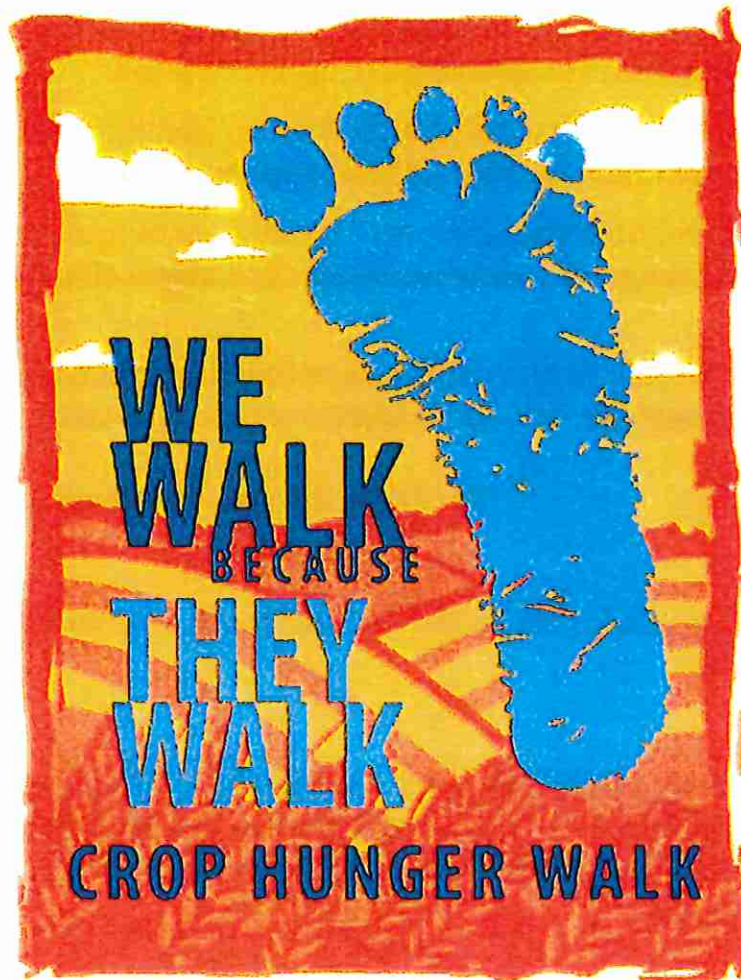


welcome to worship
TIME AFTER PENTECOST
October 11, 2026



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PRELUDE

Allegro maestoso (from "Water Music")

Handel

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We give praise to our God who gathers us as one people.

We delight in our God who has mercy upon us.

We seek to be one with refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants.

Clear our eyes that we may see the sufferings of displaced people.

We welcome those whose lives have been dislocated by war, famine and injustice.

Open our ears that we may hear the cries of those deep in despair.

We express our solidarity with all who search for a new life, a new home, a new promise.

Guide our feet that we may spread comfort; loosen our tongues that we might speak words of hope.

Give us open hearts that we may be truly welcoming to the stranger in our midst.

God, remind us that through our acts of hospitality we are restored to you. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 531

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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

Let us pray: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Teach us that everything we have comes from you, and open our hearts to share what we have with our hungry world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Molly

READING

Isaiah 25:1-9 (The Message)

25 ¹⁻⁵ GOD, you are *my* God. I celebrate you. I praise you.

You've done your share of miracle-wonders,
well-thought-out plans, solid and sure.

Here you've reduced the city to rubble,
the strong city to a pile of stones.

The enemy Big City is a non-city, never to be a city again.

Superpowers will see it and honor you,
brutal oppressors bow in worshipful reverence.

They'll see that you take care of the poor,
that you take care of poor people in trouble,

Provide a warm, dry place in bad weather,
provide a cool place when it's hot.

Brutal oppressors are like a winter blizzard
and vicious foreigners like high noon in the desert.

But you, shelter from the storm and shade from the sun,
shut the mouths of the big-mouthed bullies.

⁶⁻⁸ But here on this mountain, GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies
will throw a feast for all the people of the world,

A feast of the finest foods, a feast with vintage wines,
a feast of seven courses, a feast lavish with gourmet desserts.

And here on this mountain, GOD will banish
the pall of doom hanging over all peoples,

The shadow of doom darkening all nations.

