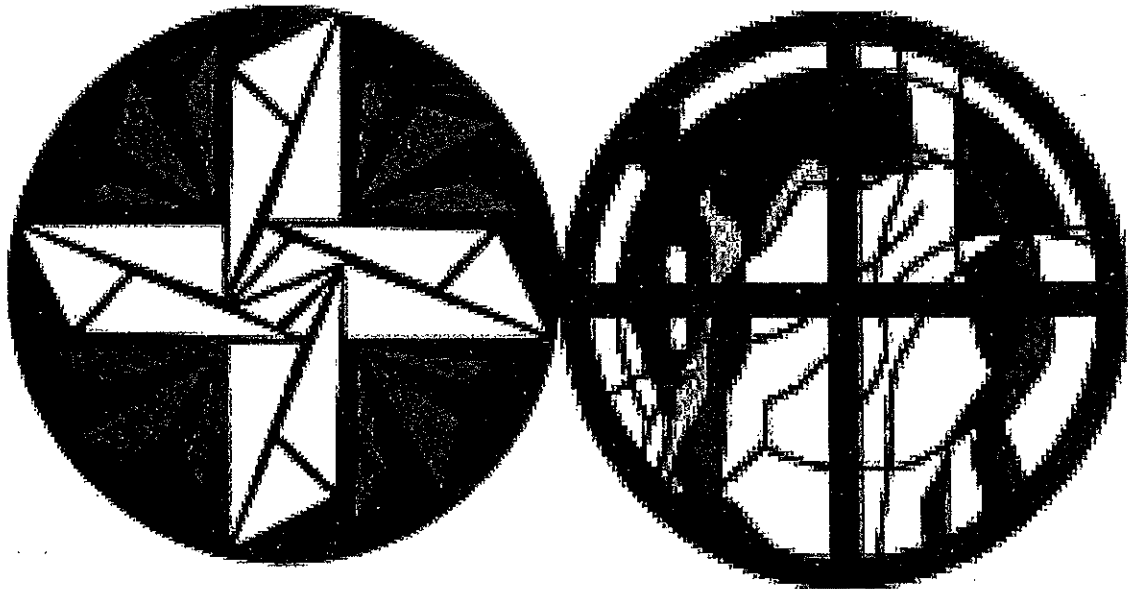


welcome to worship  
**COMMON GROUND SUNDAY**  
**Spiritual Recovery Service**

May 17, 2026



**The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement**

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Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610-2081

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The Rev. Katie Lyon ♦ Deacon Tom Yenser, director of music

Welcome to this Holy place where we meet God with all our vulnerabilities and strengths,  
with all our fears and anxieties, with all our love and hopes.

Here we do not need to hide or pretend or be anything other than who we are.

Come into this place and be touched by the Spirit who loves, forgives, and heals.

Prelude

Nocturne, Op. 72, No. 1 in E minor

Chopin

Matthew Spiegel, piano | Atonement Bach Scholarship Winner

### WE ARE WELCOMED

Centering Music

Spirit of the Living God

Iverson

F Gm<sup>7</sup>/Bb D/A Gm F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The music consists of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

F Gm<sup>7</sup>/Bb D/A Gm F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are repeated.

Bb F G<sup>7</sup> C F/C C<sup>7</sup>

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Detailed description: This system contains the third two staves of music. The top staff has a key signature change to two flats (Bb and Eb) for the first two measures, then returns to one flat. The lyrics are: 'Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.'

F Gm<sup>7</sup>/Bb D/A Gm F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of music, repeating the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are repeated.

