

welcome to worship
TIME AFTER PENTECOST
August 16, 2026



PRELUDE

Gather Us In

Haugen, arr. Cotter

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.**

The assembly stands for the gathering hymn.

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

The prayer concludes... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (The Message)

56 ¹ GOD's Message: "Guard my common good: Do what's right and do it in the right way, For salvation is just around the corner, my setting-things-right is about to go into action.

⁶⁻⁸ "And as for the outsiders who now follow me, working for me, loving my name, and wanting to be my servants—All who keep Sabbath and don't defile it, holding fast to my covenant—

I'll bring them to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

They'll be welcome to worship the same as the 'insiders,'

to bring burnt offerings and sacrifices to my altar.

Oh yes, my house of worship will be known as a house of prayer for all people."

The Decree of the Master, God himself, who gathers in the exiles of Israel:

"I will gather others also, gather them in with those already gathered."

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 650

In Christ There Is No East or West – stanza 1 only

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28 (The Message)

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

²¹⁻²² Jesus took a trip to Tyre and Sidon. They had hardly arrived when a Canaanite woman came down from the hills and pleaded, "Mercy, Master, Son of David! My daughter is cruelly afflicted by an evil spirit."

²³ Jesus ignored her. The disciples came and complained, "Now she's bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She's driving us crazy."

²⁴ Jesus refused, telling them, "I've got my hands full dealing with the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ Then the woman came back to Jesus, dropped to her knees, and begged. "Master, help me."

²⁶ He said, "It's not right to take bread out of children's mouths and throw it to dogs."

²⁷ She was quick: "You're right, Master, but beggar dogs do get scraps from the master's table."

²⁸ Jesus gave in. "Oh, woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!" Right then her daughter became well.

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

SERMON

Pastor Molly

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 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service — stanzas 1, 2, 3

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

Open Invitation

Summer Choir

Sound the call of welcome. Everyone come. Sound the call of welcome. Everyone come.
Oh, sound the call of welcome. Everyone come. The Open Invitation stands.
The door is always open. Everyone come. The door is always open. Everyone come.
The table's set and waiting. Everyone come. The Open Invitation stands.
We're ordinary people. Everyone come. With ordinary bodies. Everyone come.
An ordinary potluck. Everyone come. The Open Invitation stands.

Bridge: Grateful we stand at the table of peace: Spirit of Mercy revealed.
Woven together, wealthy and poor, through one another we're healed.

It's not a victory party. Everyone come. It's not for members only. Everyone come.
No matter what your creed is. Everyone come. The Open Invitation stands.
It's time to tell our stories. Everyone come. To listen to each other. Everyone come.
Be shoulder next to shoulder. Everyone come. The Open Invitation stands.
Without any condition. Everyone come. Without any coercion. Everyone come.
Without any exception. Everyone come. The Open Invitation stands. *Bridge*

The Spirit is among us. Everyone come. The Spirit is within us. Everyone come.
The Spirit is inviting. Everyone come. The Open Invitation stands.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 496

One Bread, One Body

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

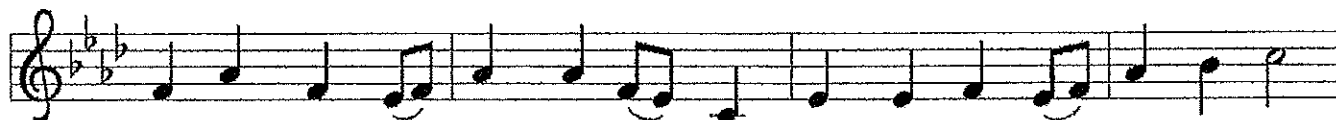
Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-les set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Gather Us In

Honoré

Assisting with Worship

MaryLou Hall, greeter ♦ Bryan Wang, head usher ♦ Cara Pepper, lector
Emmett Borelli-Hoh, assisting minister ♦ Matt Shirk, Crystal Shirk, sound booth
C. Louise Fair, Linda Lord, Macy Lord, Tracy Ravert, communion assistants
Linda Lord, altar captain ♦ Matt Lepera, sexton
Summer Choir

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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. 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.

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 are always welcome! Items 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.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION will resume Sunday, September 20.

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!

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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS for all students and educators will be August 23.

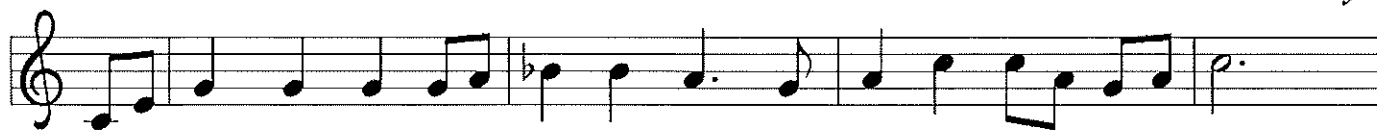
PRESCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CARNIVAL will be after worship September 13. Everyone is invited to join us for food, games and prizes, music, and face painting.

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS for the READING FIGHTIN PHILS are available in the narthex for August 27. First come - first served.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

650 *In Christ There Is No East or West –*

stanza 1 only



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.

OFFERING HYMN 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service –

stanzas 1, 2, 3



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed;
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.

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One Bread, One Body

