

welcome to worship
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 22, 2026



The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE *Living Water*

Band: Dry bones right now. Breathe in, breathe out.
No more drinking the dirt. I'm thirsty.
Oh, Spirit of Resurrection, flowing through me.
You made me a new creation, How can it be?

Refrain (all sing):

♪ **Living Water, deep within me, saturate my soul.**
Like a river, break the levee. Let it overflow.
I could never have too much of your love, your love.
Living Water, deep within me, saturate my soul.

Band: One life soon past. Only what's done for you will last.
So break up this dry ground. Spring a well from the inside out. *Refrain*

Holy Spirit, Holy Presence, you have changed the atmosphere here in my chest.
Holy Wellspring, what's in store? I am longing for more!
Living Water, deep within me, saturate my soul.
Like a river, break the levee. Let it overflow.
I could never have too much of your love, your love.
Living Water, deep within me, saturate my soul. *Refrain*

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WELCOME

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

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, who looks upon us with compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Healer of our every ill, we come before you broken and hurting. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a new heart, and fill us with your new life.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Bones

Refrain (all sing):

♪ Gonna make these dry bones walk.
Gonna make these dry bones walk.
God has decided I'll do more than talk,
'Cause God has made these dry bones walk.

Band: Gonna be the salt when the world is bland.
Gonna be the thought when the world can't understand.
Gonna be the light when the world is dark.
Gonna fight the fight. Gonna leave a mark. *Refrain*
Gonna be the food when the world needs bread.
Gonna be the life where the world would be dead.
Gonna be the water in a world that would thirst.
The first shall be last, and the last shall be first. *Refrain*
Gonna be the way when the world is lost.
Gonna calm the waves when the world is tossed.
Gonna be the yeast when the world needs leaven.
Prepare the feast for the Kingdom in heaven. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (The Message)

37¹⁻² GOD grabbed me. GOD's Spirit took me up and set me down in the middle of an open plain strewn with bones. He led me around and among them—a lot of bones! There were bones all over the plain—dry bones, bleached by the sun.

³He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Master GOD, only you know that."

⁴He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones: 'Dry bones, listen to the Message of GOD!'"

⁵⁻⁶GOD, the Master, told the dry bones, "Watch this: I'm bringing the breath of life to you and you'll come to life. I'll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You'll come alive and you'll realize that I am GOD!"

⁷⁻⁸I prophesied just as I'd been commanded. As I prophesied, there was a sound and, oh, rustling! The bones moved and came together, bone to bone. I kept watching. Sinews formed, then muscles on the bones, then skin stretched over them. But they had no breath in them.

⁹ He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath. Prophesy, son of man. Tell the breath, 'GOD, the Master, says, Come from the four winds. Come, breath. Breathe on these slain bodies. Breathe life!'"

¹⁰ So I prophesied, just as he commanded me. The breath entered them and they came alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army.

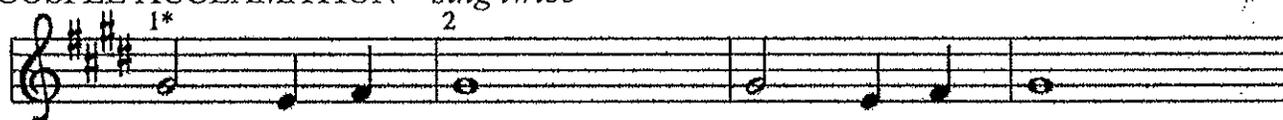
¹¹ Then God said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Listen to what they're saying: 'Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone, there's nothing left of us.'

¹²⁻¹⁴ "Therefore, prophesy. Tell them, 'GOD, the Master, says: I'll dig up your graves and bring you out alive—O my people! Then I'll take you straight to the land of Israel. When I dig up graves and bring you out as my people, you'll realize that I am GOD. I'll breathe my life into you and you'll live. Then I'll lead you straight back to your land and you'll realize that I am GOD. I've said it and I'll do it. GOD's Decree.'"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *sing twice*



Be still and know that I am God.