*We say the 12 Steps together*

1. We admitted we were powerless – that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood God.
4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. We admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. We humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.
8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. We continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood God, praying only for the knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

**WE ADMIT OUR WRONGS AND ARE FORGIVEN**

*We make a public confession. During this time, we reflect on the ways that we have acted out on our character defects causing harm to our relationships with God, one another, and ourselves.*

Let us admit the exact nature of our wrongs in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination. (Think of it as a 10<sup>th</sup> Step, if that helps.)*

***We confess together:*** God of love, you have shown me your grace, you have treated me with mercy, you have forgiven all that needs to be forgiven. Help me when I don't feel enough, I hold onto things that I need to let go. Show me how to forgive others and myself. Teach me compassion. Help my arrogance turn into humility; where I doubt, give me faith, In my despair, give me hope, and always turn me toward you.

*We are forgiven:*

God, who loves us so radically, even in our faults and brokenness, sees us as we are. Perfectly imperfect and claims us as God's own. God's love comes to us through Jesus, who took our sins to the cross, and came back to bring us new life through God's family. In the name of + Jesus we are forgiven. **Amen.**

*We sing a song:*

*God So Loved*

Ed Cash, et al.

*Choir:*

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.  
Come all you sinners, come find God's mercy, come to the table; God will satisfy.  
Taste of God's goodness, find what you're looking for.

*Refrain 1 (all sing):*

♪ **For God so loved the world that God gave us the one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in him will live forever.**

*Choir:*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. |  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

*Refrain 2 (all sing):*

♪ **For God so loved the world that God gave us the one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in him will live forever.  
The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

*Choir:*

Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, praise God for the wonder and the love.

*All sing:*

♪ **Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, praise God for the wonder and the love. *Back to Refrain 2***

*Choir:*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

***We pray together:* Thank you God for loving us and showing us how to live that way towards our neighbors. Only you can take away the pain of our past and show us that we are held in that love. You have set us free to love – to love you, to love others, and to love ourselves. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

***Children's Message***

*Miss Lauryn*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*We gather to listen for the word of God in song, prayer, 12-step literature, and scripture.  
We listen to each other and to a message of delight, comfort, healing and promise.  
We listen for the very presence of God, our higher power in our midst.*

### ***Step of the Month:***

Step 5: We admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

### ***We hear a reading from 12-step Literature:***

Step Five is about hiding and coming out of hiding. It's about shame and being shamed. It's about being so naked that you have nothing to hide, and having nothing to hide, you are free from shame.

Step Five is about ending the lie. It is a difficult thing to do, not because we I know we are lying, but because we don't know what will happen when we stop lying. "Not knowing" is at the heart of surrender; "not knowing" is the key to giving up control; "not knowing" is also the key to the radical freedom offered when we work the Twelve Steps.

*-Recovery-the Sacred Art: The Twelve Steps as a Spiritual Practice  
by Rami Shapiro pp 73-74*

### ***Reflection:***

When we take Step Five, we admit the exact nature of our wrongs. The relief comes because we finally admit that we have wrongs. We have wrongs, and we are wrong sometimes. Now we don't need all the fake-perfect selves anymore. We can be whole people, a genuine mixture of good and bad. A.A. says, "We claim spiritual progress, not spiritual perfection." We can discard the cardboard cutouts [we have created about ourselves]. We can integrate all our fractional selves and have integrity as whole people, with both our good points and our bad points.

*Being Sober and Becoming Happy  
by Dr. John A MacDoughall pp 86-87*

### ***We hear a reading from Scripture:*** Psalm 51:1-2; 5-6 (The Message)

Generous in love—God, give grace! Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.  
Scrub away my guilt, soak out my shame in your laundry.  
I know how bad I've been; my wrongs are staring me down.

You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair.  
I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born.  
What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.

