

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

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, we confess to you all that we have been unable to do for your creation. We have fought with each other, neglected things, looked the other way and hold so much brokenness in our hearts. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. Send the spirit to guide us always to you. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Advocate, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, Sing to God Above

♪ Oh, sing to God above a hymn of joyful greeting,
a song of grateful love in the new day's light repeating:
you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splendor;
delight shone in your eye—all your works were filled with wonder.

Refrain (sing in Spanish):

**Aleluya, Aleluya, Cantemos al Señor. Aleluya.
Aleluya, Aleluya, Cantemos al Señor. Aleluya.**

**Oh, sing to God above a hymn of praise and blessing,
a song of grateful love, hope and faith our hearts expressing:
creation lifts its voice to tell your might and glory,
and we, too, will rejoice to proclaim the saving story. Refrain**

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: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

1 Kings 19:9-18 (The Message)

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁸⁻⁹ [Elijah] got up, ate and drank his fill, and set out. Nourished by that meal, he walked forty days and nights, all the way to the mountain of God, to Horeb. When he got there, he crawled into a cave and went to sleep.

Then the word of GOD came to him: "So Elijah, what are you doing here?"

¹⁰ "I've been working my heart out for GOD," said Elijah. "The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, destroyed the places of worship, and murdered your prophets. I'm the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me."

¹¹⁻¹² Then he was told, "Go, stand on the mountain at attention before GOD. GOD will pass by." A hurricane wind ripped through the mountains and shattered the rocks before GOD, but GOD wasn't to be found in the wind; after the wind an earthquake, but GOD wasn't in the earthquake; and after the earthquake fire, but GOD wasn't in the fire; and after the fire a gentle and quiet whisper.

¹³⁻¹⁴ When Elijah heard the quiet voice, he muffled his face with his great cloak, went to the mouth of the cave, and stood there. A quiet voice asked, "So Elijah, now tell me, what are you doing here?" Elijah said it again, "I've been working my heart out for GOD because the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, destroyed your places of worship, and murdered your prophets. I'm the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me."

¹⁵⁻¹⁸ GOD said, "Go back the way you came through the desert to Damascus. When you get there anoint Hazael; make him king over Aram. Then anoint Jehu son of Nimshi; make him king over Israel. Finally, anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Anyone who escapes death by Hazael will be killed by Jehu; and anyone who escapes death by Jehu will be killed by Elisha. Meanwhile, I'm preserving for myself seven thousand souls: the knees that haven't bowed to the god Baal, the mouths that haven't kissed his image."

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 822

Oh, Sing to the Lord

All sing stanza 1 in Spanish, then stanzas 1, 2, and 5 in English.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33 (The Message)

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

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

²²⁻²³ As soon as the meal was finished, [Jesus] insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

²⁴⁻²⁶ Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared to death. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

²⁷ But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water."

²⁹⁻³⁰ He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!"

³¹ Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-heart, what got into you?"

³²⁻³³ The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"

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

SERMON

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

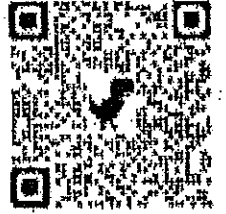
The prayers conclude ... All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.



OFFERING HYMN

Who Is Like Our God

All sing: ♪ **Who, who, who is like our God, who, with mighty hand did calm the sea?
Who, who, who is like our God, who, with mighty hand did calm the sea?
All the nations will hear what God has done for us,
And will tremble to see such signs and wonders.
Let God's people praise and sing, dance with joy and tambourines.
Let them say, "Who, who is like our God?" Repeat**

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. We have been made aware that several trays have run out of grape juice in recent weeks. We are working to correct the situation, but in the meantime, please be assured that taking just the bread without the wine or juice is still receiving full communion, and with it, all of the blessings that God bestows.

