

**HOLY COMMUNION  
SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026  
8:00AM**



**ABIDING PRESENCE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AND PRESCHOOL  
ROUTE 25A & SUNKEN MEADOW ROAD,  
4 TRESCOTT PATH  
FORT SALONGA, NEW YORK**

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**Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love.  
**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being.**  
**Look upon us, your children,**  
**the work of your hands.**  
**Forgive us all our offenses,**  
**and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**  
**By your grace draw us near to you,**  
**our refuge and our strength;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
and for his sake, God ✙ forgives us all our sins. **Amen.**

# SONG 423

# "Shall We Gather at the River"



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON Romans 12:1-8

## GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

## MEDITATION

## APOSTLES' CREED

## PRAYERS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he(+) who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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When our congregation last gathered in worship, we heard again of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We shared in the holy meal of the Lord's supper.

Now this bread and cup of blessing, is set before us, so that we may share in these same gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

Gathered at the Lord's table, our congregation remembered with thanksgiving that "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 to 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."

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in our community of faith, are here given for us. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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

## DISTRIBUTION

## BLESSING

## PRAYER

Let us pray: We thank you, God of heaven and earth,  
that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ,  
broken and poured out for us.  
Pour us out into a broken world.  
Channel our common life toward the common good,  
following the way our Savior leads us  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## SONG 860

### *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*



|   |          |        |             |          |               |          |        |
|---|----------|--------|-------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------|
| 1 | I'm      | so     | glad        |          | I'm           | so       | glad   |
| 2 | Sa - tan | had me | bound,      | Je - sus | lift - ed me. | Sa - tan | had me |
| 3 | When I   | was in | trou - ble, |          |               | When I   | was in |

Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,

sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

***If you would like contact information for the council members listed below,  
please call the church office at 631-269-6454.***

Lauri Christiansen-Wegener, Outreach and Marketing (Evangelism)

**Sunday school N3 – Grade 5      9:30am In person      September - May**

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, a spiritual home centered in Christ and community, is to share Jesus' love in our words and in our works as we welcome all to the family of God.



## PRESCHOOL WEBSITE

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**Daily Bible Readings for Year A (August 9 – August 16)**  
**From *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP***

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

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| Sun 8/9    | <i>Lectionary 19</i><br>1 Kings 19:9-18<br>Psalm 85:8-13<br>Romans 10:5-15<br>Matthew 14:22-33            |                                                                                      |
| Mon 8/10   | Psalm 18:1-19<br>Genesis 7:11—8:5<br>2 Peter 2:4-10                                                       |                                                                                      |
| Tues 8/11  | Psalm 18:1-19<br>Genesis 19:1-29<br>Romans 9:14-29                                                        | <i>Mary, Mother of Our Lord</i><br>Isaiah 61:7-11<br>Psalm 34:1-9<br>Galatians 4:4-7 |
| Wed 8/12   | Psalm 18:1-19<br>Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24<br>Matthew 8:23-27                                                | Luke 1:46-55                                                                         |
| Thurs 8/13 | Psalm 67<br>Isaiah 45:20-25<br>Revelation 15:1-4                                                          |                                                                                      |
| Fri 8/14   | Psalm 67<br>Isaiah 63:15-19<br>Acts 14:19-28                                                              |                                                                                      |
| Sat 8/15   | Psalm 67<br>Isaiah 56:1-5<br>Matthew 14:34-36                                                             | <i>Mary, Mother of Our Lord</i><br>Isaiah 61:7-11<br>Psalm 34:1-9<br>Galatians 4:4-7 |
| Sun 8/16   | <i>Lectionary 20</i><br>Isaiah 56:1, 6-8<br>Psalm 67<br>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32<br>Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28 | Luke 1:46-55                                                                         |

## THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Paul Fick, Property  
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Betty Bose, Music and Worship  
Aubrey Minton, Christian Education  
Paul Farber, Stewardship  
Lauri Christiansen-Wegener, Outreach and Marketing (Evangelism)

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Sunday Schedule</b>            | <b>9:30am In person</b>            | <b>The Holy Eucharist</b> |
|                                   | <b>and Live stream via YouTube</b> |                           |
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### **NO MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP JULY & AUGUST**

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