***We share our stories:***

*Anyone is invited to briefly share a minute or two how what they have heard makes sense in their lives, to express thanks, fear, gratitude, doubt, and witness to the hope they have heard.*

***We hear a message:***

*Pastor Molly Haggerty*

***We pray for all people, for the world, and those not with us:***

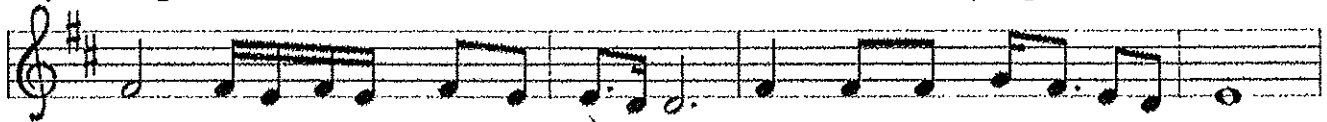
*After each prayer petition:*

**God of grace, receive our prayer.**

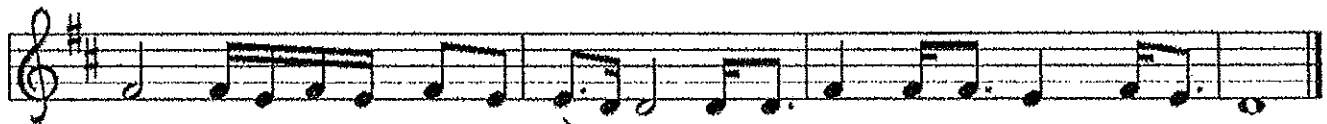
*Prayer Response*

*Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying*

*Ken Medema*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

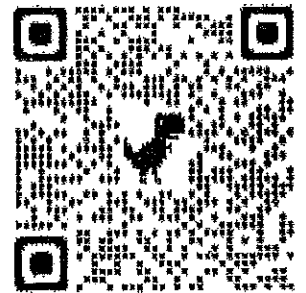


Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

***Everything in our lives— our money, our talents, our possessions, our time, and our passions— has been entrusted to us by God for use according to God’s will.***

*Generosity is a spiritual practice that acknowledges all that God has done for us and given to us. Generosity and service are inherent in Step Twelve as “we carry the message to others and practice these principles in all our affairs.”*

*Today’s offering will be split between Common Ground Recovery Community and Atonement Lutheran Church. If you brought an offering, please place it in the offering plate that the ushers will pass at this time. You can also give online by scanning the QR code.*



***Offertory***

*Adagio from Sonata No. 1*

*Bach*

*Naomi Tam, violin | Atonement Bach Scholarship Winner*

## WE SHARE A MEAL

*We eat and drink a feast together! In our communion we remember we are never alone, for God joins us in this meal, and God makes us who we are: loved and forgiven.*

*We pray the Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

*Communion Song*

*Come to the Table*

Ben McDonald, et al.

Soffa Arana Lyon, soloist

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in,  
this is where grace begins.  
We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give,  
oh, the shape that we were in.  
Just when all hope seemed lost, love opened the door for us.

*Refrain:*

Come to the table, come join the sinners who have been redeemed.  
Take your place beside the Savior, sit down and be set free. Come to the table.

Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves,  
There's no one unwelcome here  
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you, you can leave it at the door,  
And let mercy draw you near. *Refrain*

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,  
To the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older,  
All who hunger all who thirst, all the last and all the first,  
All the paupers and the princes, all who've failed you've been forgiven,  
All who dream and all who suffer, all who've loved and lost another,  
All the chained and all the free, all who follow all who lead,  
Anyone who's been let down, all the lost you have been found,  
All who've been labeled right or wrong, to everyone who hears this song. *Refrain*

**Communion Song**

**Bind Us Together**

Bob Gillman

*Refrain (all sing):*

♪ **Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord;  
Bind us together in love.**

*Choir:*

There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one Body; that is why we sing: *Refrain*  
You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire, you are God's glorious design. *Refrain*

*We say the Serenity Prayer:*

**God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to  
change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.**

*We sing Amazing Grace:*

♪ **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

## WE ARE SENT

*Having been fed and nourished by God's presence in Word and Sacrament,  
we are sent forth to love and serve others.*

### *We receive a blessing:*

May the Spirit give you grace never to sell yourself – or others - short.  
Grace to risk something big for something good.  
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth.  
And too small for anything but love.  
So may the Spirit take your mind and think through it.  
May the Spirit take your lips and speak through them.  
May the Spirit take your hands and do good with them.  
May the Spirit take your heart and set it on fire.

### *We share a sign of peace:*

The peace of the Lord is with you always. **And also with you.**

Remember, Jesus said, **“You are the light of the world”** So may your light shine brightly, reflecting God’s love wherever you go and lighting the path for others to follow.

### Assisting with Worship

MaryLou Hall, greeter ♦ Bob Eisenbrown, head usher

Common Ground Members, readers

Tyler Good, Diane Melcher, Carolyn Wheeler, Sally Youngcourt, communion assistants

Chase Ross, Zoe Shirk, nursery

Oliver Lord, Matt Shirk, sound booth

Linda Lord, altar captain ♦ Matt Lepera, sexton

Atonement Choir ♦ Sofia Arana Lyon, soloist

Today we welcome our first two Atonement Bach Scholarship winners of 2026 to our worship service. Matthew Spiegel, our piano winner, is a tenth grader at Lancaster Country Day School. Naomi Tam, who plays the violin, is also in Grade 10 and is homeschooled. Please welcome these talented young people to our church this morning!

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Our final blessing today is adapted from "Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!" by Kate Bowler p. 179.

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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 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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and thanksgiving for Cameron Frederick Scott on his baptism by his great-grandmother, Martha Hafer.

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 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.

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](mailto:jdauber@atonementwyo.org) for information.

PRESCHOOL CAMP REGISTRATION is open. Details can be found at [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org), click PRESCHOOL from the top menu, then select Preschool Classes.

A PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER is underway to resurface the playground so that it is accessible for all students. Donations may be made payable to Atonement, with playground in the check memo or notes section of online donations. YOGO CRAZY will donate 20% of your fro-yo purchase to the playground project this Wednesday, May 20, 4-9pm. Use the flyers found in the narthex, or access it on your phone by going to [atonementwyo.org](http://atonementwyo.org), click PRESCHOOL from the top menu, then Preschool HSA, and scroll down to the flyer.

OUR LANDSCAPING TEAM is looking for new members! Contact John Lehr for details at 610-304-6818 or [johnt.lehr@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://atonementwyo.org) or email Miss Lauryn at [llacis@atonementwyo.org](mailto: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.

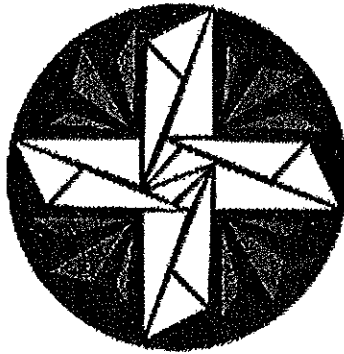
ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues next Sunday, May 24, at 9am in room F122.

JOIN US FOR HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, SNACKS, and FELLOWSHIP on the lawn after worship today. REFRESH BERKS SHOWER TRAILER will be available for viewing.

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

COMMON GROUND is collecting board games for their new drop-in center opening in June. 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. Games can be brought to Atonement next Sunday, May 24.

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.



# common ground

recovery community

There are two places where **COMMON GROUND** meets for worship:  
Atonement Wyomissing - Wednesday at 7:00 PM  
Trinity Reading – Worship Sunday at 2pm, meals to-go at 2:30pm

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ALL OUR WORSHIP  
SERVICES AND EVENTS!!!**

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or Pastor Molly Haggerty at [mhaggerty@atonementwyo.org](mailto:mhaggerty@atonementwyo.org)

**STARTING June 1st, 2026 - Trinity Reading Schedule Change**

1-2 pm – Food/Clothing Distribution  
1-3 pm – Refresh Berks showers  
2-4 pm – Pastoral care, social/emotional/educational/spiritual activities  
4 pm – 12-Step Recovery Worship  
4:30 pm – Meal

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