

welcome to worship
TIME AFTER PENTECOST
August 31, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am



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The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Adagio from Harpsichord Sonata

Galuppi

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. For the times we have hurt those who love us. **Loving Creator, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern. **Jesus our Savior, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice. **Spirit of life, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we refused to forgive others. **Holy Three-in-One, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

Hear now the good news! "If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) Rejoice, for your sins are forgiven! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN 526

God Is Here! – stanzas 1, 3, 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 16 (The Message)

13 ¹⁻⁴ Stay on good terms with each other, held together by love. Be ready with a meal or a bed when it's needed. Why, some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it! Regard prisoners as if you were in prison with them. Look on victims of abuse as if what happened to them had happened to you. Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex.

⁵⁻⁶ Don't be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you," we can boldly quote,

God is there, ready to help;
I'm fearless no matter what.
Who or what can get to me?

⁷⁻⁸ Appreciate your pastoral leaders who gave you the Word of God. Take a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness instruct you, as well as their truthfulness. There should be a consistency that runs through us all. For Jesus doesn't change—yesterday, today, tomorrow, he's always totally himself.

¹⁶ Make sure you don't take things for granted and go slack in working for the common good; share what you have with others. God takes particular pleasure in acts of worship—a different kind of "sacrifice"—that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 532

Gather Us In – stanza 1 only

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (The Message)

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

14 ¹ One time when Jesus went for a Sabbath meal with one of the top leaders of the Pharisees, all the guests had their eyes on him, watching his every move.

⁷⁻⁹ He told a story to the guests around the table. Noticing how each had tried to elbow into the place of honor, he said, "When someone invites you to dinner, don't take the place of honor. Somebody more important than you might have been invited by the host. Then he'll come and call out in front of everybody, 'You're in the wrong place. The place of honor belongs to this man.' Embarrassed, you'll have to make your way to the very last table, the only place left.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ "When you're invited to dinner, go and sit at the last place. Then when the host comes he may very well say, 'Friend, come up to the front.' That will give the dinner guests something to talk about! What I'm saying is, If you walk around all high and mighty, you're going to end up flat on your face. But if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself."

¹²⁻¹⁴ Then he turned to the host. "The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You'll be—and experience—a blessing. They won't be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned!—at the resurrection of God's people."

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

APOSTLES CREED

Let us affirm our faith together:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

The prayers conclude ... through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. Amen.

PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

If you brought an offering 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.



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!

OFFERTORY

Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood
Reagan Connell, Atonement Bach Scholarship Winner

Gayle et al.

The assembly stands.

