

welcome to worship  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
May 3, 2026



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*The assembly's responses are in bold print.*

PRELUDE *Marvelous Light* Hall

*Refrain (all sing):*

♪ **Into marvelous light I'm running, out of darkness, out of shame.**  
**Through the cross you are the truth, you are the life, you are the way.** *Repeat*

*Band:* I once was fatherless, a stranger with no hope.  
Your kindness wakened me, wakened me from my sleep now.  
Your love, it beckons deeply, a call to come and die.  
By grace now I will come and take this life, take your life.  
Sin has lost its power, death has lost its sting.  
From the grave you've risen victoriously. *Refrain*

My dead heart now is beating, my deepest stain's now clean.  
Your breath fills up my lungs; now I'm free, now I'm free. *Repeat*  
Sin has lost its power, death has lost its sting.  
From the grave you've risen victoriously. *Refrain*

Lift my hands and spin around, see the light that I have found.  
Oh, the marvelous light, marvelous light. *Repeat and then Refrain*

WELCOME Pastor Katie

GATHERING SONG *Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord*  
Puerto Rican folk hymn, arr. Reeves

Children's Choir: Oh, how good is Christ the Lord. He is with me every day.  
Never shall I be alone, glory be to Jesus!

Refrain (all sing): ♪ **Glory be to Jesus! Glory be to Jesus!**  
**Oh, how good is Christ the Lord, glory be to Jesus!**

Children's Choir: Oh, how good is Christ the Lord. On the cross he died for me.  
He has pardoned all my sin, glory be to Jesus! *Refrain 2x*

GREETING  
Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

## READING

*1 Peter 2:2-10 (The Message)*

**2** <sup>1-3</sup> So clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk. You've had a taste of God. Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God.

<sup>4-8</sup> Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The workmen took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God. The Scriptures provide precedent:

Look! I'm setting a stone in Zion, a cornerstone in the place of honor.

Whoever trusts in this stone as a foundation will never have cause to regret it.

To you who trust him, he's a Stone to be proud of, but to those who refuse to trust him,

The stone the workmen threw out is now the chief foundation stone.

For the untrusting it's . . . a stone to trip over, a boulder blocking the way.

They trip and fall because they refuse to obey, just as predicted.

<sup>9-10</sup> But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments, to do God's work and speak out for Christ, called out of darkness into God's marvelous light—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)*

Brown and Doerksen

*Refrain (all sing):*

**♪ Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, your love makes me sing!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, your love makes me sing!**

*Band:*

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging,  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.  
Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me.  
When I am surrounded your love carries me. *Refrain*

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me.  
Every time I see you, all your goodness shines through.  
I can feel this God song rising up in me. *Refrain*

HOLY GOSPEL

*John 14:1-14 (The Message)*

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

14<sup>1-4</sup> “Don’t let this rattle you. You trust God, don’t you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father’s home. If that weren’t so, would I have told you that I’m on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I’m on my way to get your room ready, I’ll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I’m taking.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said, “Master, we have no idea where you’re going. How do you expect us to know the way?”

<sup>6-7</sup> Jesus said, “I am the Way, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You’ve even seen him!”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, “Master, show us the Father; then we’ll be content.”

<sup>9-10</sup> “You’ve been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don’t understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, ‘Where is the Father?’ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren’t mere words. I don’t just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

<sup>11-14</sup> “Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can’t believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I’m doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I’ve been doing. You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I’ll do it. That’s how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I’ll do.

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

SERMON

Pastor Katie

*The assembly stands.*

IONA CREED

Let us affirm our faith together:

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before the dawn: in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability...**

**We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line: to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation: to stand with those on the edge, to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God’s new community of hope. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes .... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude ... through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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

*Way, Truth and Life*

Cooney and Daigle

*Band:* Make us a way worth walking, pilgrim people in motion,

A road that leads to wisdom, calling each to the journey.

Oh, make us a path to peace, that the whole world might sing together:

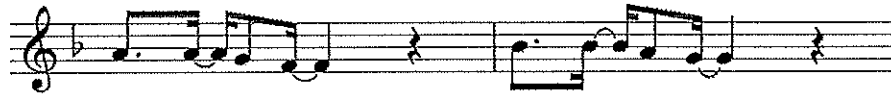
*Refrain (all sing):*



You are the way, you are the truth,  
E-res el ca-mi-no, e-res la ver-dad,



God of all life, send your wis-dom a-mong us.  
God of all life, send your wis-dom a-mong us.



