

welcome to worship

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024 ♦ 10:00 am



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The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Four Rotations for Marimba No. 4

Sammot

Daniel Freed, Atonement Bach Scholarship Winner, marimba

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

HOLY BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy and love,...

Following the individual petitions

People of God, do you promise to support Junia and Elijah and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

The assembly stands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil, the power of evil, and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, ...Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Assembly may be seated.

Junia, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Elijah, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, ...both now and forever. **Amen.**

Junia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Elijah, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

GATHERING HYMN 459 *Wade in the Water*—stanzas 1, 3, 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son ... one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Caitlyn

READING *Acts 8:26-40*

²⁶⁻²⁸ Later God's angel spoke to Philip: "At noon today I want you to walk over to that desolate road that goes from Jerusalem down to Gaza." He got up and went. He met an Ethiopian eunuch coming down the road. The eunuch had been on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was returning to Ethiopia, where he was minister in charge of all the finances of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. He was riding in a chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹⁻³⁰ The Spirit told Philip, "Climb into the chariot." Running up alongside, Philip heard the eunuch reading Isaiah and asked, "Do you understand what you're reading?"

³¹⁻³³ He answered, "How can I without some help?" and invited Philip into the chariot with him. The passage he was reading was this:

As a sheep led to slaughter, and quiet as a lamb being sheared,
He was silent, saying nothing. He was mocked and put down, never got a fair trial.
But who now can count his kin since he's been taken from the earth?

³⁴⁻³⁵ The eunuch said, "Tell me, who is the prophet talking about: himself or some other?" Philip grabbed his chance. Using this passage as his text, he preached Jesus to him.


³⁶⁻³⁹ As they continued down the road, they came to a stream of water. The eunuch said, "Here's water. Why can't I be baptized?" He ordered the chariot to stop. They both went down to the water, and Philip baptized him on the spot. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of God suddenly took Philip off, and that was the last the eunuch saw of him. But he didn't mind. He had what he'd come for and went on down the road as happy as he could be.

⁴⁰ Philip showed up in Azotus and continued north, preaching the Message in all the villages along that route until he arrived at Caesarea.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:1-8*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

15¹⁻³ "I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

⁴ "Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

⁵⁻⁸ "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

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

SERMON

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude ... through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

If you brought an offering or your pledge card today, please place it in an offering plate that ushers will pass at this time. Thank you for your generous gifts! Did you know you can give using a credit card? Scan the QR code to the right.



OFFERING HYMN

447 *O Blessed Spring*

The assembly stands.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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, 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.

INVITATION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Follow the directions of the ushers to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice (in purple cups) from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to receive communion with their parents' permission.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the attendance pads found in the pews, check in to Atonement on your favorite social media platform, share a photo with your digital community, and say something gentle in the spirit of Jesus!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Mercy, We Abide in You

The assembly repeats the refrain after the choir and again after each verse.

Refrain — All Fine

Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

The image shows a musical score for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece begins with a 'Refrain — All' marking and ends with a 'Fine' marking. The lyrics are: 'Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.'

♫ In peace, may we assemble, in peace may we unite,
In peace, may we be whole. Move within each heart. *Refrain*

For all who suffer in war, for all who struggle for comfort,
For all who slumber in ease. Move within each heart. *Refrain*

We are broken, longing for peace, forgiveness, flow among us.
May we be reconciled. Move within each heart. *Refrain*

COMMUNION HYMN

379 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

671 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Campra, arr. Ferrari

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WARMEST WELCOME to this congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We are a Lutheran church, but we're not just for Lutherans—we belong to our community! Together we are on the journey of discipleship with Jesus, who guides us from worship to formation, from formation to fellowship, and from fellowship to Christ-like servanthood.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available at the entrance to the worship space. Children from 3 years of age to 2nd grade are invited to experience worship geared just for them—follow the CHILDREN'S CHAPEL leader to the privacy room after the Children's Message. Children will return to their families for communion.

THE NURSERY is available for preschool aged children and younger in Room F126 during worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laree Trollinger.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are 10:30am-2:30pm Monday through Thursday, or by appointment.

FAITH FORMATION for all ages meets Sundays, 8:45-9:45 am.

PICKLEBALL in the Atonement gym continues this afternoon, 2:30-5pm.