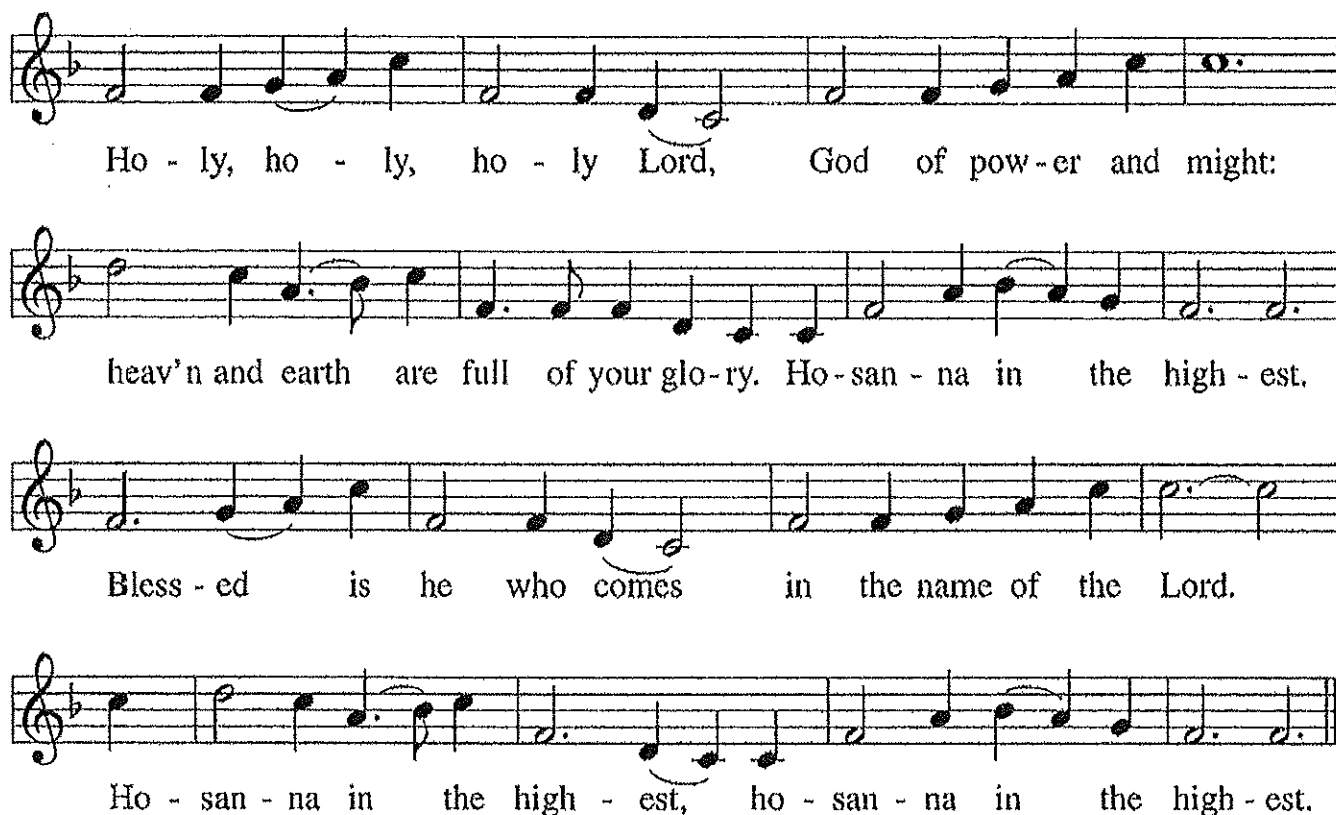
HOLY COMMUNION

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to you, Lord.**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,... who for ever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night of your betrayal,...as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

Abba, Father! **Let your kingdom come!**

Come, Lord Jesus! **Be our daily bread.**

Come, Holy Spirit! **Send us to the world.**

Holy, Blessed Trinity! **One God forever!**

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 kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice!

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ELW 523 *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*
ELW 462 *Now We Join in Celebration*

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 886 *Commonwealth Is God's Commandment* (opposite page)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fughetta No. 5

Handel

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The Reinsel harpsichord is back at Atonement!

Several years ago, Tom and Amy Reinsel sponsored a digital harpsichord that is owned by Reading Musical Foundation and can be used by churches and musical groups throughout Berks County. The harpsichord will be housed at Atonement for several weeks this fall, so this morning Deacon Tom will play the prelude and postlude on the instrument.



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-les set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Assisting with Worship

MaryLou Hall, greeter

Youth Usher Team

Rosemary Fraley, lector

Tyler Good, assisting minister

Tom Endy, Thomas Gentry, audio/visual

Ed Kern, Sandy Kern, Susan Ziemer, Tom Ziemer, communion assistants

Linda Lord, altar captain

Matt Lepera, sexton

This morning, we welcome our final Atonement Bach Scholarship winner of the year, singer **Reagan Connell**. Reagan recently graduated from high school and is a college freshman majoring in Travel and Hospitality. Thanks to all Atonement members and friends who support our scholarship programs!

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.

HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have trouble hearing the service—ask an usher or stop by the sound booth on your way into the worship space.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available at the entrance to the worship space.

THE PRIVACY ROOM at the back of the nave is available for children and families who would like a little extra wiggle room during the service.

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.

FAITH FORMATION for adults will continue throughout the fall in room F122 at 9am. Children will resume meeting Sunday, September 21.

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

DONATIONS FOR COMMON GROUND are being collected in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex. You can also donate using our Amazon wish list, available by going to atonementwyo.org and selecting Common Ground from the top menu of the home page.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER will be served every Wednesday at 6pm in Lundin Hall, followed by Common Ground worship at 7. Everyone is invited!

CROP HUNGER WALK teams are forming for Sunday, October 12. To join Team Atonement or make a donation, use the link found on the home page of atonementwyo.org. Contact Michelle Endy at calendar@atonementwyo.org with questions.

