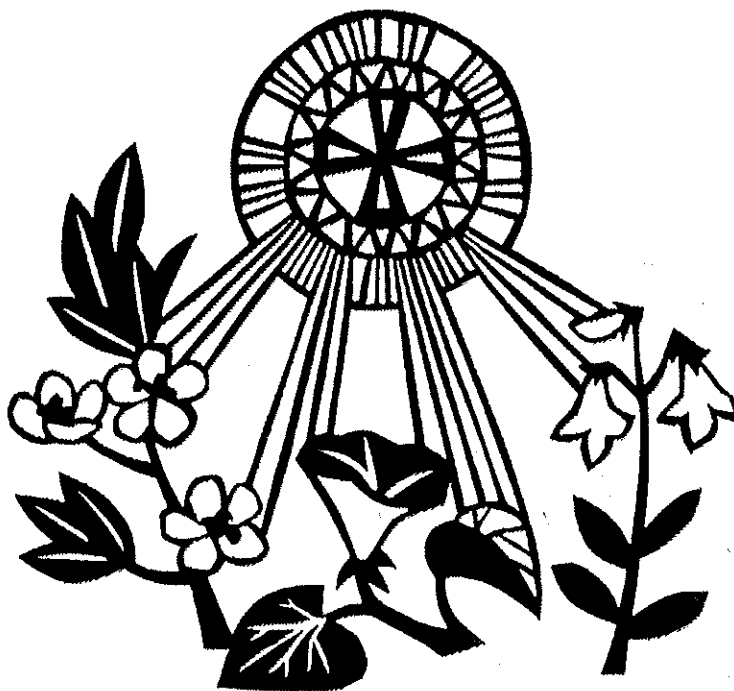


welcome to worship  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
May 10, 2026



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PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

WELCOME

Pastor Richter

*The assembly stands for the hymn.*

GATHERING HYMN 408      *Come, Thou Almighty King*

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 Tracey

READING

*1 Peter 3:13-22 (The Message)*

<sup>13-18</sup> If with heart and soul you're doing good, do you think you can be stopped? Even if you suffer for it, you're still better off. Don't give the opposition a second thought. Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick. They'll end up realizing that *they're* the ones who need a bath. It's better to suffer for doing good, if that's what God wants, than to be punished for doing bad. That's what Christ did definitively: suffered because of others' sins, the Righteous One for the unrighteous ones. He went through it all—was put to death and then made alive—to bring us to God.

<sup>19-22</sup> He went and proclaimed God's salvation to earlier generations who ended up in the prison of judgment because they wouldn't listen. You know, even though God waited patiently all the days that Noah built his ship, only a few were saved then, eight to be exact—saved *from* the water *by* the water. The waters of baptism do that for you, not by washing away dirt from your skin but by presenting you through Jesus' resurrection before God with a clear conscience. Jesus has the last word on everything and everyone, from angels to armies. He's standing right alongside God, and what he says goes.

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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION     392     *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus – stanzas 1 and 2*

HOLY GOSPEL                             *John 14:15-21 (The Message)*

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

<sup>15-17</sup> “If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take the Spirit in because it doesn’t have eyes to see, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know the Spirit already because the Spirit has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you!

<sup>18-20</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.

<sup>21</sup> “The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. Everyone who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and make myself plain to them.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Richter

*The assembly stands.*

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Let us affirm our faith together:

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before the dawn: in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability...**

**We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line: to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation: to stand with those on the edge, to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God’s new community of hope. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

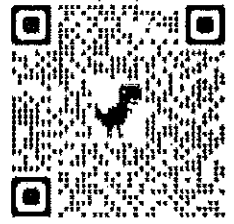
*The prayers conclude ...* through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

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. Offering this morning will be shared evenly with Common Ground. 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 631

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – stanzas 1 2, 4*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Following the words of institution...*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## 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

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*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

ELW 781 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 397 *Loving Spirit*

*The assembly stands.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessed are we in our fear and inadequacy. Blessed are we by the faith God gives us. Blessed are we that we received the gift of hope – the beginning of the end of sin and death. We follow God as best we can with all the humility we can manage. Jesus came back to us. We are blessed in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 449

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

Anne Krentz Organ

Our final blessing today is adapted from "Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!" by Kate Bowler p. 179.

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### Assisting with Worship

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Susan Beam, Tom Herman, Sue Ziemer, Tom Ziemer, communion assistants  
Frank & Victoria Mercuri, nursery  
Tom Endy, Thomas Gentry, sound booth  
Linda Lord, altar captain ♦ Matt Lepera, sexton  
Karen Eddinger, guest organist

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

Katie Lyon, *Pastor*  
Molly Haggerty, *Transition Pastor of Community Engagement*  
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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. 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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George F. Bennethum, Sr., whose birthday was May 7, by his loving granddaughter Brigitte Bennethum, her husband, Brian Pagerly, and his three great granddaughters, Sierra Kachel, Micaela Rogers and Alyssa Bennethum.

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 can be placed 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](mailto:jdauber@atonementwyo.org) for more information.

PRESCHOOL CAMP REGISTRATION is open. Details can be found at [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org), click PRESCHOOL from the top menu, then select Preschool Classes.

