

welcome to worship
TIME AFTER PENTECOST
August 17, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am



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The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

To God Be the Glory Medley
Donna Danielski, soloist

arr. Doane

WELCOME

Deacon Tom

The assembly stands.

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.**

GATHERING HYMN 876

Let the Whole Creation Cry

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29 (The Message)

A reading from Jeremiah.

²³⁻²⁴ “Am I not a God near at hand,” says the Lord, “and not a God far off?

Can anyone hide out in a corner where I can’t see him?” says the Lord.

“Am I not present everywhere, whether seen or unseen?” says the Lord.

²⁵⁻²⁷ “I know what they’re saying, all these prophets who preach lies using me as their text, saying ‘I had this dream! I had this dream!’ How long do I have to put up with this? Do these prophets give two cents about me as they preach their lies and spew out their grandiose delusions? They swap dreams with one another, feed on each other’s delusive dreams, trying to distract my people from me just as their ancestors were distracted by the no-god Baal.

²⁸⁻²⁹ “You prophets who do nothing but dream—go ahead and tell your silly dreams.

But you prophets who have a message from me—tell it truly and faithfully.

What does straw have in common with wheat?

Nothing else is like God’s Decree.

Isn’t my Message like fire?” says the Lord.

“Isn’t it like a sledgehammer busting a rock?

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56 (The Message)

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

⁴⁹⁻⁵³ “I’ve come to start a fire on this earth—how I wish it were blazing right now! I’ve come to change everything, turn everything rightside up—how I long for it to be finished! Do you think I came to smooth things over and make everything nice? Not so. I’ve come to disrupt and confront! From now on, when you find five in a house, it will be—

Three against two,

and two against three;

Father against son,

and son against father;

Mother against daughter,

and daughter against mother;

Mother-in-law against bride,

and bride against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶ Then he turned to the crowd: “When you see clouds coming in from the west, you say, ‘Storm’s coming’—and you’re right. And when the wind comes out of the south, you say, ‘This’ll be a hot one’—and you’re right. Frauds! You know how to tell a change in the weather, so don’t tell me you can’t tell a change in the season, the God-season we’re in right now.

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.



OFFERTORY

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Donna Danielski, soloist

arr. Bonds

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.**

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, 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!

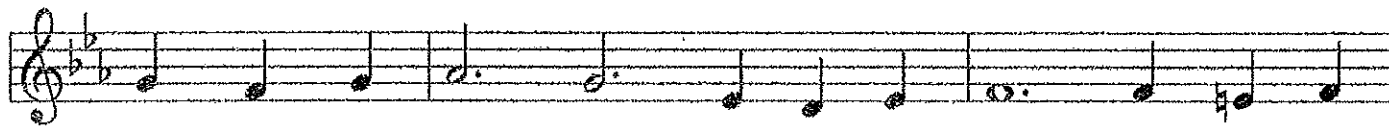
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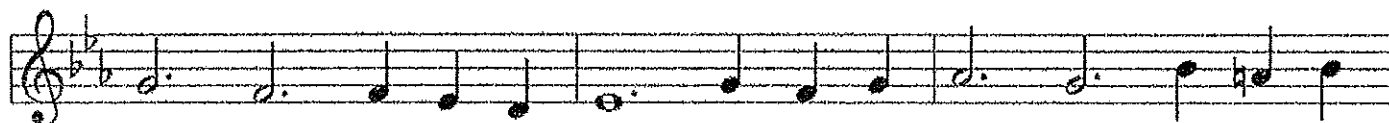
Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Follow the directions of the ushers to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice (in purple cups) from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

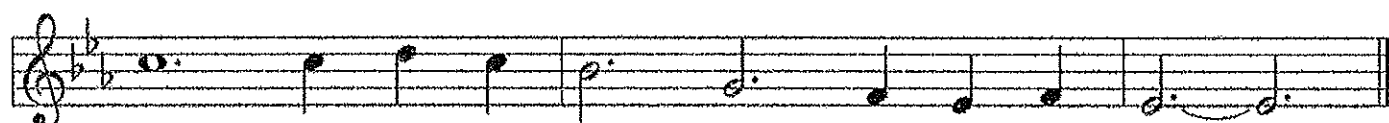
Have Thine Own Way, Lord



- 1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the
- 2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and
- 3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound-ed and
- 4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my



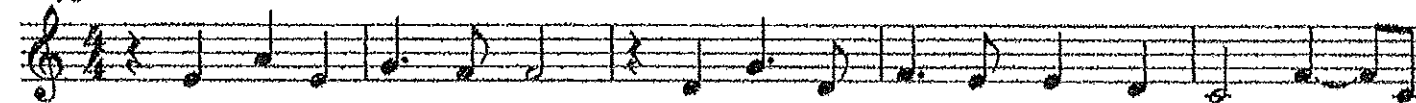
pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall



will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow,
 thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