Show us the way, teach us the truth,  
Show us the way, teach us the truth,



give us your life, fill the earth with your Spir-it.  
da-nos tu vi-da, llé-na-nos con tu Es-pí-ri-tu.

*Band:* Make us a truth worth seeking, people full of compassion,

Who live the word we're speaking, living Christ in our bodies.

Oh, give us integrity, so our deeds shine with gospel glory! *Refrain*

Right before us we see death and life, come and make us your Christ, oh, help us all choose life!

Make us a life worth living, full of vision and courage,

A people kind and forgiving, bound for freedom and justice.

Oh, make us your church at last, one with you, one in Christ our Savior! *Refrain*

*The assembly stands.*

WELCOME TO COMMUNION

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 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

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*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

*Verses: choir | Refrain: all sing*

*Blessing, Honor, and Glory*

*All sing:*

♪ **Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.**

**Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.**

**Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!**

**Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God! Repeat**

*The assembly stands.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

*The blessing concludes... We are blessed in Jesus' name. Amen.*

SENDING SONG

*Plenty Good Room*

African American spiritual

*Refrain (all sing):*

Plen-ty good room, plen-ty good room,  
plen-ty good room in my Fa-ther's king-dom,  
Plen-ty good room, plen-ty good room, just  
choose your seat and sit down.

Choir: Come mingle with the children, come sit with the elders and the youth.  
For the kingdom feast is now in our midst, where we welcome all people to dine. *Refrain*  
Come, rich and poor together, come, guest, stranger, traveler to rest.  
From the streets and shelters gather all in, see the face of Christ present today. *Refrain*  
Come, kingdom seekers singing, come, searchers of silence and the soul.  
Wipe away all tears, the kingdom is near; here we live in the light of the Lord. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

### Assisting with Worship

Matt & Jacqueline Lepera, greeters ♦ Jerry Lubitz, head usher ♦ John Lehr, lector  
Tim McGuirk, assisting minister

Gail Dawson-White, Precious Johnson-Agiri, Barb Mishler, Lynne Wenz, communion assistants  
Jon & Cathy Durand, nursery

Mick Bryan, Crystal Shirk, Zoe Shirk, sound booth

Atonement Choir ♦ Atonement Children's Choir ♦ Atonement Praise Band

Linda Lord, altar captain ♦ Pat Noll, sexton

Katie Lyon, *Pastor*

Molly Haggerty, *Transition Pastor of Community Engagement*

Tom Yenser, *Deacon*

Jen Dauber, *Preschool Director*

Lauryn Lacis, *Director of Children's Ministry*

Arthur Wyse, *Visitation Pastor*

Crystal Shirk, *Office Manager*

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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 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 children preschool age and younger in Room F 126.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Adams on his birthday, from his loving wife, Dyanne Adams, and his family.

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 are Monday—Thursday, 10:30am—2:30pm or by appointment.

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.

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 can be placed in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2026-27 school year is open! Email Mrs. Dauber at [jdauber@atonementwyo.org](mailto:jdauber@atonementwyo.org) for more information.

PRESCHOOL CAMP REGISTRATION is open. Details can be found at [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org), click PRESCHOOL from the top menu, then select Preschool Classes.

A PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER is underway to resurface the playground so that it is accessible for all students. Donations may be made payable to Atonement, with playground in the check memo or notes section of online donations.

OUR LANDSCAPING TEAM is looking for new members! Contact John Lehr for details at 610-304-6818 or [johnt.lehr@gmail.com](mailto:johnt.lehr@gmail.com).

“AT THE TABLE” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration is open! VBS will take place June 15-19, 9-11:30am, for children age 3 through 5th grade. Use the link from the homepage of [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org) or email Miss Lauryn at [llacis@atonementwyo.org](mailto:llacis@atonementwyo.org) to register or for details.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those wishing to officially join Atonement will be held Sundays, May 31 and June 7 at 11:00am, with the new member welcome during 10:00am worship Sunday, June 14. Call the office with questions.

PRETZEL FUNDRAISER is back by popular demand! Philly pretzels will be available after church today for \$2 each (cash or Venmo). All proceeds will help fund the resurfacing of the preschool playground.

# Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*Mfurahini, haleluya*

*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.  
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.  
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ial



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ial

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.  
Even the battle with sin is won."

*Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

*Refrain*