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

Now We Offer

Refrain (all sing): **♪ Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine
All our joys and all our sorrows, all our struggles and our time.**

Verses (song leader): As the fields of wheat now growing will become a holy sign,
So shall we reveal you, Jesus, that in us you now may shine. *Refrain*

Like the grape put in the cellar, there to change into the wine;
all the poor on earth who suffer shed their sorrows in this sign. *Refrain*

In these gifts we see our oneness throughout city and the field,
and we find a life of solace where the scars of strife are healed. *Refrain*

All your people who are yearning for the freedom still ahead
offer fruits of your creation in these gifts of wine and bread. *Refrain*

We sing glory to the Father and to Christ who lives above,
and we praise the Holy Spirit for the gift to us of love. *Refrain*

COMMUNION MUSIC

We Come Now to Your Table

All sing: **♪ We come now to your table, Lord, you are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table, Lord, let every soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread, let every soul be fed.
And now may every soul be fed with Living Bread. Repeat as needed**

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 *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

All sing: ♪ **May the God of hope go with us every day,
To a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call. Repeat**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Bring forth the kingdom of God! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Linda Lord, altar captain ♦ Emily Shirk, sexton
Anthony Arana, musician

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. 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 in the Tuesday/Thursday 3-year-old class. Contact Jen Dauber at jdauber@atonementwyo.org for information.

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

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

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE – Saturday, August 29, 9am-4pm. \$20 includes breakfast, snack, and entry into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Michaels. Bring your favorite craft or several, and spend the day creating and enjoying fellowship with other crafters. Maybe you'll even get inspired to try something new. The proceeds will help our quilting group pay for supplies and for shipping the quilts around the world. Invite friends, co-workers, and family to join us! Please sign up in the narthex, on the Facebook Event, or call the Church office. Signing up helps us figure out how much food we will need. Come and be crafty with us!

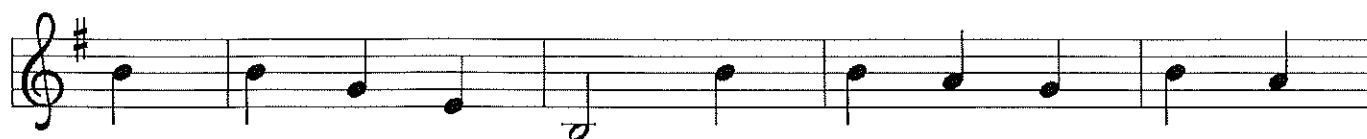
ISAAC'S FUNDRAISER FOR CROP Hunger WALK is Thursday, August 27, 11am-7:30pm. Grab a flyer in the narthex, or use your phone to show the online flyer at atonementwyo.org/volunteer-1 when you order. Follow the directions on the flyer and Isaac's will donate 15% of dine-in, take-out, and catering orders to Berks CROP Hunger Walk.

ISAAC'S FUNDRAISER FOR FAMILY PROMISE is Monday, August 31. Flyers are available in the narthex, and online at atonementwyo.org/volunteer-1. Follow the directions on the flyer and Isaac's will donate 15% of dine-in, take-out, and catering orders to Family Promise of Berks County.

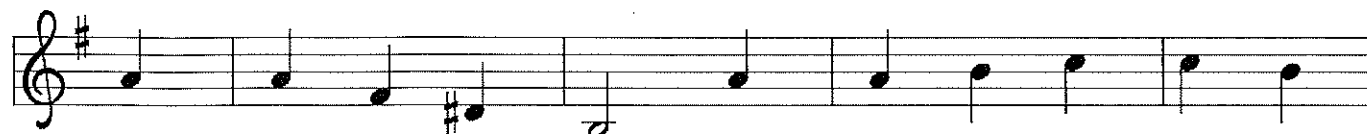
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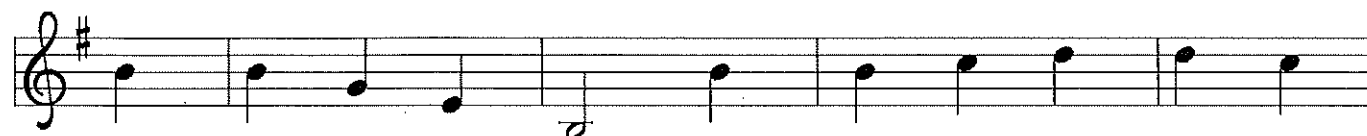
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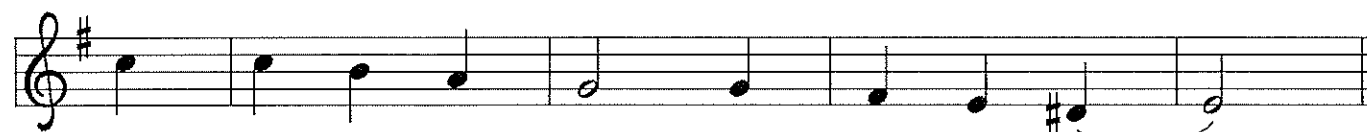
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 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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