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

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

“AT THE TABLE” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration is open! VBS will take place June 15-19, 9-11:30am, for children age 3 through 5th grade. Use the link from the homepage of [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org) or email Miss Lauryn at [llacis@atonementwyo.org](mailto:llacis@atonementwyo.org) to register or for details.

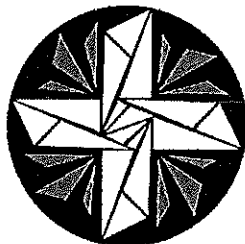
NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those wishing to officially join Atonement will be held Sundays, May 31 and June 7 at 11:00am, with the new member welcome during 10:00am worship Sunday, June 14. Call the office with questions.

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION CELEBRATION will take place next Sunday, May 17, in the choir room. All children are invited to come for this last gathering until fall programming begins.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues next Sunday, May 17, at 9am in room F122.

COMMON GROUND SUNDAY, celebrating our relationship with the Common Ground Recovery Community, will be next Sunday, May 17, at 10:00 am worship. We remember through readings, prayer, and music, that as Pastor Tom likes to remind us, “we are all recovering from something!” Everyone is welcome! Stay after the service for HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, AND FELLOWSHIP on the lawn. REFRESH BERKS SHOWER TRAILER will be available for viewing.

COMMON GROUND collecting board games for their new drop-in center opening in June. The games should be simple, short, and not have a lot of reading involved. Some good options are Rummy, playing cards, Jenga, checkers, chess, Connect Four, Uno, Sorry, Yahtzee, Battleship, Guess Who, Bananagrams, Azul, Dominos, or Scrabble Slam. Games can be brought to Atonement next Sunday for Common Ground Sunday, or the following Sunday, May 24.



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There are two places where **COMMON GROUND** meets for worship:  
Atonement Wyomissing - Wednesday at 7:00 PM  
Trinity Reading – Worship Sunday at 2pm, meals to-go at 2:30pm

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ALL OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS!!!**

For more information contact Pastor Tom Scornavacchi at [PastorTom@cgrcommunity.org](mailto:PastorTom@cgrcommunity.org)  
or Pastor Molly Haggerty at [mhaggerty@atonementwyo.org](mailto:mhaggerty@atonementwyo.org)

**STARTING June 1st, 2026 - Trinity Reading Schedule Change**

**Doors open at 1:00pm - Activities - 1:00 to 3:30**

**Pastoral Care - 2:00 to 3:00**

**Spiritual Recovery Service at 4:00 and Dinner at 4:35**

**Shower Trailer - 1:00 to 3:00**

**COMMON GROUND RECOVERY COMMUNITY**

A ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

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# Come, Thou Almighty King

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1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear.  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in

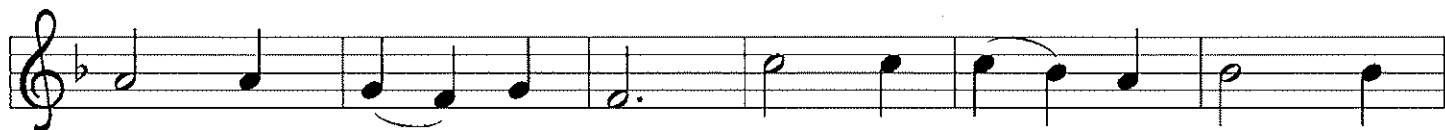
to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus,  
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?"

## OFFERING HYMN 631

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

stanzas 1 2, 4



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

# Children of the Heavenly Father

*Tryggare kan ingen vara*

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*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



*stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.*  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



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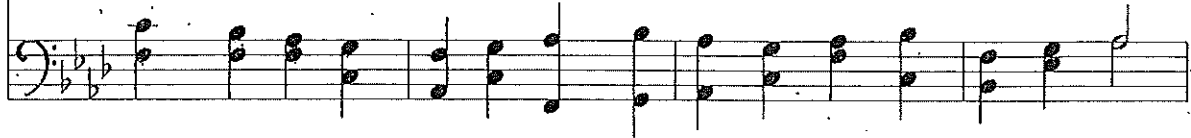
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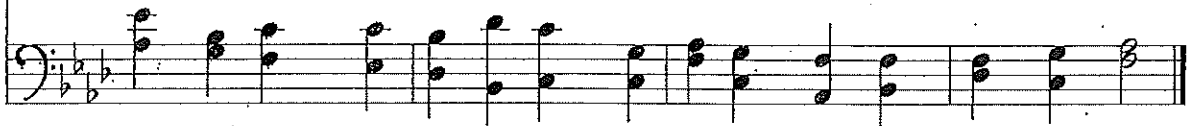
# Loving Spirit



- 1 Loy - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own, .
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.



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# We Know That Christ Is Raised

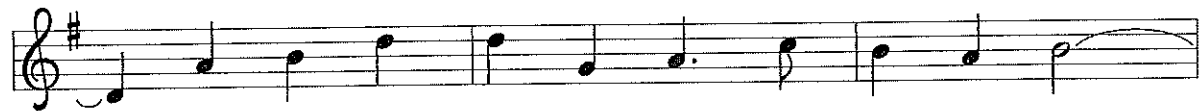
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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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