

*welcome to worship*

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024 ♦ 10:00 am



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*The assembly's responses are in bold print.*

PRELUDE *Bassoon Concerto in A minor (movement 2)* Vivaldi  
Adam Underwood, Atonement Bach Scholarship Winner, bassoon

WELCOME Pastor Richter

*The assembly stands.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN 392 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*—stanzas 1, 3, 4

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

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 Caitlyn

READING

*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

*In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.*

<sup>15-17</sup> During this time, Peter stood up in the company—there were about 120 of them in the room at the time—and said, “Friends, long ago the Holy Spirit spoke through David regarding Judas, who became the guide to those who arrested Jesus. That Scripture had to be fulfilled, and now has been. Judas was one of us and had his assigned place in this ministry.

<sup>21-22</sup> “Judas must now be replaced. The replacement must come from the company of men who stayed together with us from the time Jesus was baptized by John up to the day of his ascension, designated along with us as a witness to his resurrection.”

<sup>23-26</sup> They nominated two: Joseph Barsabbas, nicknamed Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, O God, know every one of us inside and out. Make plain which of these two men you choose to take the place in this ministry and leadership that Judas threw away in order to go his own way.” They then drew straws. Matthias won and was counted in with the eleven apostles.

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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

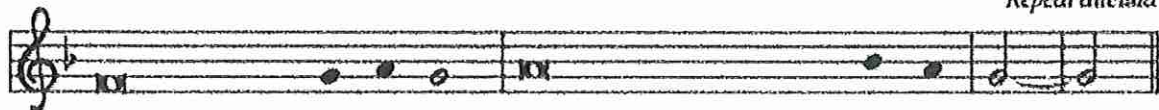


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 17:6-19*

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

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

I spelled out your character in detail to the men and women you gave me. They were yours in the first place; then you gave them to me, and they have now done what you said. They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that everything you gave me is firsthand from you, for the message you gave me, I gave them; and they took it, and were convinced that I came from you. They believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world but for those you gave me, for they are yours by right. Everything mine is yours, and yours mine, and my life is on display in them. For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world; they'll continue in the world while I return to you. Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life that you conferred as a gift through me, so they can be one heart and mind as we are one heart and mind. As long as I was with them, I guarded them in the pursuit of the life you gave through me; I even posted a lookout. And not one of them got away, except for the rebel bent on destruction (the exception that proved the rule of Scripture).

Now I'm returning to you. I'm saying these things in the world's hearing so my people can experience my joy completed in them. I gave them your word; the godless world hated them because of it, because they didn't join the world's ways, just as I didn't join the world's ways. I'm not asking that you take them out of the world but that you guard them from the Evil One. They are no more defined by the world than I am defined by the world. Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth; your word is consecrating truth. In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world. I'm consecrating myself for their sakes so they'll be truth-consecrated in their mission.

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

SERMON

Pastor Richter

*The assembly stands.*

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...* God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude ...* through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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.*



## OFFERING HYMN

655 *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

*The assembly stands.*

## 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

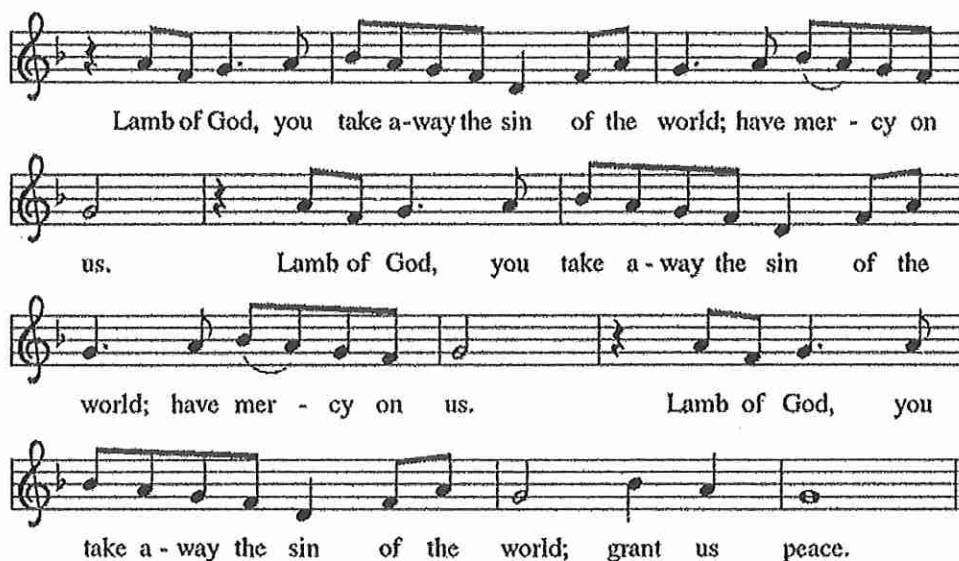
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## DISTRIBUTION

*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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Hymn 658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

*Hymn 475 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*576 We All Are One in Mission*

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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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. 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 preschool aged children and younger in Room F126 during worship through June 16.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mothers' birthdays, Margaret (Peggy) Cafurello on May 8 and Isolina D'Onofrio on May 9, and to honor all Mothers on Mother's Day, by René and Pete D'Onofrio and family.

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.

END OF LIFE PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR concludes next Sunday, May 19, 9-9:30 am in the nave. If you missed any sessions, weeks 3, 4, & 6 are available to watch online using the livestream button from the home page of [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org).

