

welcome to worship
DAY OF PENTECOST
May 24, 2026



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PRELUDE

A Cricket Sang and Set the Sun
Mia Perezous, marimba | Atonement Bach Scholarship winner

Blake Tyson

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

BLESSING OF AFGHANS FOR GRADUATES

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

The prayer concludes ...one God, now and forever. Amen.

And now may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF BOOK AWARDS

The assembly stands for the hymn.

GATHERING HYMN 407

O Living Breath of God

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:

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, 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 Lauryn

READING

Acts 2:1-21 (The Message)

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

2¹⁻⁴ When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

5-11 There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

12 Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

13 Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

14-21 That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,

"I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people:

Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters;

Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams.

When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit

On those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy.

I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below,

Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,

Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous;

And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 401 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* – stanzas 1 and 2

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:19-23 (The Message)*

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

¹⁹⁻²⁰ Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.” Then he showed them his hands and side.

²⁰⁻²¹ The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: “Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.”

²²⁻²³ Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” he said. “If you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?”

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

SERMON

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

IONA CREED

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. Thank you for your generous gifts! Did you know you can give using a credit card? Scan the QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY

Modinha (Brazilian Folk Song)

arr. Isaias Savior

Cole Peticca, guitar | Atonement Bach Scholarship winner

The assembly stands.

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

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

ANTHEM

Invocation

Courtney

Atonement Choir

Come, Holy Spirit; come, gentle Dove; | Descend upon us now in truth and love.
Bring light where there is falsehood, deliver from confusion:
O come to us again, we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit; come, Breath of God; | O breathe life where there is death and sin.
Reveal the Father's will and glorify the Son; | And lead us into all truth, we pray.

O come, thou Flame of Fire, empower us to do thy will.
Convict us of unrighteousness.
Return us to our first love, and help us as we pray.
Purify us today.

ELW 800

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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.**

Blessing adapted from "Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!" by Kate Bowler p. 179.

SENDING HYMN 400

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Held

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Assisting with Worship

Carolyn Wheeler, greeter ♦ Daral Woerle, head usher

Cara Pepper, lector ♦ Tyler Good, assisting minister

Linda Lord, Oliver Lord, Barb Mishler, Tracy Ravert, communion assistants

Ainsley and Caitlyn Marrella, nursery

Mick Bryan, Zoe Shirk, sound booth

Atonement Choir

Linda Lord, altar captain ♦ Dami Johnson-Agiri, sexton

Today we welcome two more Atonement Bach Scholarship winners to worship. Mia Perezous, who plays the marimba, is a 10th Grade student at Wilson High School. Cole Peticca is a graduating senior at Berks Catholic and plays classical guitar. Please welcome these two talented musicians this morning!

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.

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 this week are Tuesday—Thursday, 10:30am—2:30pm or by appointment. The office will be closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.

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 of clothing and toiletries can be placed in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex.

PRESCHOOL still has openings for Together Time and T/Th Toddlers. Contact Jen Dauber at jdauber@atonementwyo.org for information.

PRESCHOOL CAMP REGISTRATION is open. Details can be found at atonementwyo.org, click PRESCHOOL from the top menu, then select Preschool Classes.

OUR LANDSCAPING TEAM is looking for new members! Contact John Lehr for details at 610-304-6818 or 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 or email Miss Lauryn at 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues next Sunday, May 24, at 9am in room F122.

TODAY’S YOUTH GATHERING for youth in middle and high school will be at St. John’s Mohnton, 5:30pm.

NEW - COMMON GROUND DROP-IN CENTER opening in June! We are currently collecting GAMES for the drop-in center - 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. We are also looking for VOLUNTEERS to help Monday afternoons beginning June 1. Use the link found on the Volunteer page of atonementwyo.org or call the office to see what help is needed and sign up to volunteer.

We are still collecting donations for APRIL MULVEY, who will be traveling to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle, WA for medical testing and treatment. Please make your donations payable to Atonement, and put APRIL MULVEY in the memo or the comment section of your online donation. See a pastor or call the office for additional details.

CONGRATULATIONS to our preschool graduates who had their last days here this past week, and the future high school graduates, who will be recognized today during worship.

O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

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1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.



It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.

Refrain



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

800 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.