Be still and know that I am God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:17-45 (The Message)

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

¹⁷⁻²⁰ When Jesus finally got [to Bethany], he found Lazarus already four days dead. Bethany was near Jerusalem, only a couple of miles away, and many of the Jews were visiting Martha and Mary, sympathizing with them over their brother. Martha heard Jesus was coming and went out to meet him. Mary remained in the house.

²¹⁻²² Martha said, "Master, if you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now, I know that whatever you ask God he will give you."

²³ Jesus said, "Your brother will be raised up."

²⁴ Martha replied, "I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time."

²⁵⁻²⁶ "You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world."

²⁸ After saying this, she went to her sister Mary and whispered in her ear, "The Teacher is here and is asking for you."

²⁹⁻³² The moment she heard that, she jumped up and ran out to him. Jesus had not yet entered the town but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When her sympathizing Jewish friends saw Mary run off, they followed her, thinking she was on her way to the tomb to weep there. Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, "Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³⁻³⁴ When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, "Where did you put him?"

³⁴⁻³⁵ "Master, come and see," they said. Now Jesus wept.

³⁶ The Jews said, "Look how deeply he loved him."

³⁷ Others among them said, "Well, if he loved him so much, why didn't he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man."

³⁸⁻³⁹ Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, "Master, by this time there's a stench. He's been dead four days!"

⁴⁰ Jesus looked her in the eye. "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹⁻⁴² Then, to the others, "Go ahead, take away the stone."

They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Father, I'm grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I've spoken so that they might believe that you sent me."

⁴³⁻⁴⁴ Then he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face.

Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him loose."

⁴⁵⁻⁴⁸ That was a turning point for many of the Jews who were with Mary. They saw what Jesus did, and believed in him.

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

SERMON

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The assembly stands.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 we pray: Hear us, and have mercy.

The prayers conclude ... through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. Amen.

PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

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 SONG

Healing Is in Your Hands

Band: No mountain, no valley, no gain or loss we know, could keep us from your love.
No sickness, no secret, no chain is strong enough to keep us from your love.
To keep us from your love.

Refrain (all sing):

♪ **How high, how wide; no matter where I am,
Healing is in your hands.
How deep, how strong; now by your grace I stand.
Healing is in your hands.**

Band: Our present, our future, our past is in your hands; we're covered by your love.
We're covered by your love. *Refrain*

In all things, we know that we are more than conquerors;
You keep us by your love.

In all things, we know that we are more than conquerors;
You keep us by your love. *Refrain*

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HOLY COMMUNION

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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 *Beautiful Things*

Band: All this pain; I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change at all.

Refrain (all sing):

♪ **You make beautiful things, | You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, | You make beautiful things out of us.**

Band: All this earth; could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from the ground at all? *Refrain*
All around; hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos, life is being found in you. *Refrain*

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COMMUNION HYMN ELW 612 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

The assembly stands:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God of all that we hardly notice,
Ruler of the ground under our feet and the sky stretched over our heads,
Send your Spirit to direct our steps and our thoughts as we stumble around this day and night.
We have too much to do, so give us enough silence to hear your voice.
We have too much to worry about, so quiet us with a moment of your peace.
We have too much to carry, so lighten our hearts with your love.
We are your people, eyes cast down on the ground that you made, wary that the sky will fall again.
Remind us again that above and below you are here. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 333

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land
Refrain: all sing | Verses: band

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. Serve together. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Assisting with Worship

Ron & Tammy Foreman, greeters ♦ Jerry Lubitz, head usher
Fran Tieman, lector ♦ Ty Rankin, assisting minister & preacher
C. Louise Fair, Yvonne Gilbert, Diane Melcher, Barb Mishler, Cara Pepper, communion assistants
Lois Hein, Dan Kimball, healers
Mick Bryan, Max Romig, Crystal Shirk, audio/visual ♦ Jon & Cathy Durand, nursery
Karen Sandloop, altar captain ♦ Pat Noll, sexton
Atonement Choir ♦ Atonement Praise Band

Our final blessing during this Lenten season is from "Have a Beautiful Terrible Day!" by Kate Bowler.

