

welcome to worship
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The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement

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PRELUDE

Spirit in the Sky

Greenbaum

Oliver Lord, soloist

When I die and they lay me to rest, gonna go to the place that's the best.
When I lay me down to die, goin' up to the spirit in the sky.

Refrain: Goin' up to the spirit in the sky. That's where I'm gonna go when I die.
When I die, and they lay me to rest, gonna go to the place that's the best.

Prepare yourself, you know it's a must. Gotta have a friend in Jesus.
So you know that when you die, he's gonna recommend you to the spirit in the sky.

Refrain

I have been a sinner, yes, I have sinned, but I gotta friend in Jesus.
So you know that when I die, he's gonna set me up with the spirit in the sky.

Refrain

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

All sing:

♪ **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.**

Refrain:

**My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain***

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares we have already come.
'Tis grace has brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home. *Refrain***

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

Let us pray: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people, especially those young people affirming their faith today. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and give them your saving peace. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

The assembly remains seated.

ACCLAMATION HYMN 513

Listen, God Is Calling

SCRIPTURE READINGS

A friend loves at all times. (*Proverbs 17:17a, NRSV*)

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.
(*Romans 12:10, NRSV*)

(Jesus said to the disciples): "Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I'm telling you: 'Where I go, you are not able to come.' Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other." (*John 13:33-35, The Message*)

SERMON

Pastor Katie & Pastor Molly

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, today we are reminded of the gift of baptism through these young people from our church family, who are ready to become adult members of our church. They stand here today to say yes to their faith in a triune God and to share that faith with us. Our confirmands are:

Leah Boston

Hannah Liskey

Madeline Long

Oliver Lord

Samantha Nied

Veronica Rogers

Presley Wengrowski

Following the prayer, the assembly stands.

Do you renounce the devil and all the things that turn us away from God and toward the sin and brokenness of the world? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God, the Creator? **We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all people.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer? **We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and his kingdom will come on earth.**

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit? **We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life.**

The assembly is seated.

Following the individual affirmations...

People of God, do you promise to support these youth and pray for them in their life in Christ, to learn with them through the stories of God's Word, and to help include them in the life of the church? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Following the individual blessings...

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

The assembly stands for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

The prayers conclude ... God of love and mercy, hear our prayers. **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.



ANTHEM *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand* Kenyan hymn
Children's Choir | Maddie Lord, Ainsley Marrella, and Siena Fitzpatrick, soloists

Our children's choir has been learning about how Martin Luther wanted to reform the church when he nailed the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. When church authorities tried to get him to take back his words at the Diet of Worms, Luther bravely said, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen." We sing this song in both English and Swahili in honor of Luther.

Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand, he's the solid rock of my life.

Kwake Yesu nasimama, ndiye mwamba ni salama.

There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.

My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood. *Refrain.*

It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins.

I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. *Refrain*

When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne,

My heart will not have any fear; in Christ's righteousness I am here. *Refrain*

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are hungry and thirsty, come!

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!

COMMUNION HYMN 574

Here I Am, Lord

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN 596

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less – stanzas 1, 2, 4

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy! Love one another! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Bish

Assisting with Worship

MaryLou Hall, greeter
Mick Bryan, head usher
Oliver Lord, lector
Eli Hershey, assisting minister
Matt Shirk, Max Romig, sound booth
Cathy & Jon Durand, nursery
Carter Fehnel, Tyler Good, Macy Lord, Maddy Nied, communion assistants
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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 age 3 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.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Oliver Strong Lord and all members of his confirmation class by Linda and Ken Lord.

NURSERY is available for children preschool age and younger in Room F126.

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 10am-3pm Monday-Thursday or by appointment.

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 are always welcome! There is currently an immediate need for men's clothing. Items can be placed in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex.

COMMON GROUND AMAZON WISH LIST is available at atonementwyo.org, then click the Common Ground link from the top menu. As the weather gets colder the need for tents, sleeping bags, and other warm items is great. Contact Pastor Tom or Pastor Molly with questions.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues this fall in room F122 at 8:45am.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION continues Sunday mornings throughout the fall - meet in the choir room Sunday mornings at 8:45am.

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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY will be celebrated in worship on Sunday, November 1. We will read aloud the names of all church members who died since last year's All Saints Sunday. If you would like to add other loved ones who died this year to the list, please reach out to the church office by October 25. You are also invited to submit photos of loved ones who have died recently or long ago to be part of a collage on the screens during worship. Send photos to the church office, either electronically or printed photos that can be scanned, no later than today, October 25.

ATONEMENT SMALL GROUPS are meeting Wednesday evenings. This week: Faith & Recovery, meet in Room F122.

NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL today. Our next rehearsal is next Sunday, November 1, 11:15am-noon in the choir room.

YOUTH EVENT AT DUNCAN'S CORN MAZE – tonight, October 25. Meet at Atonement at 5:30pm, and bring \$15 for activities. Parent drivers welcomed. RSVP to Pastor Molly at mhaggerty@atonementwyo.org.

COMMUNITY TRICK-OR-TREAT AT ATONEMENT will be Saturday, October 31, 10am-noon. Everyone is welcome! CANDY DONATIONS are being collected in the narthex. Call the office with questions.

BLUETOOTH HEARING AIDS can now be connected directly to our sound system. iPhone users – use the hearing aid app on your phone to select **Atonement Auracast** as your Bluetooth input. Android uses – scan the QR code below to connect to Atonement Auracast. See an usher if you need assistance.



ACCLAMATION HYMN 513 *Listen, God Is Calling*



Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.



1 Je - sus gave his man-date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,



that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk-ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

SENDING HYMN 596

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less – stanzas 1, 2, 4

- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.

clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.