mightiest oceans and smallest streams glorify you.

We praise you for the gift of water. We praise you for abundant waters. When we lose our way, you revive us and remind us of our place in creation. Through the life and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, born of water, we are drawn anew into your sacred rhythms. We praise you for the gift of baptism. We praise you for abundant blessings.

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Breathe your Spirit into everyone gathered here and into all who yearn for hope. Strengthen us for lives of passionate justice and bold peace-making, fed and watered by your merciful presence. We praise you for abundant mercy. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation:

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons, including our Pastor Karen, with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace especially Carolyn, Rick, Paul, Larry, Cindi, Evelyn, Esther, Judy, Walter, Kathi, Ken & Donna, Karen & Dave, Tom, Don & Donna, Darcèè, our Little Library friends requesting our prayers and anyone we say aloud or in our hearts. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians, and all the faithful Abiding Hope worship leaders, acolytes and Care Committee members, whose ministry challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERING ~ *St. Anthony Chorale* -Brahms



OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 692 *We Are An Offering*

♩ = 60

CHORUS 1

G7 C Dm7 C/E F C/E

We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

4 Dm7 G7sus G7 C Dm7 C/E

of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voice - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

F C/E Dm7 G7sus G/F Em7 Asus A7 Dm7 G7sus G7

BRIDGE

7 lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have, all that we are,

11 Esus D/F# E/G# Am F C/E Bb/C A/C# Dm7 G7sus G7

all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our

C Dm7 C/E F C/E Dm7 G7sus

CHORUS 2

15 voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an

19 C G7sus G7 C

of - fer - ing. We lift our of - fer - ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Blessed are you, God of surprising grace. You call us to bold acts of kindness and brave gestures of solidarity. Receive and hallow these offerings of our time and treasure. Multiply these gifts so that your reign of plenty and peace may be known by all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all. We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God. And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence. Together we offer our praise and join in the hymn of all creation

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord WOV 619a



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of open doors and messy tables, you have risked everything to set a feast for us. We praise and bless you for the scandal of your wide welcome. Hear our prayers, share our hunger for justice, and satisfy our longing for you.

Long ago, you brought the world to birth and gave everything life. You set us down within a holy dance of provision and caretaking. Help us to know your love in the gifts of food, water, work, play, and rest.

Come Holy Spirit!

When we squandered these gifts and forgot the rhythms of creation, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, born of blood and water, our human brother yet fully divine. With your abundant mercy, he taught us your ways of compassion and justice, and gave himself as food for all.

Come, Lord Jesus!

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all the drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Awaiting the full arrival of God's abundant feast, together we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Now send your Spirit to bless this table and extend the feast, that all may share your goodness.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus! Come Holy Spirit! Come Holy Spirit!

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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 from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

LAMB OF GOD ~ WOV 621

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ ELW 481 *Come To The Table of Mercy*
Instrumental Meditation

Please stand.

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Thank you, God our provider, for this meal of grace. May the mercies we have tasted here make us quick to share and ready to welcome others, as you have welcomed and loved us fully. Let all our tables bear witness to your abundant life, good and gracious God. Amen**

BLESSING

May the God of crowded tables feed you. May the God of truth fully see you. May the God of hope sustain you for the journey and keep you in grace, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ WOV 748 *Bind Us Together*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek the truth. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ Take Thou My Hands and Lead Me -Richard Weinhorst

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PARISH NOTES ~ OCTOBER 20, 2024
Happy 90th Birthday October 24th to Trudy Mueller.
Join us after worship for cake and goodies.



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Please keep these members and friends in your prayers:

Friends and family of Donna Knight (Sondra Marshall's mother), Cindi Reid, Carolyn Mariotti, Rick Penn, Larry Ruhlman, Judy Nordin, Esther Klakamp, Walter Nunemaker, Kathi (Cindy Filson's sister), Ken & Donna Bagamery (Jeanne Tropper's sister-in-law), Tom Cirillo, Pastor Karen & Dave, Don & Donna Holder, Evelyn Senger, Darceè Anthony, and our Little Library friends requesting our prayers.

Receiving Communion: If it is a challenge for you to come forward to receive communion, please alert the usher and you will be served communion at your seat.

Today, Sunday, October 20th: Sheryl is off today: no warm-up, anthem or 10:45 rehearsal. No Bible Study due to viewing of *The Chosen* in FH at 11:00.

Today, Sunday, October 20: *The Chosen*, a multi-season TV series about the life of Jesus Christ will be aired the 1st and 3rd Sunday's after worship in FH. Discussion time to follow each showing. Everyone welcome.