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Holy Week Schedule

Journey with us through the events during the last week of Jesus' life—from the gates of Jerusalem, to the Upper Room, to the foot of the cross, to the empty tomb!

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion—March 29 ♦ 10:00 AM in the nave
Music led by adult and children's choirs, Palm Procession, dramatic reading of the Passion according to Saint Matthew

Maundy Thursday—April 2 ♦ 7:00 PM in the nave
Footwashing, Holy Communion, Stripping the Altar

Good Friday—April 3 ♦ 12 noon in the nave
Stations of the Cross – quiet service with visual images, readings and prayers

Good Friday—April 3 ♦ 7:00 PM in the nave
Tenebrae (Service of Shadows) and Youth Chancel Drama

Easter Vigil—April 4 ♦ 7:30 PM in Lundin Hall
Lighting the New Fire (outside, weather permitting), entering a darkened worship space to hear of God's mighty acts, singing Alleluias in the light of the resurrection, remembering our baptism, and celebrating Holy Communion, together with Common Ground.

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The Rev. Katie Lyon ♦ Deacon Tom Yenser, director of music

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 at the entrance to the worship space. 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.

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.

CLOTHING AND REUSABLE GROCERY BAG DONATIONS FOR COMMON GROUND are being collected 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 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN meets Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:45. Adults meet in room F122, children meet in the choir room.

HEART TO HEART, a casual gathering of women to share experiences and learn from one another will be conclude next Sunday, March 29, 8:45-9:45am in the parlor. Gather, share, learn together.

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

WEDNESDAY SERVICES during Lent will be in Lundin Hall with Common Ground at 7:00 pm. A simple dinner will be served at 6:00. Everyone is welcome!

DAVE WATTS will be in concert at Atonement, Saturday, March 28, 4:00pm. Cost is \$20 at the door, use the link from the homepage of atonementwyo.org to RSVP.

PRETZEL SALE fundraiser for the playground resurfacing project will be after church today! Cost is \$2 per pretzel.

TODAY'S YOUTH GATHERING for middle & high school students is 5:30 at St. John's Mohnton.

STOP BY THE STEWARDSHIP TABLE in the narthex after worship today to see how you can REACH OUT with Atonement!

FAMILY PROMISE MONDAY MEAL MINISTRY will be hosted by Atonement on April 13 and April 20. Use the sign-up on the volunteer page

OUR LANDSCAPING TEAM is looking for new members! Details can be found at the stewardship table in the office, or contact John Lehr at 610-304-6818 or john.t.lehr@gmail.com.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTING MINISTERS to add to our rotation. If you are comfortable reading and/or serving communion, please consider being part of the team! Call the office at 610-375-3512.

Healer of Our Every Ill

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Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



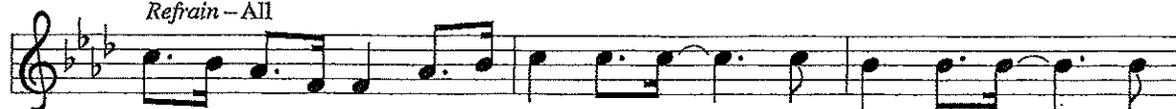
peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

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Refrain - All

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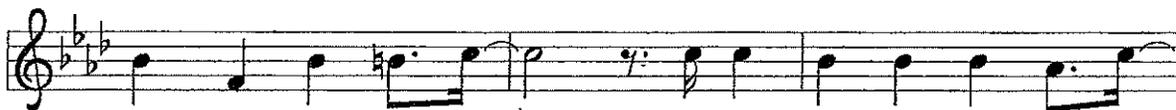
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
 ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.