

welcome to worship
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
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PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me/My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Oquin

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

CELEBRATING 365 DAYS OF BIBLE READING

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG

Come As You Are

♪ **Come as you are, come and drink from the living water.
The water is deep; the water is wide.
Come as you are, come and bathe in the healing water,
Cleansing from sin, releasing new life.**

**Draw near to God, and God will welcome you.
God's been waiting for you, God's calling your name,
So come, come as you are. Repeat from beginning**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Lord God, our strength, ...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

Romans 5:12-19 (The Message)

¹²⁻¹⁴ You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in—first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. Even those who didn't sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it.

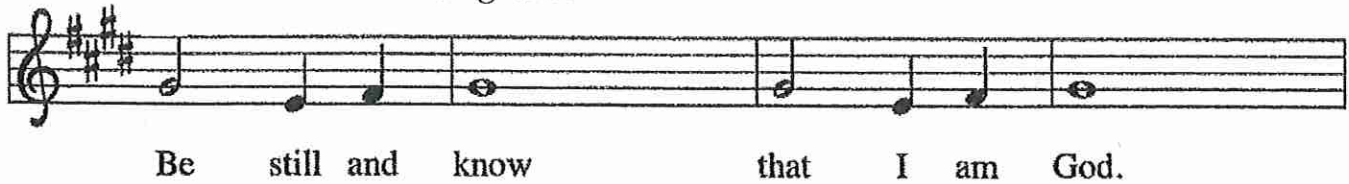
¹⁵⁻¹⁷ Yet the rescuing gift is not exactly parallel to the death-dealing sin. If one man's sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God's gift poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do! There's no comparison between that death-dealing sin and this generous, life-giving gift. The verdict on that one sin was the death sentence; the verdict on the many sins that followed was this wonderful life sentence. If death got the upper hand through one man's wrongdoing, can you imagine the breathtaking recovery life makes, absolute life, in those who grasp with both hands this wildly extravagant life-gift, this grand setting-everything-right, that the one man Jesus Christ provides?

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, Jesus got us into life! One person said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one person said yes to God and put many in the right.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *sing twice*



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11 (The Message)

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

⁴ ¹⁻³ Next Jesus was taken into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tested by the devil. Jesus prepared for this by fasting forty days and forty nights. This left him in a state of extreme hunger, which the Devil took advantage of in the first test: "Since you are God's Son, speak the word that will turn these stones into loaves of bread."

⁴ Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth."

⁵⁻⁶ For the second test the Devil took him to the Holy City. He sat him on top of the Temple and said, "Since you are God's Son, jump." The Devil goaded him by quoting Psalm 91: "He has placed you in the care of angels. They will catch you so that you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone."

⁷ Jesus countered with another citation from Deuteronomy: "Don't you dare test the Lord your God."

⁸⁻⁹ For the third test, the Devil took him to the peak of a huge mountain. He gestured expansively, pointing out all the earth's kingdoms, how glorious they all were. Then he said, "They're yours—lock, stock, and barrel. Just go down on your knees and worship me, and they're yours."

¹⁰ Jesus' refusal was curt: "Away with you, Satan!" He backed his rebuke with a third quotation from Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God, and only God. Serve God with absolute single-heartedness."

¹¹ The Test was over. The Devil left and in his place were angels! Angels came and took care of Jesus' needs.

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

SERMON

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

APOSTLES' 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 Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude ... through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. 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

Jesus Calls Us

Atonement Choir | Ellen Bryan, soprano

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his voice is sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still, he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Words by Cecil Frances Alexander

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

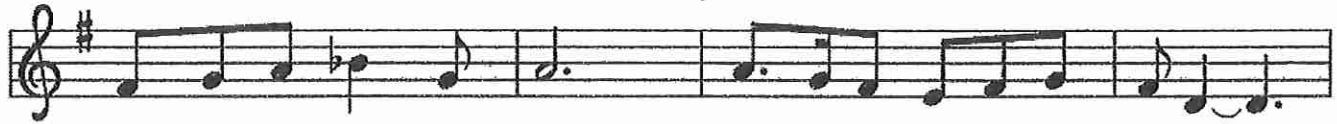
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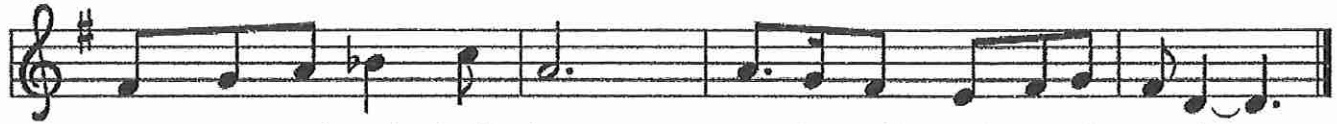
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now Is the Time of Grace



Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va-tion.



Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta-tion.

Choir: This is the fast that God would choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
To let the captives go free, and to break the yoke of oppression. *Refrain*

Sharing your bread with the hungry and welcoming homeless in,
Offering hope and offering help, this is what God requires. *Refrain*

Then shall your light break forth as dawn, and healing shall come to you quickly.
Then you shall call and God shall answer, God's love shall go before you. *Refrain*

COMMUNION HYMN

When We Are Tested (opposite page)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God of all that we hardly notice,
Ruler of the ground under our feet and the sky stretched over our heads,
Send your Spirit to direct our steps and our thoughts as we stumble around this day and night.
We have too much to do, so give us enough silence to hear your voice.
We have too much to worry about, so quiet us with a moment of your peace.
We have too much to carry, so lighten our hearts with your love.
We are your people, eyes cast down on the ground that you made, wary that the sky will fall again. Remind us again that above and below you are here.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN 576

We All Are One in Mission

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. Serve together. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

We All Are One in Mission

Hobby



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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Our final blessing during this Lenten season is from "Have a Beautiful Terrible Day!" by Kate Bowler.

