

welcome to worship
TIME AFTER PENTECOST
September 28, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am



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The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Cebell

Purcell

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

BLESSING OF QUILTS

If you would like to donate to Lutheran World Relief to help defray shipping costs for the quilts, please make a check out to Atonement with LWR in the memo line.

GATHERING HYMN 524

What Is This Place

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

Amos 6:1, 3-7 (The Message)

¹ Woe to you who think you live on easy street in Zion,
who think Mount Samaria is the good life.

You assume you're at the top of the heap,
voted the number-one best place to live.

Well, wake up and look around. Get off your pedestal.

³⁻⁶ Woe to you who are rushing headlong to disaster!
Catastrophe is just around the corner!

Woe to those who live in luxury
and expect everyone else to serve them!

Woe to those who live only for today,
indifferent to the fate of others!

Woe to those who think life is a party held just for them!

Woe to those addicted to feeling good—life without pain!
those obsessed with looking good—life without wrinkles!

They could not care less
about their country going to ruin.

⁷ But here's what's *really* coming:
a forced march into exile.

They'll leave the country whining,
a rag-tag bunch of good-for-nothings.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A leader sings the words in parentheses

Refrain (Listen now for the gospel!) ♪ Alleluia!
(It is God's word that changes us!) ♪ Alleluia!

♪ **Come, Holy Spirit, root in us God's living word,
that we may show the faithfulness of Christ our Lord.** *Refrain*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31 (The Message)

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

¹⁹⁻²¹ "There once was a rich man, expensively dressed in the latest fashions, wasting his days in conspicuous consumption. A poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, had been dumped on his doorstep. All he lived for was to get a meal from scraps off the rich man's table. His best friends were the dogs who came and licked his sores.

²²⁻²⁴ "Then Lazarus died, this poor man, and was taken up by the angels to the lap of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell and in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham in the distance and Lazarus in his lap. He called out, 'Father Abraham, mercy! Have mercy! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool my tongue. I'm in agony in this fire.'

²⁵⁻²⁶ "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that in your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things. It's not like that here. Here he's consoled and you're tormented. Besides, in all these matters there is a huge chasm set between us so that no one can go from us to you even if he wanted to, nor can anyone cross over from you to us.'

²⁷⁻²⁸ "The rich man said, 'Then let me ask you, Father: Send him to the house of my father where I have five brothers, so he can tell them the score and warn them so they won't end up here in this place of torment.'

²⁹ "Abraham answered, 'They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "I know, Father Abraham,' he said, 'but they're not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways.'

³¹ "Abraham replied, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they're not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead.'"

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (South Indian)

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

The prayers conclude ... in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

PEACE

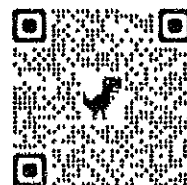
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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

Wind and Cold Roar

Choir: Wind and cold roar through the city street; some folk have no heat: forgive us, Lord.
Many have warm homes, wool clothes to wear; this is so unfair: forgive us, Lord.

Refrain (all sing):



Choir: Those within may swell with civic pride; many wait outside: forgive us, Lord.
Some have many chances to succeed; other live in need: forgive us, Lord. *Refrain*
Violence and hatred, near and far, terror, slaughter, war: forgive us, Lord.
You insist the hungry shall be fed; let us give them bread: forgive us, Lord. *Refrain*

The assembly stands.

HOLY COMMUNION

We praise you, all-holy God, **our maker, our lover, our keeper.**

for the universe beyond our knowing, **for lands and seas and all their animals,**

for friends and strangers and family, **for homes and businesses and schools.**

We praise you for your covenant people, **for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam,**

and for centuries of faithful Christians, **for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul.**

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ, **who saves us from sin and from evil,**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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

Sing in Spanish or English

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

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O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - mén.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 725 *When the Poor Ones*
ELW 479 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 546 *To Be Your Presence*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Finale

Muffat

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Tom Endy, Crystal Shirk, audio/visual
Susan Beam, Ed Kern, Sandy Kern, Cara Pepper, communion assistants
Caitlyn & Ainsley Marrella, nursery
Karen Sandloop, altar captain
Matt Lepera, sexton
Atonement Choir

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 you 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. 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.