Yes, he'll banish death forever.

And GOD will wipe the tears from every face.

He'll remove every sign of disgrace

From his people, wherever they are.

Yes! GOD says so!

⁹⁻¹⁰ Also at that time, people will say,

"Look at what's happened! This is our God!

We waited for him and he showed up and saved us!

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 362

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing – stanzas 1 and 2

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14 (The Message)

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

22 ¹⁻³ Jesus told another story: “God’s kingdom,” he said, “is like a king who threw a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out servants to call in all the invited guests. And they wouldn’t come!

⁴ “He sent out another round of servants, instructing them to tell the guests, ‘Look, everything is on the table, the prime rib is ready for carving. Come to the feast!’

⁵⁻⁷ “They only shrugged their shoulders and went off, one to weed his garden, another to work in his shop. The rest, with nothing better to do, beat up on the messengers and then killed them. The king was outraged and sent his soldiers to destroy those thugs and level their city.

⁸⁻¹⁰ “Then he told his servants, ‘We have a wedding banquet all prepared but no guests. The ones I invited weren’t up to it. Go out into the busiest intersections in town and invite anyone you find to the banquet.’ The servants went out on the streets and rounded up everyone they laid eyes on, good and bad, regardless. And so the banquet was on—every place filled.

¹¹⁻¹³ “When the king entered and looked over the scene, he spotted a man who wasn’t properly dressed. He said to him, ‘Friend, how dare you come in here looking like that!’ The man was speechless. Then the king told his servants, ‘Get him out of here—fast. Tie him up and ship him to hell. And make sure he doesn’t get back in.’

¹⁴ “That’s what I mean when I say, ‘Many get invited; only a few make it.’”

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

SERMON

Pastor Molly

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

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.



OFFERTORY

Everything That We Have
Atonement Choir

Hesla

Refrain:

Everything that we have, everything that we are,
Every moment is a blessing from above.
It's endless love that we breathe, it's endless love that we receive.
What has freely come, we now let freely go.

Working hard to survive is no guarantee, for the deck is always stacked against the poor.
If we'd use just what we need, reject the creeping cancer of greed,
Like a miracle, the hungry could be fed. *Refrain*

May we show gratitude in the way that we live,
not with pompous prayers and not with fancy feasts.
Imagine how the world should be, then take a risk to build this dream.
That's the offering that God is asking for. *Refrain*

The assembly stands.

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are hungry and thirsty, come!

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!

COMMUNION HYMN 479 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

COMMUNION HYMN 491 *Come, Let Us Eat*

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

CROP WALK BLESSING

SENDING HYMN 535 *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* (no repeats)

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy! Bring peace to the world. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Finale from Organ Concerto No. 5

Handel

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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.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available with the ushers. Children from age 3 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.

NURSERY is available for children preschool age and younger in Room F126.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space. A FAMILY RESTROOM with a changing table is also located in the Privacy Room at the back of the worship space.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS this week are 10am-3pm Tuesday-Thursday. The office will be closed Monday for the federal holiday.

DONATING TO THE COMMUNITY AID THRIFT SHOP can benefit Common Ground. Use the code **50244** when you make a donation.

FOOD DONATIONS of canned goods, cereal, and other non-perishable, non-expired items for Lutheran Pantry are always accepted in the grocery cart in the narthex.

COMMON GROUND DONATIONS of clothing and toiletries are always welcome! There is currently an immediate need for men's clothing. Items can be placed in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex.

COMMON GROUND AMAZAON WISH LIST is available at atonementwyo.org, then click the Common Ground link from the top menu. As the weather gets colder the need for tents, sleeping bags, and other warm items is great. Contact Pastor Tom or Pastor Molly with questions.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues this fall in room F122 at 8:45am.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION continues Sunday mornings throughout the fall - meet in the choir room Sunday mornings at 8:45am.

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE the third Saturday of every month. Contact Bob Eisenbrown at 484-332-8788 if you would like to join the team.

CROP HUNGER WALK IS TODAY, October 11 – it's not too late to join team Atonement as we take steps to fight hunger in our own community. We are also accepting donations through Sunday, October 26. Make your check payable to "Atonement" with "CROP Walk" in the check memo or notes field for online donations.