You Are My Hiding Place

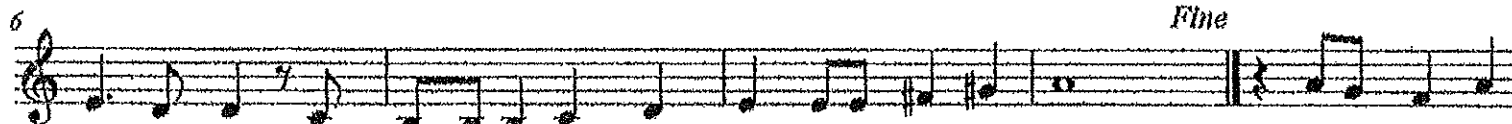
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You are my hid - ing place, You al - ways fill my heart with songs of de

BRIDGE

Dm2 Dm Esus Am/E A2sus/E E E2sus E Am Dm7



liv - er - ance; When - ev - er I am a - fraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in



You. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord!"

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 796

How Firm a Foundation – stanzas 1, 2, 4

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Vivace in A Major

Handel

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Linda Lord, altar captain

Matt Lepera, sexton

Today we welcome the Rev. John Richter as our preacher and presiding minister. Thank you for joining us, Pastor Richter!

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.

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

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

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION is open! Contact Jen Dauber at jdauber@atonementwyo.org for a tour or additional information.

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.

SUMMER CHOIR will sing the Sunday one more time, next Sunday morning—August 24. All teens and adults are invited to sing fun, easy-to-learn music in a relaxed, non-judgemental setting. Come to rehearsal at 9am, then stay for 10am worship. Email Deacon Tom at tyenser@atonementwyo.org with questions.

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

ATTENDANCE PADS are used to keep our records accurate. 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!

Let the Whole Creation Cry

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1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



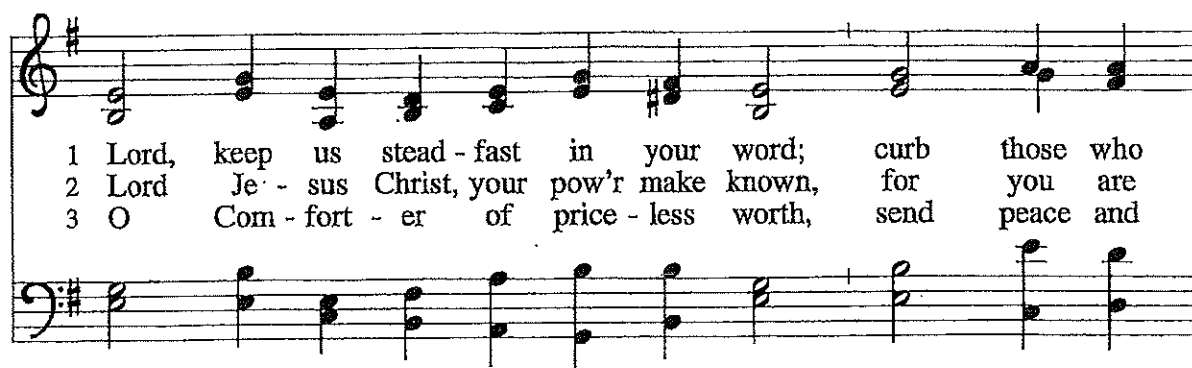
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"