Monday, October 21st: Ladies are welcome to join the **Prayer Shawl Gathering**, 10a-12noonish in the Conference Room for prayer, good conversation, knitting/crocheting shawls, prayer cards, lap robes for the homebound. Start a new or maybe complete a piece you've started, but not quite finished. Experience not necessary, showing "how to" will gladly be offered and yarn is available.

Next Sunday, October 27th: Choir warm-up @ 9:00, 10:45 Bible study and choir rehearsal at 11.

Tuesday, October 22nd the **Care Committee** meets at 12:30. If you'd like to learn more about this meaningful committee, join us on Tuesday and learn how you can assist in caring for our homebound and elderly.

Tuesday, October 22: Boscov Saving Day. Purchase a 25% off Discount card for \$5 from Analee, anyone in the office, or from the center table in the narthex. All money collected benefits AHLC and you save 25% off your Boscov purchase on Tuesday. Everyone's a winner.

Volunteers are needed for **Holy Trinity Sloppy Joe Dinner** for the Homeless hosted by Abiding Hope members. **Thursday, November 21 (3:50p to about 6:4 p at 643 W 17th St, Erie)** COOKIES also needed! Please place your "HT" labeled cookies in the AH freezer between Nov 13-20 (noon). Please try to **sign the volunteer sheet before Nov 10** to aid with planning or contact Jacque Holmberg. Thank you so much. (Funds available through a Thrivent Action Team request.)

Stewardship is once again the theme of the day. Intention for Giving cards are available in the narthex and via email to members. We ask that you prayerfully consider your 2025 Intention for Giving by **completing the pledge card** and **returning by Thank you Day, Sunday, November 10th**.

Spaghetti (Pasketti) Benefit Dinner, with all **proceeds** going to ***Embracing Our Veterans ~ Homeless Veterans Project***, on **Saturday, October 26th** at **Butch's Place, Village West Plaza, 3330 W 26th St., 3:30 to 6:00p**, Dinners are **\$10.00 per person** and includes pasta, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Come and help a veteran find a home.

Yesterday was the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Fest held at AHLC for our Erie community families. Kids for 2 to 90 enjoyed games, crafts, food trucks, balloon clown, face painting, learning about bats from Professor Ropski, Erie Humane Society, Raffle Baskets and more. A **huge thank you** goes

out to **New Hope Presbyterian Church** and **everyone at AHLC** who volunteered or donated to help make this such a wonderful success.

Office Hours: Week of 10/21...Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 to 3:30. Tuesday, 9:30 to 12:30. Following week regular hours resume. For **Pastoral emergencies**, please contact Pastor Karen @ 814-881-3266.

Little Library Update: God is so faithful to this ministry! We are not in need of books right now, but donations of bookmarks with room for an Abiding Hope address label would be appreciated! The pantry can use dried fruit, meals in pouches or microwave containers, cereals, pasta, rice, juice boxes, packages of graham crackers, and peanut butter in plastic jars. How grateful we are for your generous donations! --you are truly impacting our neighborhood! -*Connie Kerr-Vogt*.

KAFP Project Dignity: October Items: Hair Care Products. Donations can be place in the basket on the shelf in the Heritage Room.

Altar Flowers: Anyone who wishes to donate flowers for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up and request forms are on the table in narthex. Arrangements- **\$20.00 each**. Place the completed form and payment in the offering, or to the office by the Monday prior your chosen Sunday.

All Saints' Sunday is November 3rd. Please complete the form on the last page to have your loved ones who have passed remembered in the Memorial booklet.

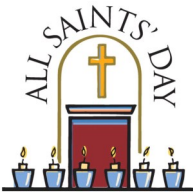
Saturday, November 2nd: Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour before bed.

September Finances

Sept. income	\$32,569.88	Year to Date income	\$108,606.91
Sept. expenses	\$12,399.46	Year to Date expenses	\$103,225.62
Sept. Difference	\$20,170.42	Year to Date difference	\$5,381.29
2024 YTD Budget \$100,948.79			

Worship Leaders Sunday, October 20, 2024

Videographer	Analee Cree
Greeter/Coffee	Cindy Filson
Lector/Prayers	Jacque Holmberg
Assisting Min/Acolyte	Penny Gresh
Communion Cups	John Holmberg
Communion Tray	Mary Randall
Presenter	Emily Miller
Presenter	Cindy Filson
Usher	Andy Saska
Usher	Rich Filson
Counters	Andy and Penny



2024 Abiding Hope All Saints' Observances Sunday, November 3rd



Remembering those who have passed on or before us in faith is very important. As part of our worship services on Sunday, November 3rd, All Saints Sunday, we will honor those in a memorial insert. If you would like to have you loved one(s) included, please list below.

Submitted by: _____

**Please PRINT CLEARLY, place the form in the offering plate by
Sunday, Oct. 27th or return to the office by Monday, Oct. 28th.**