

welcome to worship

RALLY DAY ♦ PRESCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement

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PRELUDE

Kidstuff

arr. Kartsonakis

WELCOME

The assembly stands

GATHERING SONG

The Gospel Train

African American spiritual

Song Leader:

The gospel train is coming, I hear it just at hand.
I hear the car wheels moving and rumbling through the land.

Refrain (all sing):

♪ **Oh, get on board, little children, get on board, little children.
Get on board, little children, there's room for many-a more.**

Song Leader:

I hear the bell and whistle, she's coming 'round the curve.
She's playing all her steam and power and straining every nerve. *Refrain*
The fare is cheap and all can go. The rich and poor are there.
No second class aboard this train, no difference in the fare. *Refrain*
She's nearing now the station. Oh, neighbor, don't be vain,
But come and get your ticket and be ready for this train. *Refrain 2x*

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: God beyond time, we gather in this place today to celebrate fifty years of Atonement Christian Preschool. We give thanks for all those who created and sustained this school throughout the years. Bless the current staff, the parents, and especially the children who learn and grow here. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The children are invited to come forward.

BIBLE STORY

Matthew 18:21-22

Forgiveness

MESSAGE

CHANT

Again I Say Rejoice (Philippians 4:4)

Leader:

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

All:

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

Leader:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say rejoice!

All:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say rejoice!

Leader:

Hallelujah, Amen!

All:

Hallelujah, Amen! *(repeat from the beginning)*

The children return to their seats. The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*The prayers conclude ... We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.



OFFERING SONG *God's Hands*

All sing: ♪ **God's hands are your hands, God's hands are my hands.**

God's hands are our hands working together.

God's hands are your hands, God's hands are my hands.

God's hands are our hands working for love.

God's feet...

God's voice...

God's heart...

The assembly stands.

WELCOME TO 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

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 MUSIC *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

All sing: **♪ Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. (repeat)**

COMMUNION MUSIC *Peace Like a River*

All sing: **♪ I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.**

**I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.**

**I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.**

**I've got peace/love/joy like a river, I've got peace/love/joy like an ocean,
I've got peace/love/joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got peace/love/joy like a river, I've got peace/love/joy like an ocean,
I've got peace/love/joy like a fountain in my soul.**

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, you fed us with your life-giving meal. Send us out now to feed your world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING

May the Spirit take our minds and think through them.
May the Spirit take our lips and speak through them.
May the Spirit take our hands and do good with them.
May the Spirit take our hearts and set them on fire. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *We Are Marching in the Light of God (ELW 866)*

All sing: ♪ **We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo, oo!
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo, oo!
We are marching in the light of God.**
We are singing... We are praying... We are dancing...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Use your hands to do good in the world! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Old Time Religion/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* arr. Kartsonakis

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Today's preschool carnival is in honor of the founders of the preschool, including Atonement member Judy Stoudt.

The groundbreaking on the playground surface project will take place at noon, with a ceremony honoring 27-year veteran teacher Debra Hoffman.

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Solomon F. Peters, Jr. and Phyllis E. Peters, by their daughter, Dr. Ariana Peters Patnode.

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHX are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Shirk, whose funeral was at Atonement last week.

CHURCH NURSERY is available during 10am worship 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.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 10am-3pm Monday-Thursday.

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! Items can be placed in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex.

PRESCHOOL still has openings in the Tuesday/Thursday 3-year-old class. Contact Jen Dauber at jdauber@atonementwyo.org for information.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION in room F122 will begin at 8:45 am next Sunday, September 20.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION will resume next Sunday, September 20, at 8:45 in the choir room.

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.

CROP HUNGER WALK is October 11 – join team Atonement as we take steps to fight hunger in our own community. We are also accepting donations through Sunday, October 26. Make your check payable to "Atonement" with "CROP Walk" in the check memo or notes field for online donations.

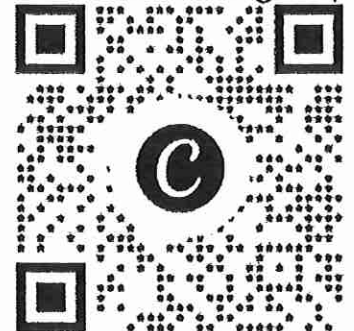
ATONEMENT DAY AT HELPING HARVEST COMMUNITY KITCHEN is Friday, September 18, 9:30am-noon, meet in the Atonement parking lot at 9am. Closed toed shoes are required. Call the office with questions or to sign up.

TODAY!

Everyone is invited to join us on the lawn after worship!



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LEARNING, LAUGHTER & FAITH!"**