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Assisting with Worship

Susan Beam, greeter ♦ Daral Woerle, head usher ♦ Tyler Good, lector

Tim McGuirk, assisting minister ♦ Oliver Lord, Max Romig, Crystal Shirk, audio/visual

Susan Beam, Diane Melcher, Barb Mishler, Cara Pepper, communion assistants

Ainsley Marrella, Caitlyn Marrella, nursery ♦ Linda Lord, altar captain ♦ Matt Lepera, sexton

Atonement Choir

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 children preschool age and younger in Room F 126.

HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have trouble hearing the service—ask an usher on you way into the worship space.

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 Monday—Thursday, 10:30am—2:30pm or by appointment.

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.

CLOTHING AND REUSABLE GROCERY BAG DONATIONS FOR COMMON GROUND are being collected in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex. You can also donate using our Amazon wish list, available by going to atonementwyo.org and selecting Common Ground from the top menu of the home page.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2026-27 school year is open for church families! Contact jdauber@atonementwyo.org for more information.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN meets Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:45. Adults meet in room F122, children meet in the choir room.

ZENTANGLE ART CLASSES will be held at Atonement February 24, March 9 and April 14, 5:30-7:30. Email mindful.masterpieces.czt@gmail.com with questions or to register.

HEART TO HEART, a casual gathering of women to share experiences and learn from one another will be held Sundays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, 8:45-9:45am in the parlor. Gather, share, learn together. Email Jen Dauber at jdauber@atonementwyo.org with questions.

A PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER is underway to resurface the playground so that it is accessible for all students. Donations made be made payable to Atonement, with playground in the check memo or notes section of online donations.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES during Lent will be in Lundin Hall with Common Ground at 7:00 pm. A simple dinner will be served at 6:00, everyone is welcome!

We All Are One in Mission

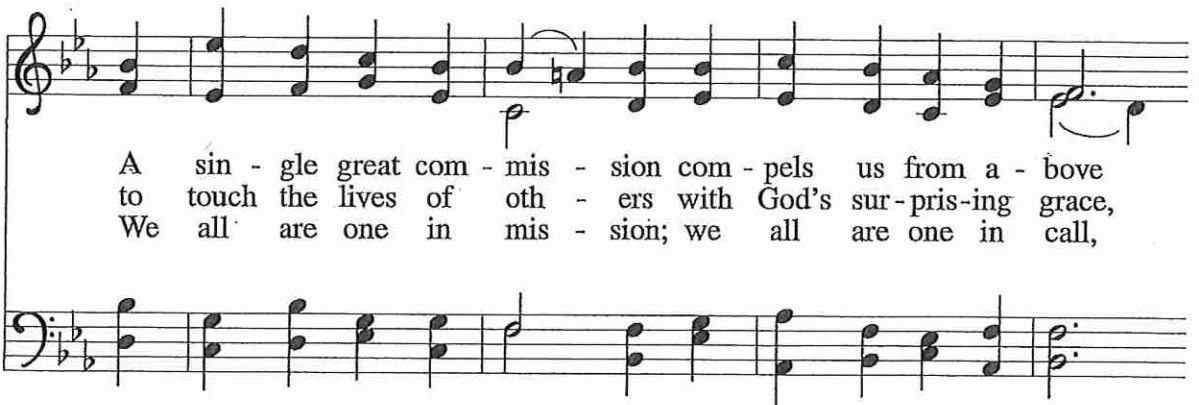
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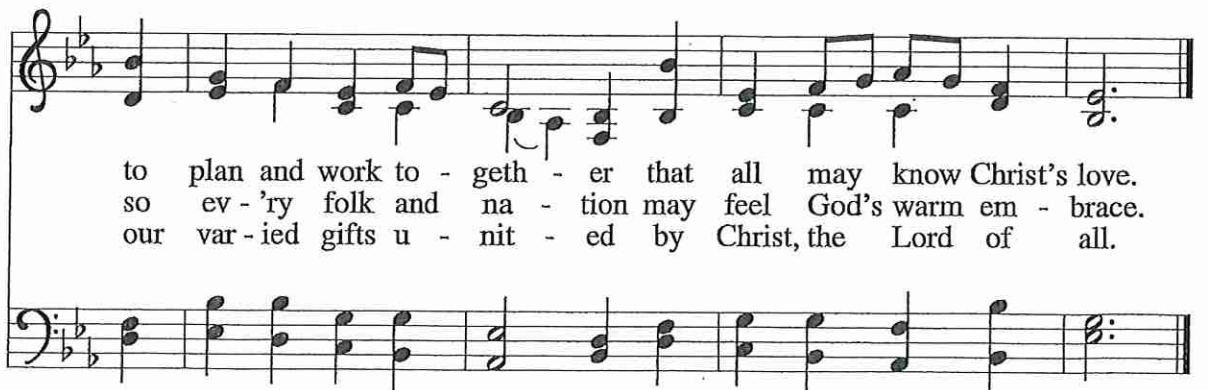
1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



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.