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.

RESURRECTION GARDEN BOWLS may be brought back to the church after your garden finishes blooming to be used another year.

ATONEMENT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, May 14, 8am—2pm in Lundin Hall. Sign up using the link on the home page of [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org) or call the office at 610-375-3512.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL sign-up is online! Use the link found on [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org) under MINISTRIES | Children/Youth.

OUR VOLUNTEER GROUNDS CREW needs some additional members! Contact John Lehr with questions or interest—[johnt.lehr@gmail.com](mailto:johnt.lehr@gmail.com).



GATHERING HYMN

392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus  
stanzas 1, 3, 4



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you




Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on





out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

## Son of God, Eternal Savior



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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,


Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of . plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.



Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

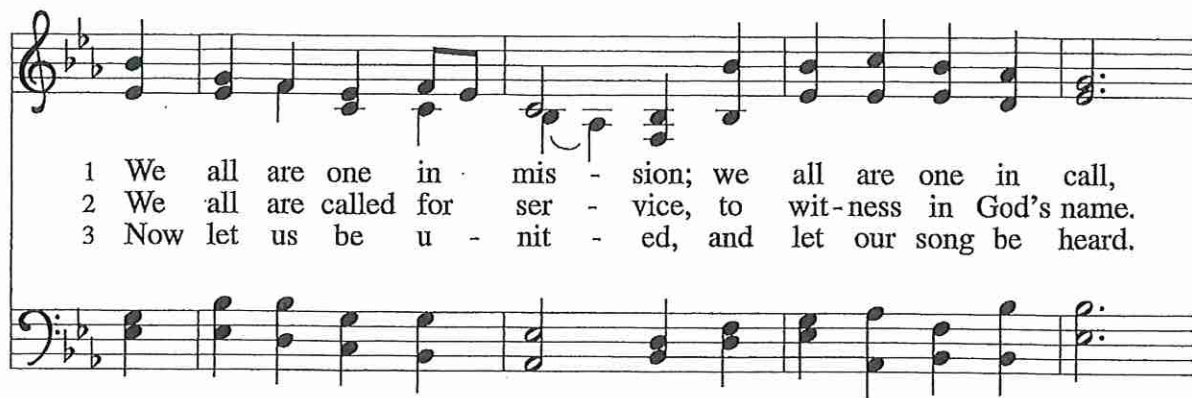
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## We All Are One in Mission

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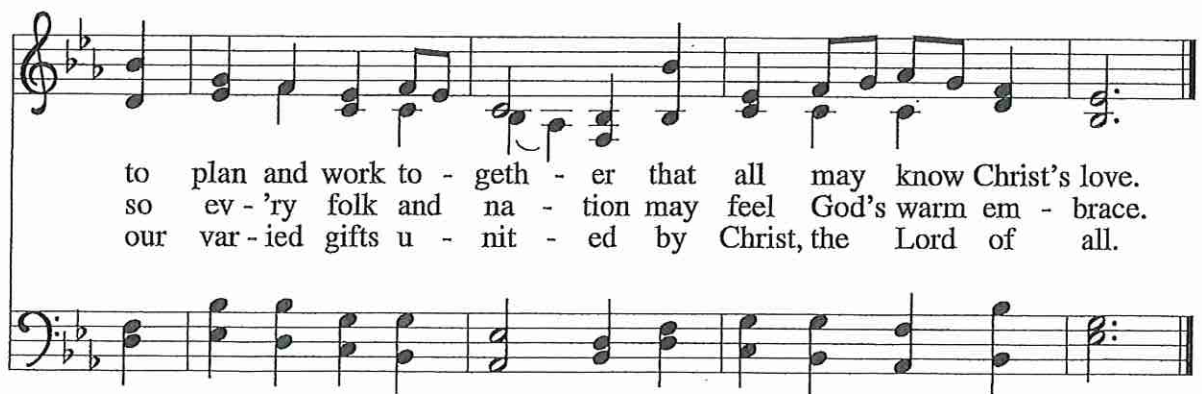
1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

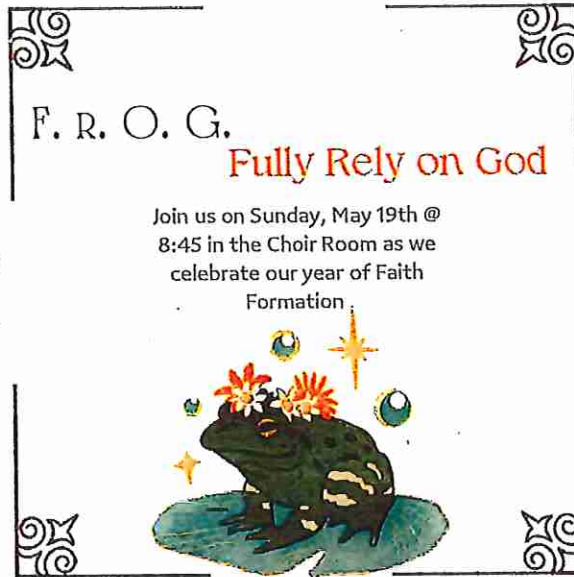


A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

# Next Sunday!



**Festive Worship for  
Pentecost at 10:00  
(wear red!)**

**Pancake Breakfast at 11:00**