

welcome to worship

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2024 ♦ 10:00 am



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The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World

arr. McElwain

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 715 Christ, Be Our Light—stanzas 1, 2, 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Katie

READING

Amos 7:7-15 (The Message)

⁷ GOD showed me this vision: My Master was standing beside a wall. In his hand he held a plumb line.

⁸⁻⁹ GOD said to me, "What do you see, Amos?"

I said, "A plumb line."

Then my Master said, "Look what I've done. I've hung a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel. I've spared them for the last time. This is it!

"Isaac's sex-and-religion shrines will be smashed,
Israel's unholy shrines will be knocked to pieces.
I'm raising my sword against the royal family of Jeroboam."

¹⁰ Amaziah, priest at the shrine at Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam, king of Israel:

"Amos is plotting to get rid of you; and he's doing it as an insider, working from within Israel. His talk will destroy the country. He's got to be silenced. Do you know what Amos is saying?"

¹¹ 'Jeroboam will be killed.
Israel is headed for exile.'"

¹²⁻¹³ Then Amaziah confronted Amos: "Seer, be on your way! Get out of here and go back to Judah where you came from! Hang out there. Do your preaching there. But no more preaching at Bethel! Don't show your face here again. This is the king's chapel. This is a royal shrine."

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ But Amos stood up to Amaziah: "I never set up to be a preacher, never had plans to be a preacher. I raised cattle and I pruned trees. Then GOD took me off the farm and said, 'Go preach to my people Israel.'

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

PSALM 85

The assembly sings the refrain after the song leader, and again after each verse.

Refrain: **Lord, Lord, Lord, let us see your kindness.
Lord, Lord, Lord, grant us your salvation.**

Leader: I will hear what God proclaims
Peace to the people
Come to those who fear your name
Glory dwelling in our land.

Truth and kindness now shall meet
Peace kissing justice
Truth shall spring out of the earth
Justice rain from heaven.

God will give us benefits
Dancing at the harvest
Justice now will lead the way
Footprints of salvation.

All: **God proclaims
Peace to the people
Fear your name
Glory dwelling in our land. Refrain**

**Now shall meet
Peace kissing justice
Of the earth
Justice rain from heaven. Refrain**

**Benefits
Dancing at the harvest
Lead the way
Footprints of salvation. Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29 (The Message)

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

¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching], for by this time the name of Jesus was on everyone's lips. He said, "This has to be John the Baptizer come back from the dead—that's why he's able to work miracles!"

¹⁵ Others said, "No, it's Elijah."

Others said, "He's a prophet, just like one of the old-time prophets."

¹⁶ But Herod wouldn't budge: "It's John, sure enough. I cut off his head, and now he's back, alive."

¹⁷⁻²⁰ Herod was the one who had ordered the arrest of John, put him in chains, and sent him to prison at the nagging of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. For John had provoked Herod by naming his relationship with Herodias "adultery." Herodias, smoldering with hate, wanted to kill him, but didn't dare because Herod was in awe of John. Convinced that he was a holy man, he gave him special treatment. Whenever he listened to him he was miserable with guilt—and yet he couldn't stay away. Something in John kept pulling him back.

²¹⁻²² But a portentous day arrived when Herod threw a birthday party, inviting all the brass and bluebloods in Galilee. Herodias's daughter entered the banquet hall and danced for the guests. She charmed Herod and the guests.

²²⁻²³ The king said to the girl, "Ask me anything. I'll give you anything you want." Carried away, he kept on, "I swear, I'll split my kingdom with you if you say so!"

²⁴ She went back to her mother and said, "What should I ask for?"

"Ask for the head of John the Baptizer."

²⁵ Excited, she ran back to the king and said, "I want the head of John the Baptizer served up on a platter. And I want it now!"

²⁶⁻²⁹ That sobered the king up fast. But unwilling to lose face with his guests, he caved in and let her have her wish. The king sent the executioner off to the prison with orders to bring back John's head. He went, cut off John's head, brought it back on a platter, and presented it to the girl, who gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard about this, they came and got the body and gave it a decent burial.

