

welcome to worship

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024 ♦ 10:00 am



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The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Légende

Wieniawski

Olivia Szor, Atonement Bach Scholarship Winner, violin

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

Following the individual petitions.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

GATHERING HYMN

367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*—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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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

I John 5:1-8

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

5¹⁻³ Every person who believes that Jesus is, in fact, the Messiah, is God-born. If we love the One who conceives the child, we'll surely love the child who was conceived. The reality test on whether or not we love God's children is this: Do we love God? Do we keep his commands? The proof that we love God comes when we keep his commandments and they are not at all troublesome.

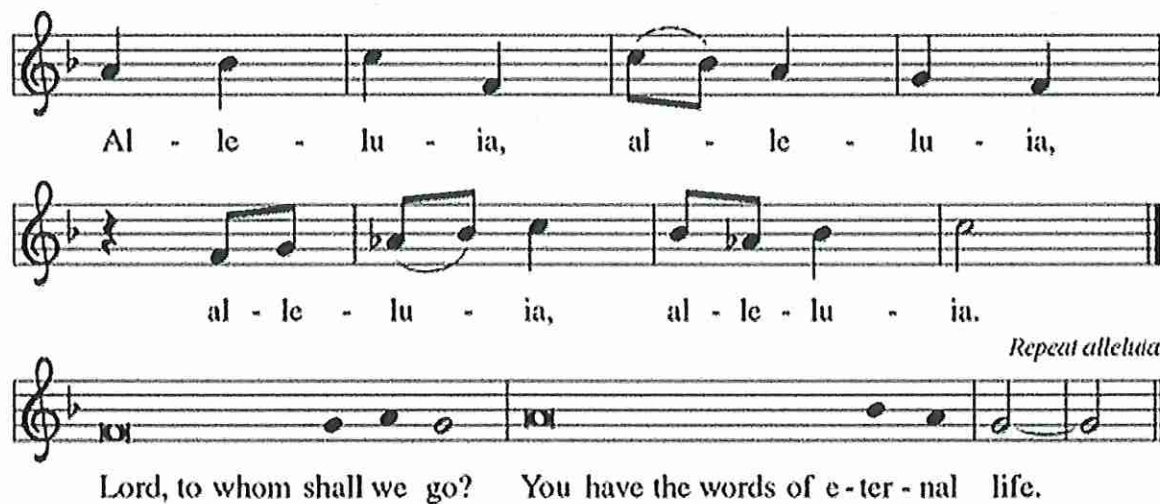
4⁵ Every God-born person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world's ways is simply the one who believes Jesus is the Son of God.

6⁻⁸ Jesus—the Divine Christ! He experienced a life-giving birth and a death-killing death. Not only birth from the womb, but baptismal birth of his ministry and sacrificial death. And all the while the Spirit is confirming the truth, the reality of God's presence at Jesus' baptism and crucifixion, bringing those occasions alive for us. A triple testimony: the Spirit, the Baptism, the Crucifixion. And the three in perfect agreement.

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 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

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

⁹⁻¹⁰ “I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love. That’s what I’ve done—kept my Father’s commands and made myself at home in his love.

¹¹⁻¹⁵ “I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I’m no longer calling you servants because servants don’t understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friends because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from the Father.

¹⁶ “You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

¹⁷ “But remember the root command: Love one another.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Seminarian April Mulvey

The assembly stands.

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.



OFFERTORY

God, My Shepherd, Walks Beside Me

Bach

Jack Burrell, Atonement Bach Scholarship Winner, voice

God, my shepherd, walks beside me, and I know his way is best.
Where his tender care doth guide me, shall no evil e’er betide me,
In his love I calmly rest.

English text by Helen Dickinson

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

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

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.

Sanctuary (all sing):

**♪ Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. Repeat several times**

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Come to the Table (all sing):

Part I

Come to the ta - ble, come to the ta - ble.

Part II

Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

All is now read - y, come one and all. Come, oh, come.

Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

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In This Feast of Love (all sing):

1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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The assembly stands.

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

389 *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*—stanzas 1, 3, 5

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Powell

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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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Robert Adams, on his birthday by Dyanne Adams.

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.

FAITH FORMATION for all ages meets Sundays, 8:45-9:45 am through May 19, with the exception of Mother's Day—no faith formation for children next week, May 12.

PICKLEBALL meets in the Atonement gym this afternoon for the last indoor session until fall. Beginners come at 2:30, more competitive play begins at 4:00.

END OF LIFE PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR runs through May 19, 9-9:30 am in the nave. Next week, May 12, the topic will be funeral options and planning. Some prior sessions are available to watch online using the livestream button from the home page of 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.

NEW MEMBERS will be welcomed during worship this morning! Our next new member classes will be held in the fall. Everyone is welcome!

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.

KAUFFMAN'S CHICKEN BBQ fundraiser for Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom is today—stop by after church for an easy lunch, 555 Warwick Drive, Wyomissing.

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 or call the office at 610-375-3512.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL sign-up is online! Use the link found on 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.

GATHERING HYMN 367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*
 stanzas 1, 3, 4



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

SENDING HYMN

389 *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*
stanzas 1, 3, 5

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands

3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,

5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with

scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.

loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.

o - cean ring with joy, with ius - tice, love, and praise.

Join us

May 19

F. R. O. G.

Fully Rely on God

Join us on Sunday, May 19th @
8:45 in the Choir Room as we
celebrate our year of Faith
Formation



May 19



**Festive Worship for
Pentecost at 10:00**

followed by a

Pancake

Breakfast

at 11:00