CHURCH NURSERY for preschool aged children and younger is in Room F126 during worship.

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 continues this fall, 8:45-9:45 am in room F122 at 8:45am; we continue our journey of reading the Bible. We begin the **NEW TESTAMENT** October 1!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION meets Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:45, in the choir room.

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.

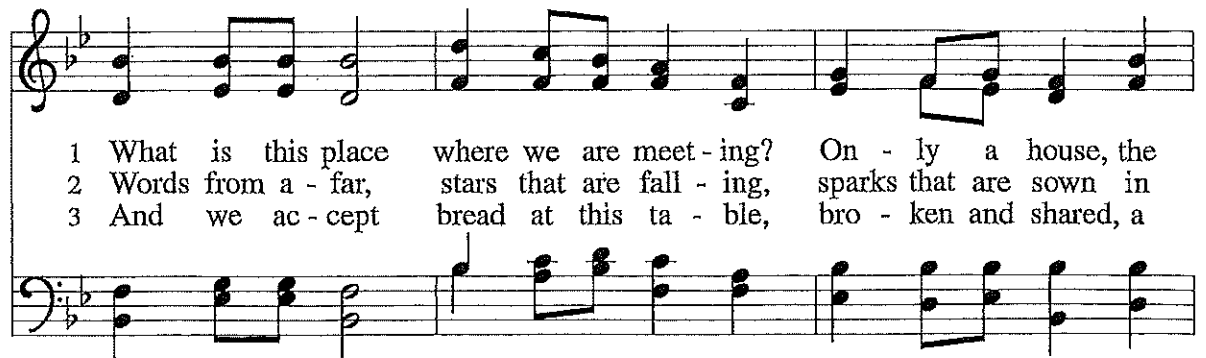
BLESSING OF THE QUILTS will be this morning, September 28. Lutheran World Relief will then send them around the world to those in need and shipping costs are quite high.

PICKLEBALL play is on a break while the gym floor is being refinished. Check the weekly announcements for when we will resume Sunday afternoon play.

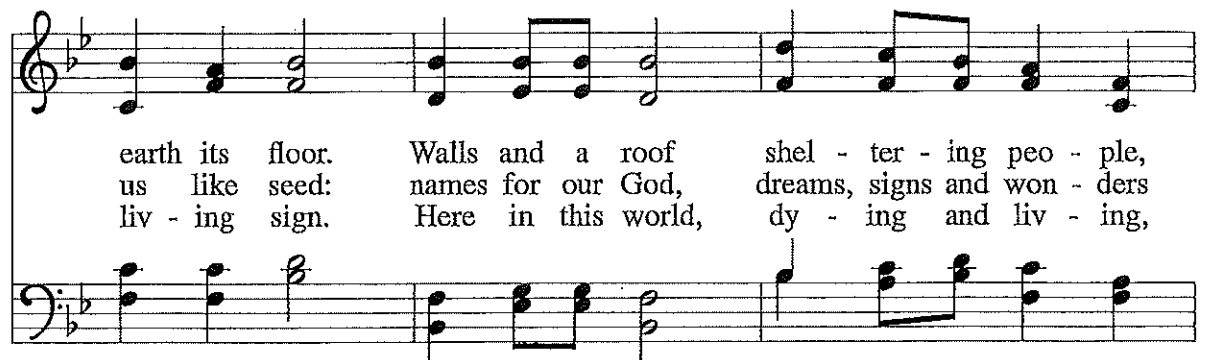
RABBI BRIAN MICHELSON will be coming again to talk about the Hebrew Bible on Sunday, October 19 during the faith formation hour:8:45-9:45 in Lundin Hall. All are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY TRICK-OR-TREAT on the Atonement lawn will be Saturday, October 25, 10am-noon. Contact Jen Dauber at jdauber@atonementwyo.org with questions. Candy donations can be brought to the office during the weekly office hours or Sunday mornings.

