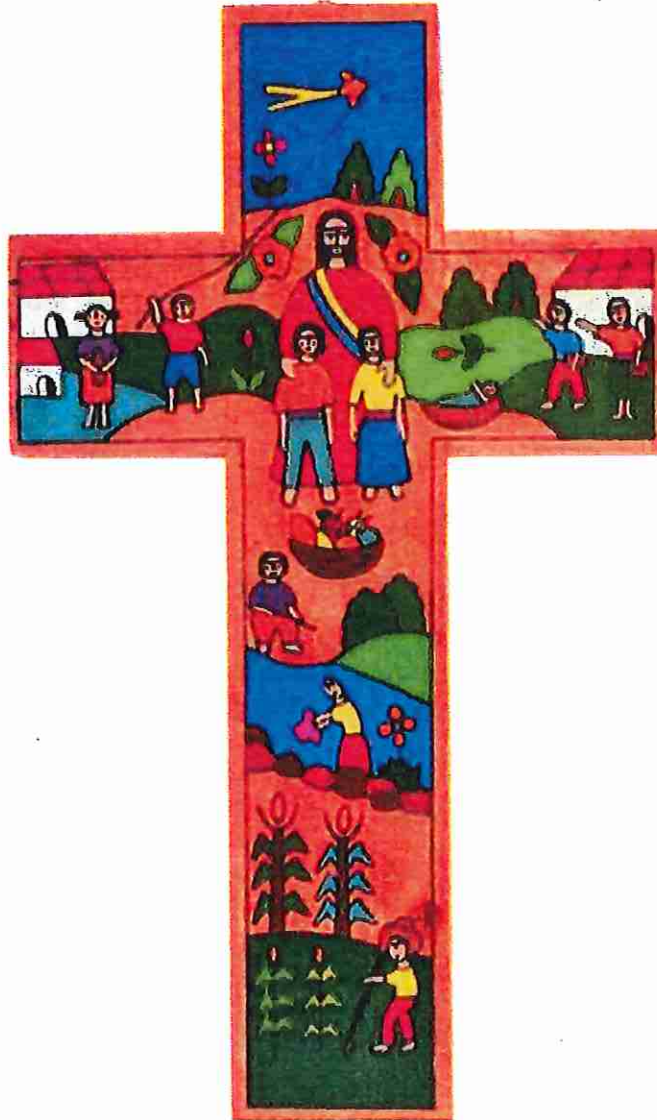


welcome to worship
TIME AFTER PENTECOST
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WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF PASTOR WYSE AND CARING MINISTRIES

GATHERING HYMN 822 *Oh, Sing to the Lord—*

stanza 1 in Spanish, stanzas 2-5 in English

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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (The Message)

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

1 I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by the Lord, Jesus Christ. Grace to you and peace.

²⁻⁵ Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you are in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Lord Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put a hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions.

⁵⁻⁶ You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and were determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated Jesus. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit!—taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble.

⁷⁻¹⁰ Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say

anything anymore—you *are* the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom God raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 597 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* – stanza 1 only

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15-22 (The Message)*

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

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

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ After hearing the Parable of the wedding banquet, the Pharisees plotted a way to trap Jesus into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece.

²⁰ "This engraving—who does it look like and whose name is on it?"

²¹ They said, "Caesar."

"Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and give to God the things that are God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

The prayers conclude ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 HYMN 817

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore – stanzas 1, 3, 4

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!

ANTHEM

In Remembrance

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Atonement Choir | Kathryn Fellman, flute

In remembrance of me, eat this bread, in remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of me, heal the sick, in remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door, and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink and remember too,
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth, in remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart,
Look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

COMMUNION HYMN 498 *United at the Table*

Refrain: all sing in English | Verses: cantor sings in Spanish

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 583

Take My Life, That I May Be

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy! Bring peace to the world. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Martin

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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.

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.

CROP HUNGER WALK DONATIONS will be accepted through Sunday, October 26. Make your check payable to "Atonement" with "CROP Walk" in the check memo or notes field for online donations.

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 October 25.

ATONEMENT SMALL GROUPS are meeting Wednesday evenings. This week: Musing in Menopause. Come listen, laugh and learn from other women experiencing the stages of perimenopause and menopause. Humor, spiritual practices, and conversation are ways we will learn and live into this stage of life together. 7:30-8:30pm in Room F122.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for all children grades K-6 rehearses Sundays, 11:15am-noon. See Deacon Tom if you have any questions.

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

REVIVE YOUTH GATHERING will be at 5:30 today at St. John's Mohnton.

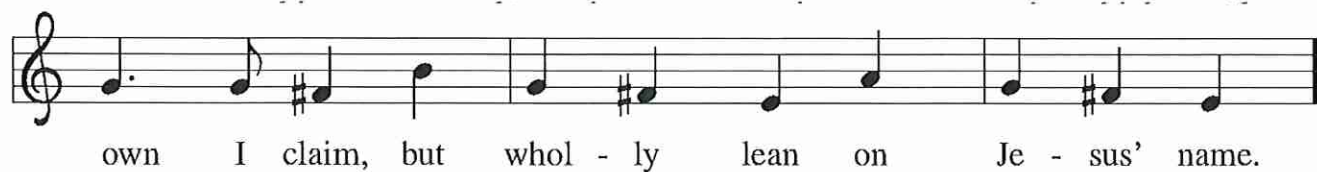
COMMUNITY TRICK-OR-TREAT AT ATONEMENT will be Saturday, October 31, 10am-noon. Everyone is welcome! CANDY DONATIONS are being collected in the narthex. Call the office with questions.

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.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 597

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Refrain



GATHERING HYMN 822

Oh, Sing to the Lord—

stanza 1 in Spanish, stanzas 2-5 in English



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*

2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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¡Can - tad al Se - ñor; can - tad al Se - ñor!

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

OFFERING HYMN 817 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore –*

stanzas 1, 3, 4



1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind-ly smil - ing,



you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a-ban-doned my



small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

COMMUNION HYMN 498

United at the Table

Refrain: all sing in English | Verses: cantor sings in Spanish

Refrain / Estribillo



U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la_a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is



se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:



la_a - le - grí - a se ha - ce o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.



1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
1 We will praise God, we will sing
2 We will praise God, we will feast
3 We will praise God, we will play



a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;



por - que gran - de es el a - mor
we will praise God for the love
we will praise God and give thanks
we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo



que en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

SENDING HYMN 583

Take My Life, That I May Be

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.