P.J. WHELIHAN'S RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER for CROP Walk is Thursday, September 11, 11am-10pm. Tell your server you are participating in the fundraiser and P.J. Whelihan's will donate 15% of your food purchase price to CROP Walk.

RALLY DAY will be Sunday, September 14. Join us at 8:45am in Lundin to put your stamp on Atonement.

COMMON GROUND SUNDAY will be Sunday, September 14 at 10:00 am. Join us for worship then stay for fellowship, hot dogs, and hamburgers following the service.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be Sunday, September 14 following 10:00 worship. Everyone is welcome!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY is September 7. Join us for an outdoor service (weather-permitting) including children's message and children's chapel. After worship stay for a PANCAKE BREAKFAST and packaging of SHOWER KITS for the portable showers.

GATHERING HYMN 526

God Is Here! – stanzas 1, 3, 4



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer

3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's

4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure

flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,

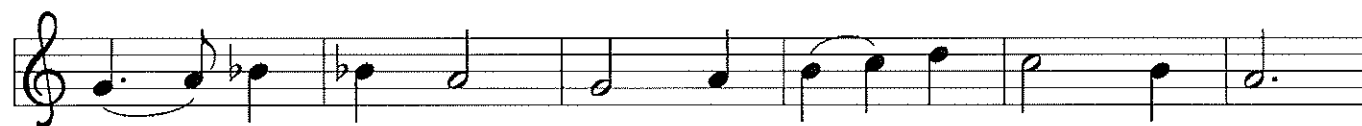
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the

Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants

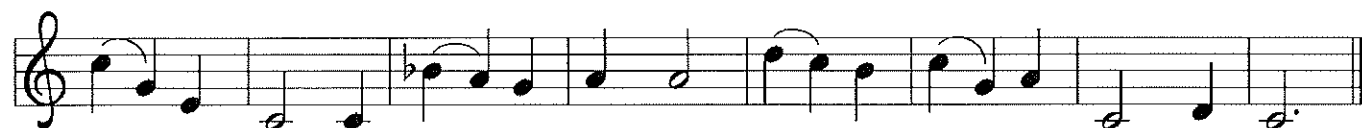
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts

of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore

ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.

what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.

we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 532

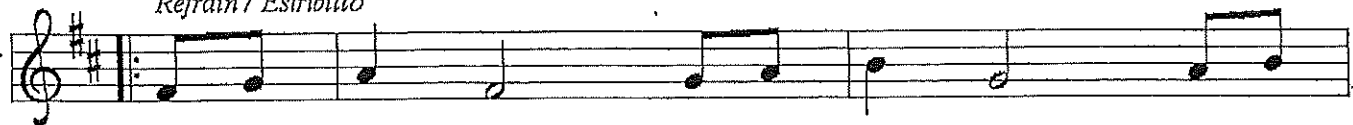
Gather Us In – stanza 1 only

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.

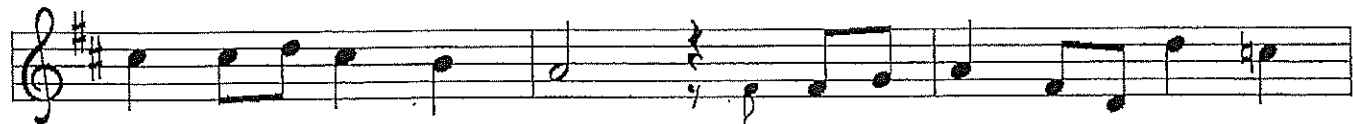
Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

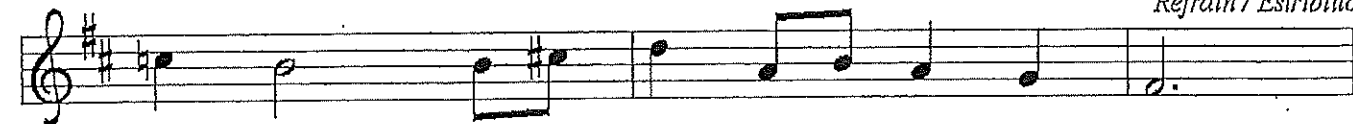


1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -


Refrain / Estribillo





cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Now We Join in Celebration



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1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us,
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