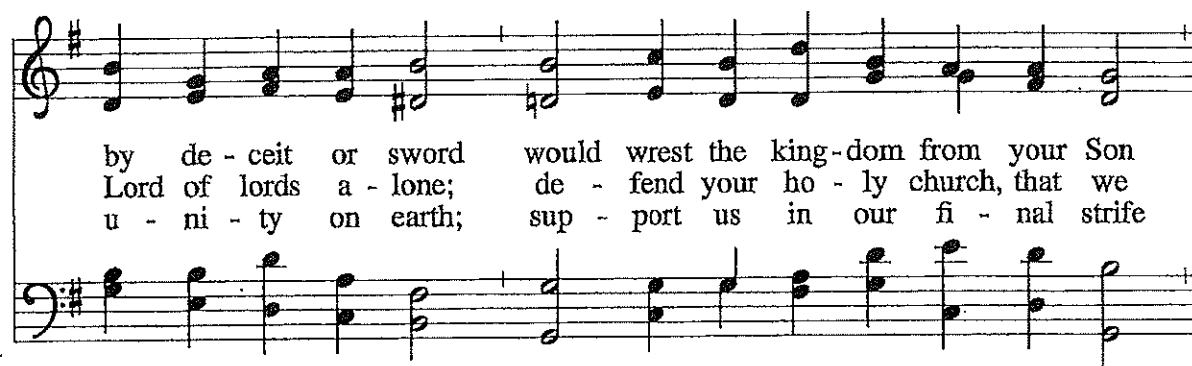
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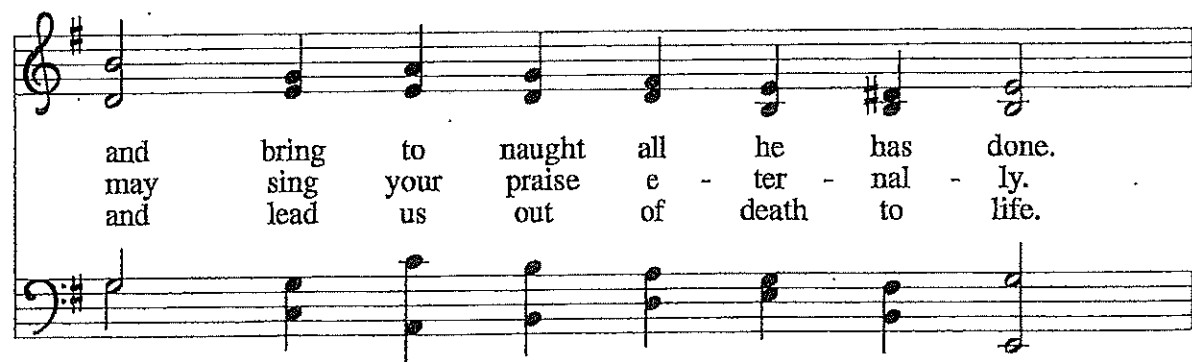
517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



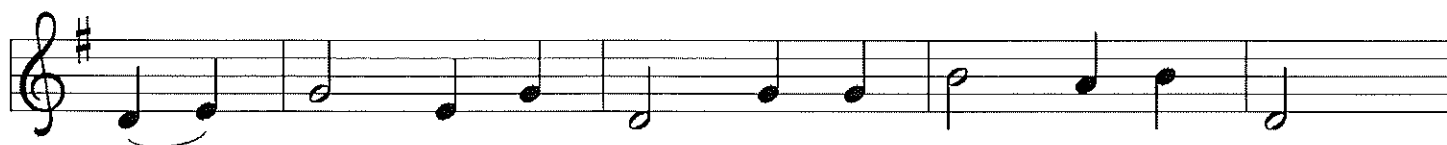
1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



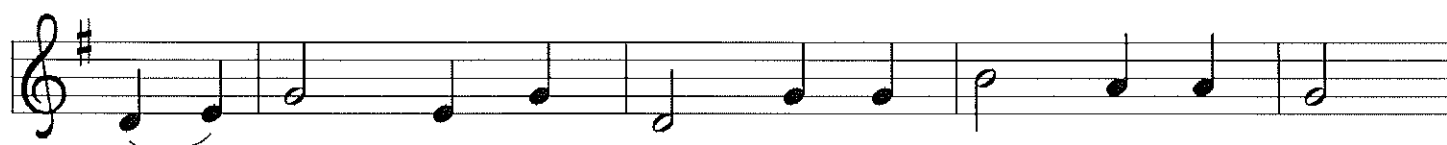
by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



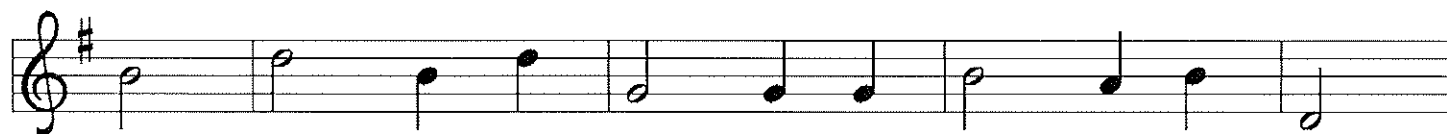
and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.



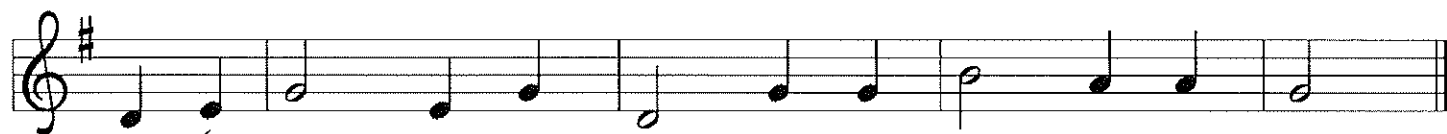
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."