SARAH SENSENIG, MEZZO-SOPRANO AND AUTHOR, who grew up at Atonement and is the daughter of Katie Sensenig, will be returning to give a free program titled Lutherans in Classical Music, Saturday, October 17 at 7:00pm. Details can be found on flyers in the narthex.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY will be celebrated in worship on Sunday, November 1. We will read aloud the names of all church members who died since last year's All Saints Sunday. If you would like to add other loved ones who died this year to the list, please reach out to the church office by October 25. You are also invited to submit photos of loved ones who have died recently or long ago to be part of a collage on the screens during worship. Send photos to the church office, either electronically or printed photos that can be scanned, no later than October 25.

FAMILY JOURNEY TO RECOVERY AND CONNECTION, presented by Kim Porter, Co-Founder and Executive Director of *Be a Part of the Conversation*, and part of the 18th Annual Healing Power of Spirituality Speaker Series, will be at Atonement Tuesday, October 13, at 7pm. There is no registration and no charge to attend, everyone is welcome.

ATONEMENT SMALL GROUPS are meeting Wednesday evenings. This week we will learn about being a hunger advocate through the ELCA. Everyone is welcome, 7:30 in privacy room.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for all children grades K-6 rehearses Sundays, 11:15am-noon. See Deacon Tom if you have any questions.

YOUTH EVENT AT DUNCAN'S CORN MAZE will be October 25. Meet at Atonement at 5:30pm, and bring \$15 for activities. Parent drivers welcomed. RSVP to Pastor Molly at mhaggerty@atonementwyo.org.

COMMUNITY TRICK-OR-TREAT AT ATONEMENT will be Saturday, October 31, 10am-noon. Everyone is welcome! CANDY DONATIONS are being collected in the narthex. Call the office with questions.





1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



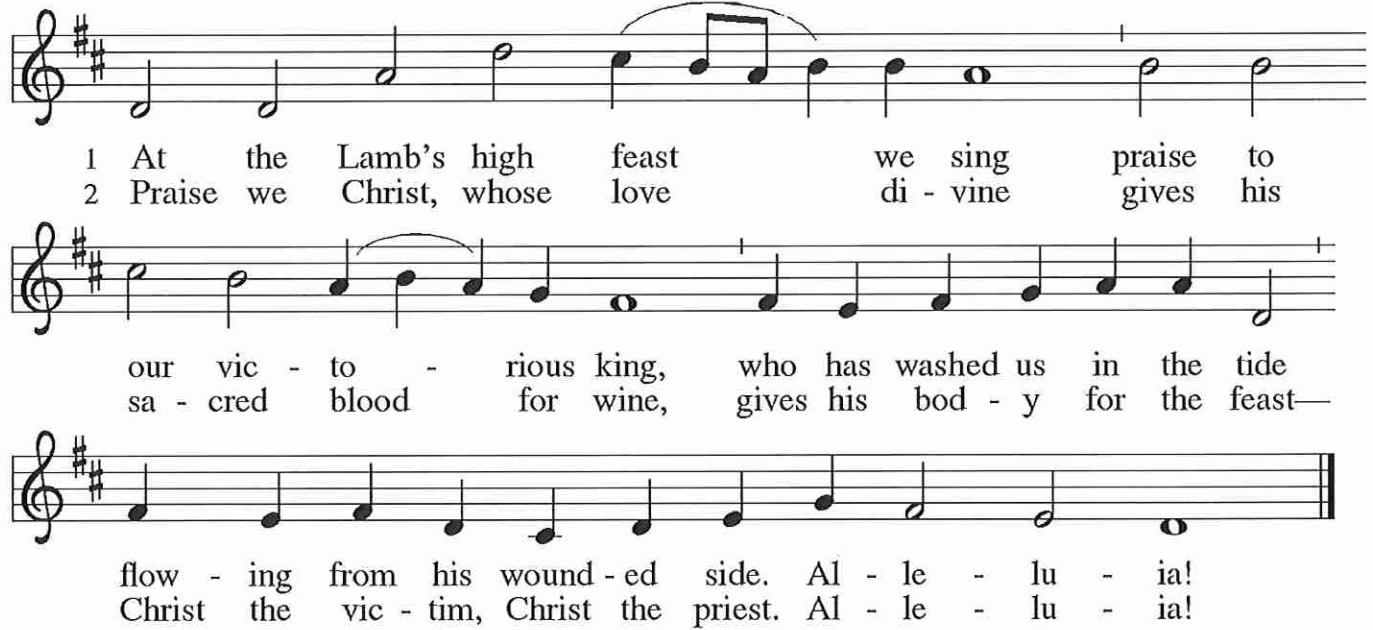
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 362