END OF LIFE PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR runs through May 19, 9-9:30 am in the nave. Next week, May 5, the topic is financial planning and concerns.

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE the third Saturday of every month. Interested in joining the team? Contact Bob Eisenbrown at 484-332-8788.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those interested in joining Atonement continue today, April 28. New members will be welcomed during 10:00 worship May 5. Everyone is welcome!

WALK FOR THE ANIMALS, one of our Reach Out stewardship events, will be Saturday, May 4. Contact Bob Eisenbrown if interested in participating. 484-332-8788

ELCA MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN is still underway for youth traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Checks can be made payable to Atonement with "Youth Gathering Matching Funds" on the memo line.

RESURRECTION GARDEN BOWLS may be brought back to the church after your garden finishes blooming to be used another year.

KAUFFMAN'S CHICKEN BBQ fundraiser for Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom will be May 5. If you are interested in placing an order, call Crystal in the office by April 30—if we have enough interest they will deliver to Atonement for pick-up after worship.

SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS for high school seniors are due May 1, and can be found online at www.atonementwyo.org. Details can be found in the April newsletter.

HOLY BAPTISM FOR JUNIA HERSHEY AND ELIJAH HERSHEY will be during this morning's service. Please join us in welcoming our newest Atonement members, and keep them and their family in your prayers.

Refrain

All



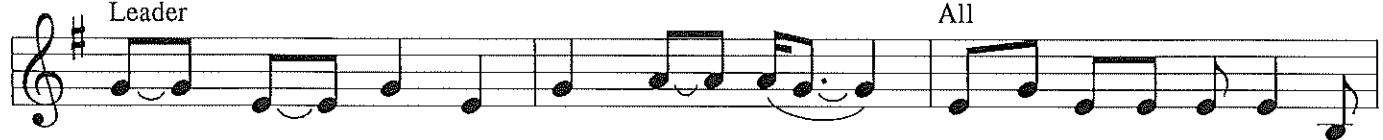
Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



1 See that host all dressed in white,

3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?

4 If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the

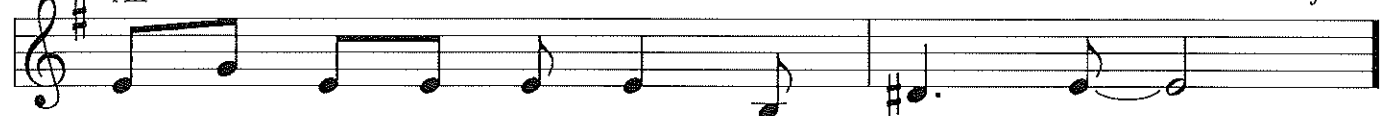


wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,

the Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,

just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All

Refrain

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

O Blessed Spring

1 O bless-ed spring, where word and sign em-brace us
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, un-cer-tain
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win-ter comes, as win-ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho-ly Vine, Christ, liv-ing Tree, be praised for

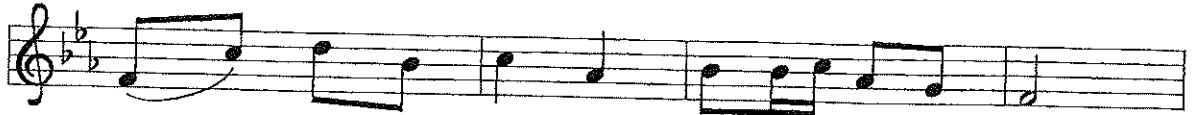
in-to Christ the Vine; here Christ en-joins each one to
 faith, re-bel-lious tears, sus-tained by Christ's in-fus-ing
 heav-y har-vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re-turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys-ter-y: that word and wa-ter thus re-

be a branch of this life-giv-ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a-gain.
 move with gifts of beau-ty, wis-dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom-ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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 Music: French carol
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Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



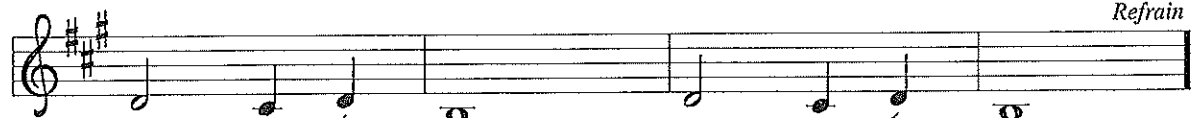
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me: