

welcome to worship  
**TIME AFTER PENTECOST**  
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**The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement**

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PRELUDE *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. McElwain

WELCOME Pastor Katie

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN 883 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* – stanzas 1, 2, 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

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Miss Lauryn

READING *Romans 5:1-8 (The Message)*

**5**<sup>1-2</sup> By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right, make us fit—we have it all together with God because of Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that God has already thrown open the door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

<sup>3-5</sup> There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

<sup>6-8</sup> Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't, and doesn't, wait for us to get ready. He presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put it all on the line for us by offering the Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatsoever.

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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 574      *Here I Am, Lord*  
stanza 1: soloist, refrain: all sing

HOLY GOSPEL      *Matthew 9:35—10:8 (The Message)*

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

<sup>35-38</sup> Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. “What a huge harvest!” he said to his disciples. “How few workers! Get on your knees and pray for harvest hands!”

**10** <sup>1-4</sup> The prayer was no sooner prayed than it was answered. Jesus called twelve of his followers and sent them into the ripe fields. He gave them power to kick out the evil spirits and to tenderly care for the bruised and hurt lives. This is the list of the twelve he sent:

Simon (they called him Peter, or “Rock”),  
Andrew, his brother,  
James, Zebedee’s son,  
John, his brother,  
Philip,  
Bartholomew,  
Thomas,  
Matthew, the tax man,  
James, son of Alphaeus,  
Thaddaeus,  
Simon, the Canaanite,  
Judas Iscariot (who later turned on him).

<sup>5-8</sup> Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge:

“Don’t begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don’t try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

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

SERMON

Pastor Katie

*The assembly stands.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

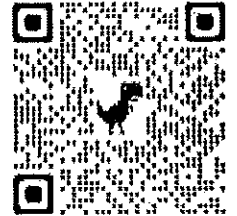
*The prayers conclude ...* through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## 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. Offering this morning will be shared evenly with Common Ground. Thank you for your generous gifts! Did you know you can give using a credit card? Scan the QR code to the right.*



## OFFERTORY

*Deep River*

African American spiritual, arr. Beck

Adam Crotty, Atonement Bach Scholarship winner

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over to campground.

O, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,

That promised land where everything is such sweet peace?

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over to campground.

*The assembly stands.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Holy God, Three-in-One, you alone are holy.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

*Following the Words of Institution...*

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

## 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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*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 MUSIC

ELW 584      *The Son of God, Our Christ*

ELW 722      *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*

*The assembly stands.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the Spirit give you grace never to sell yourself or others short.

Grace to risk something big for something good.

Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

So may the Spirit take your mind and think through it.

May the Spirit take your lips and speak through them.

May the Spirit take your hands and do good with them.

May the Spirit take your heart and set it on fire. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 661

I Love to Tell the Story

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on Old Hundredth*

Hebble

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**Assisting with Worship**

Susan Beam, greeter ♦ Fred Kofke, head usher  
C. Louise Fair, lector ♦ Yvonne Gilbert, assisting minister  
Susan Beam, Diane Melcher, Susan Ziemer, Tom Ziemer, communion assistants  
Chase Ross, Zoe Shirk, nursery  
Crystal Shirk, sound booth  
Karen Sandloop, altar captain ♦ Pat Noll, sexton

Our Atonement Bach Scholarship winner singing in worship today is Adam Crotty.  
Adam has just completed Grade 11 at Exeter High School and sings bass.  
Please give Adam a big Atonement welcome this morning!

Katie Lyon, *Pastor*

Molly Haggerty, *Transition Pastor of Community Engagement*

Tom Yenser, *Deacon*

Jen Dauber, *Preschool Director*

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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 nursery will not be staffed for the summer, but the PRIVACY ROOM at the back of the church is available for families who would like a little extra wiggles room.

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 of clothing and toiletries can be placed in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex.

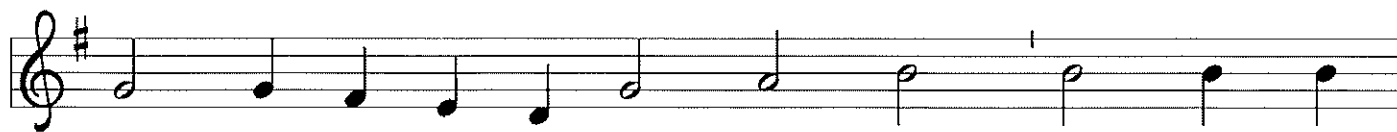
PRESCHOOL still has openings for Together Time and T/Th Toddlers. Contact Jen Dauber at [jdauber@atonementwyo.org](mailto:jdauber@atonementwyo.org) for information.

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.

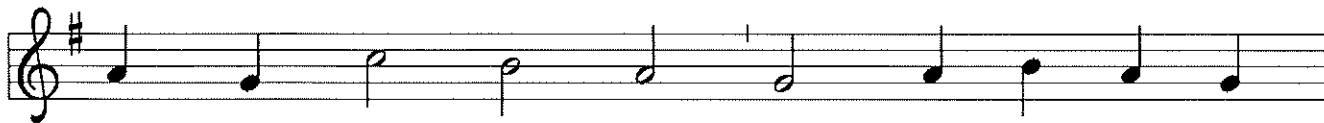
OUR LANDSCAPING TEAM is looking for new members! Contact John Lehr for details at 610-304-6818 or [johnt.lehr@gmail.com](mailto:johnt.lehr@gmail.com).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues throughout the summer at 9am in room F122.

COMMON GROUND DROP-IN CENTER is collecting GAMES – they should be simple, short, and not have a lot of reading involved. Use the link found on the Volunteer page of [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org) or call the office to see what help is needed and sign up to volunteer.



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he  
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      574    *Here I Am, Lord*  
*stanza 1: soloist, refrain: all sing*



I "I, the Lord of sea and sky,            I have heard my peo - ple cry.



All who dwell in dark and sin            my hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night,            I will make their dark-ness bright.

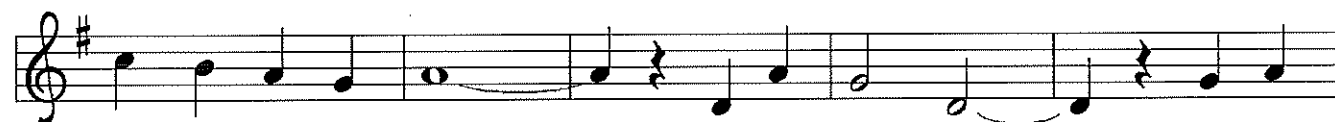


Who will bear my light to them?            Whom shall I send?"



*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord.            Is it I, Lord?            I have heard you



call-ing in the night.            I will go, Lord,            if you



lead me.            I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## The Son of God, Our Christ

584



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,  
 2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,  
 3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare  
 4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,  
 5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;  
 these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;  
 to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,  
 may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,  
 what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



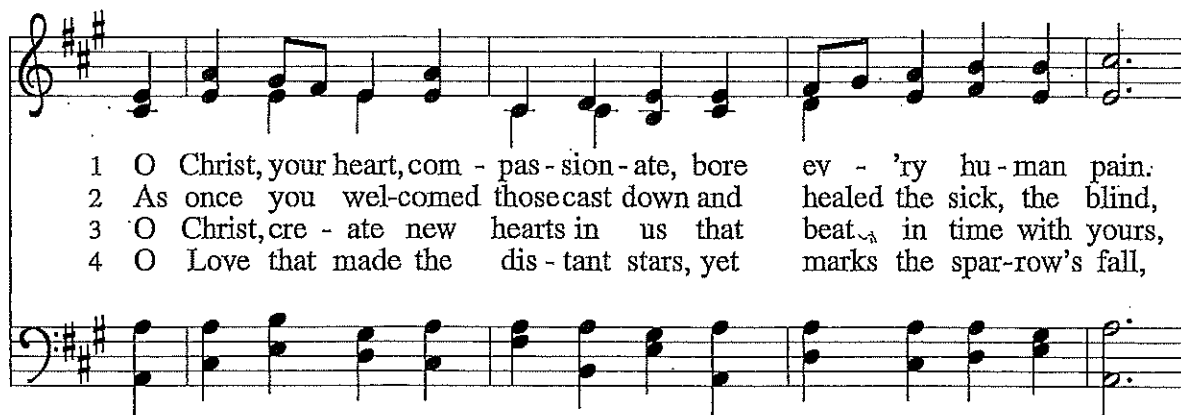
from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be  
 and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought  
 to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,  
 and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,  
 that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



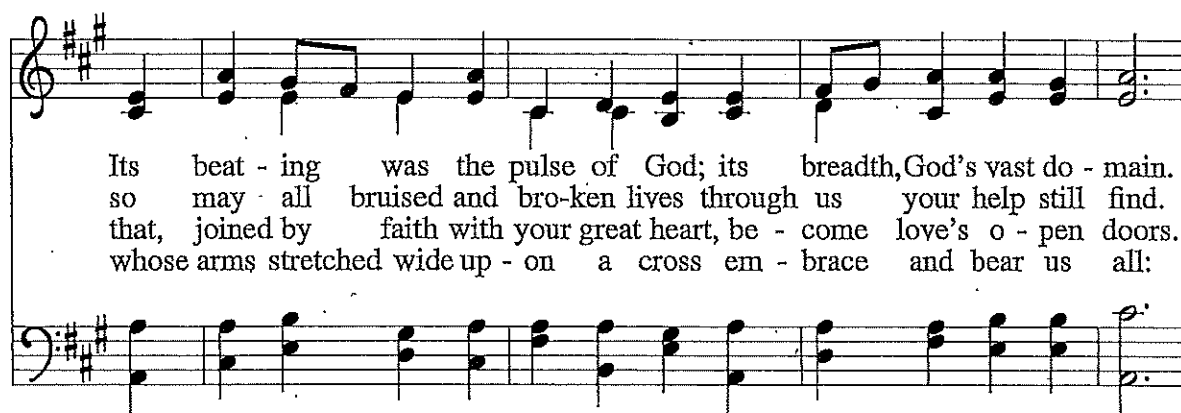
co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.  
 the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.  
 de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.  
 o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.  
 and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

## O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

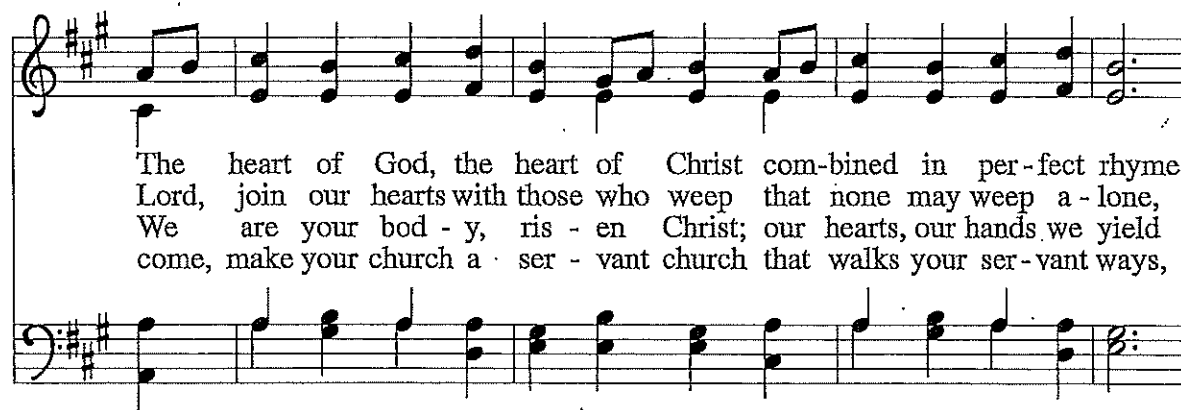
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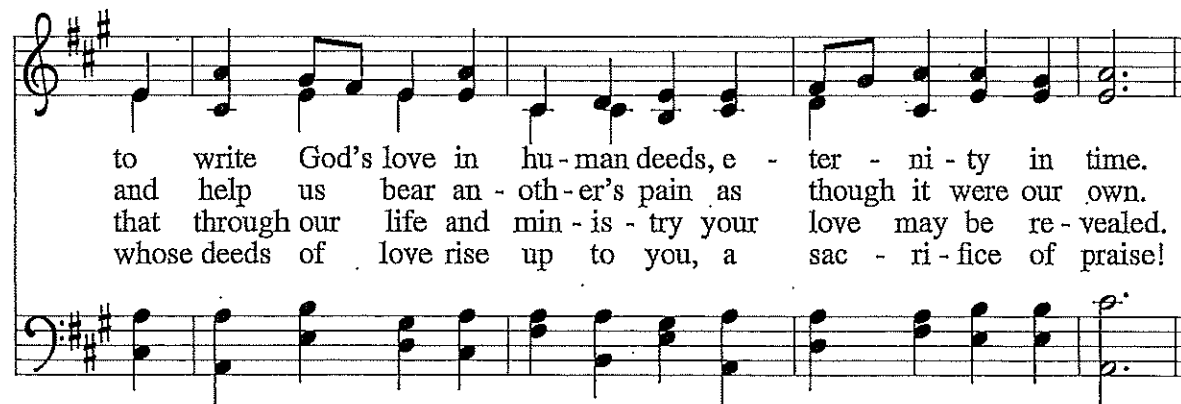
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain:  
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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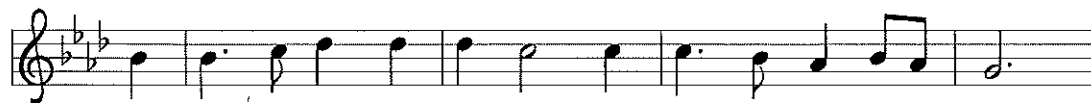
## SENDING HYMN 661

*I Love to Tell the Story*

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



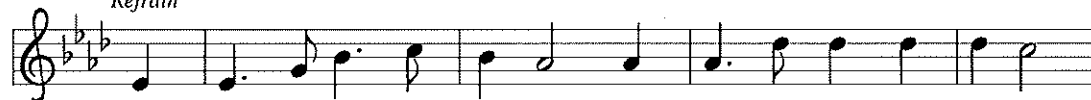
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.