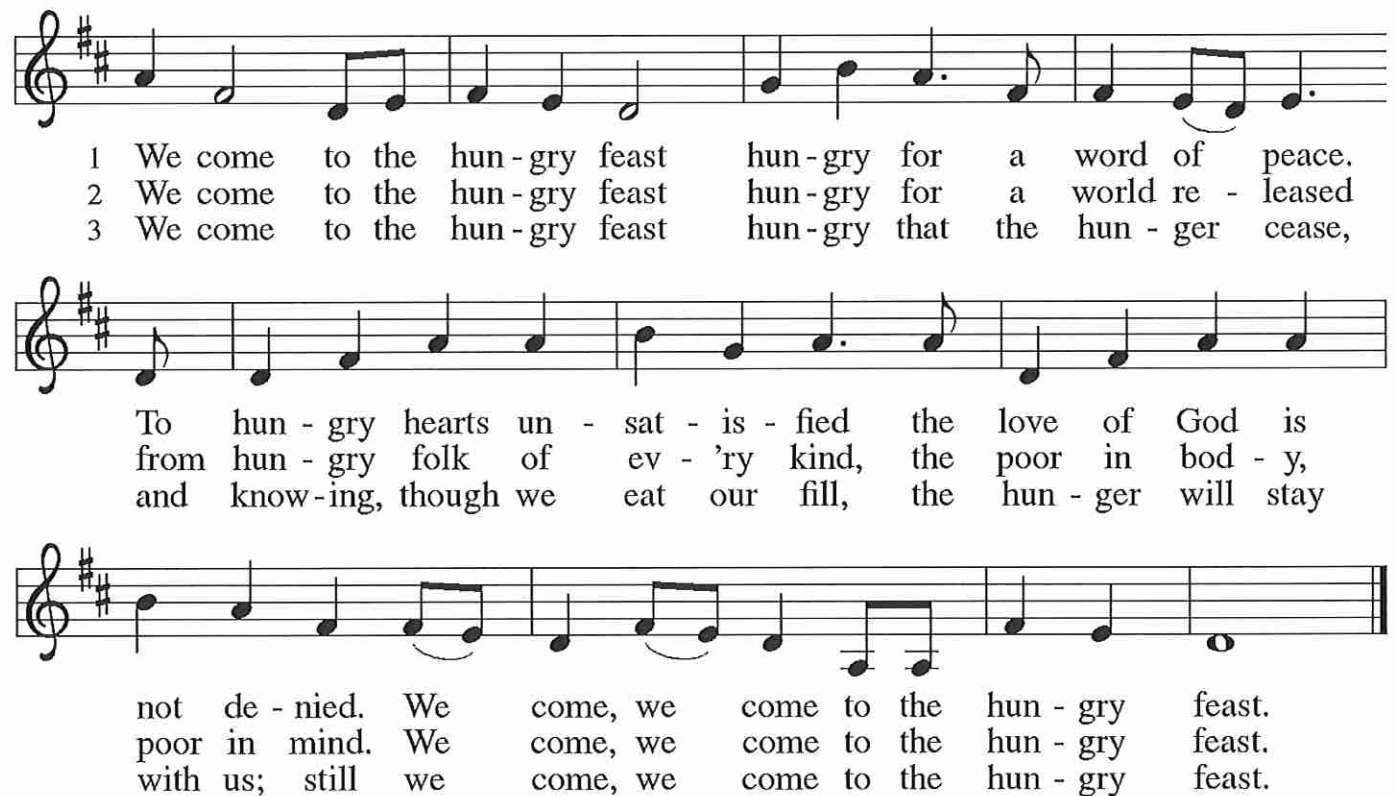
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

COMMUNION HYMN 470

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,
 To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay
 not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

COMMUNION HYMN 491

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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SENDING HYMN 535

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (*no repeats*)

Refrain— sung twice each time



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

tsa



End

prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.