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

SERMON

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes ... In your mercy, receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude ... Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Soffia Arana Lyon, soprano

Gabriel and Martin

The assembly stands.

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, 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.

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 813 Faith of Our Fathers

ELW 721 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW 717 Let Justice Flow like Streams

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Recessional

Manfredini, arr. Burkhardt

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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! 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.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available at the entrance to the worship space.

THE PRIVACY ROOM at the back of the worship space is available if your child needs a little extra wiggle room.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are 10:30am-2:30pm Monday through Thursday, or by appointment. The office will be CLOSED the week of August 5. If you need assistance that week you can leave a voicemail on the main number and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE the third Saturday of every month. Interested in joining the team? Contact Bob Eisenbrown at 484-332-8788.

ELCA MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN is still underway for youth traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Checks can be made payable to Atonement with "Youth Gathering Matching Funds" on the memo line.

OUR VOLUNTEER GROUNDS CREW needs some additional members! Contact John Lehr with questions or interest—johnt.lehr@gmail.com.

THE ATONEMENT SOUND BOOTH needs a few additional volunteers. Duties include controlling the microphones during the service, advancing the slides shown on the screens, or livestreaming the worship service. We try to have at least two people each week, and with a few additional volunteers, the commitment would be less than one service per month. If you like the idea of running sound but not video (or vice versa), we can work with that as well. Training will be provided. Email Crystal at cshirk@atonementwyo.org with questions or interest. It's a great way for responsible students interested in media fields to gain some practical experience!

SUMMER CHOIR will sing in worship July 21, August 18, and September 8. If you would like to be part of summer choir, meet in the choir loft at 9:00 am on those Sundays to learn fun, simple music to sing in 10:00 worship. Everyone is welcome!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION will gather in the privacy room at 9am Sunday mornings to talk about God moments and highs and lows of the week - all are welcome!

BAPTISM FOR ELLIE JOY PESHLE, daughter of David & Elissa Peshler, sister of Abigail Peshler, was today at 8:45 am. Please join us in welcoming this new child of God, and keep Ellie and her family in your prayers.



Family Promise

of Berks County

Atonement and Trinity Lutheran of Reading continue to host Family Promise the week of **July 15**.

There are currently 3 shelter houses, for which we will provide groceries, grocery gift cards, and a prepared meal on Monday nights.

Details and sign-up links are available at atonementwyo.org.

Assisting with Worship

Susan Beam, greeter ♦ Bryan Wang, head usher
Kathryn Fellman, lector ♦ Tyler Good, assisting minister
Ellen Bryan, C. Louise Fair, Ed Kern, Sandy Kern, communion assistants
Max Romig, Matt Shirk, audio/visual
Susan Mehos, altar captain ♦ Matt Lepera, sexton
Kathy Bickhart, guitar ♦ Sofia Arana Lyon, soprano

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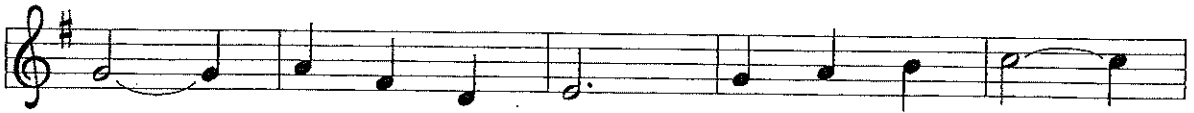
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Christ, Be Our Light

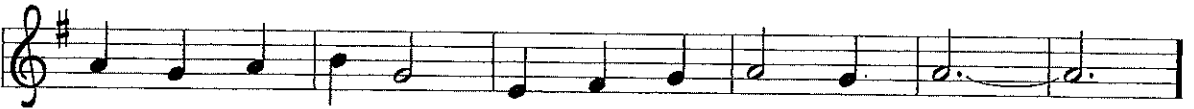
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1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



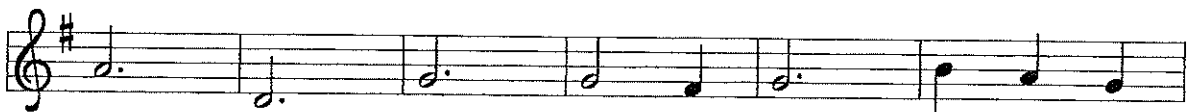
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
 wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
 hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
 bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
 shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
 to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath-ered to-day.

Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is
 3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -
 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,
 press - ion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,
 fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,
 mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,
 the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O
 un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
 ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.
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Music: St. САНТЕРИВ, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain

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Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is

Oh,

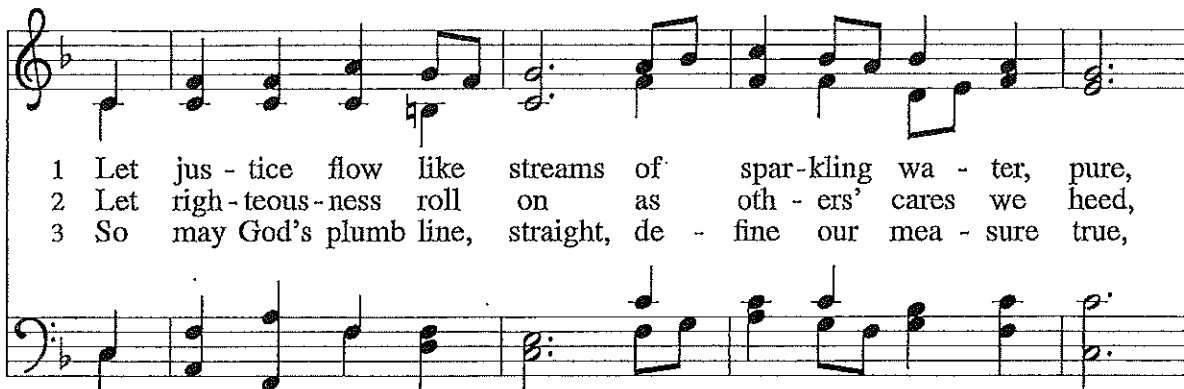
ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is

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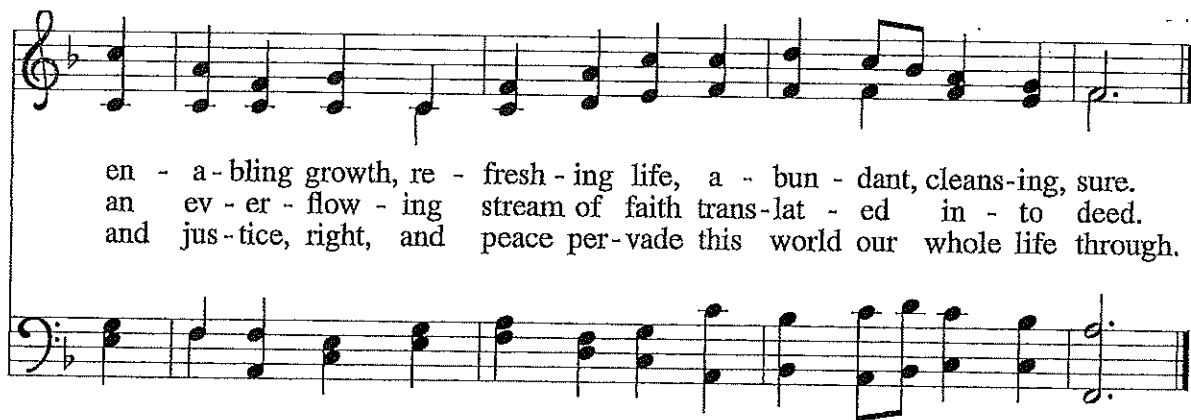
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Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.