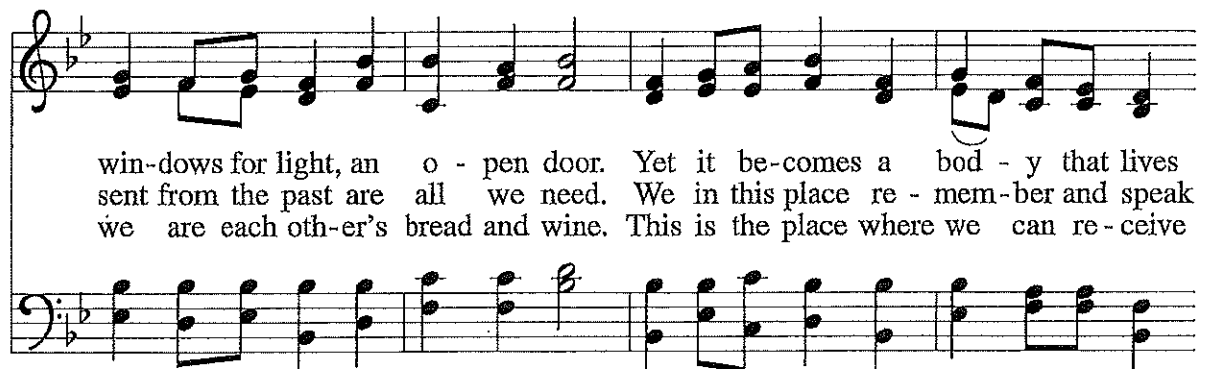
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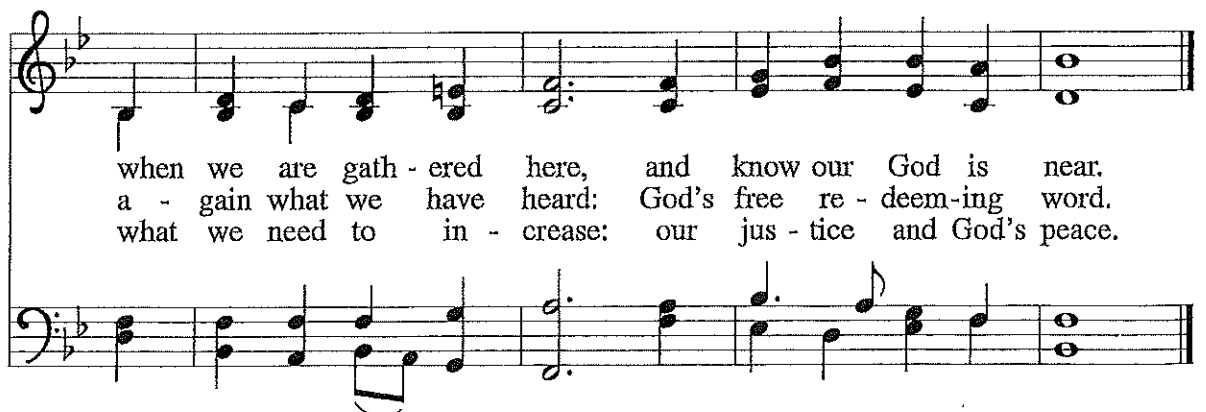
1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re-ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

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When the Poor Ones

Cuando el pobre



- 1 Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

- 2 Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo, 3 Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,
 cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,
 cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:
 Estribillo Estribillo

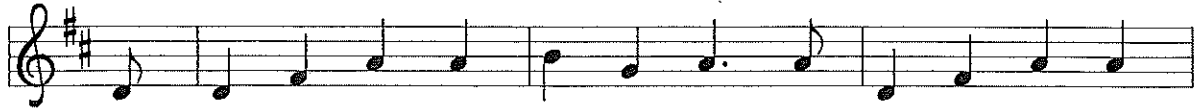
- 4 Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,
 cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,
 cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:
 Estribillo

We Come to the Hungry Feast

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- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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To Be Your Presence

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1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
 2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
 poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,
 all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the



ev-er near,
 right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!
 love ex-pressed,
 church, re-joice,

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