

welcome to worship
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
(FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)
April 26, 2026



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The assembly's responses are in bold print.
The assembly gathers outside, weather permitting.

WELCOME AND MORTGAGE BURNING

Pastor Katie

The assembly processes into the nave.

GATHERING HYMN 376

Thine Is the Glory

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

Acts 2:42-47 (The Message)

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

A reading from Acts.

⁴² [The baptized] committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

⁴³⁻⁴⁵ Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

⁴⁶⁻⁴⁷ They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! – Stanzas 1 & 4

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10 (The Message)

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

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

10 ¹⁻⁵ “Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If someone climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know that person is up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to the shepherd and the sheep recognize the shepherd’s voice. The shepherd calls the sheep by name and leads them out. When the sheep are all out, the shepherd leads them and they follow because they are familiar with the shepherd’s voice. They won’t follow a stranger’s voice but will scatter because they aren’t used to the sound of it.”

⁶⁻¹⁰ Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. So he tried again. “I’ll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good—sheep rustlers, every one of them. But the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

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

SERMON

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

IONA CREED

Let us affirm our faith together:

We believe that God is present in the darkness before the dawn: in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability...

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line: to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation: to stand with those on the edge, to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God’s new community of hope. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes Merciful God, receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude ... through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. 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.



OFFERTORY

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Roberts

Atonement Choir | Joanna Gardner, flute

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care.
In thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou has bought us thine we are.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou has bought us thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will.
Do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Words by Dorothy Ann Thrupp, 1779-1847

The assembly stands.

HOLY COMMUNION

Following the words of institution...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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.

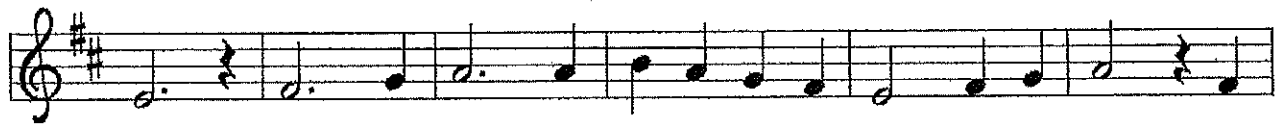
Please take a moment to sign and pass the attendance pads found in the pews, check in to Atonement on your favorite social media platform, share a photo with your digital community, and say something gentle in the spirit of Jesus!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God



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



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



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELW 502 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW 362 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessed are we in our fear and inadequacy. Blessed are we by the faith God gives us. Blessed are we that we received the gift of hope – the beginning of the end of sin and death. We follow God as best we can with all the humility we can manage. Jesus came back to us. We are blessed in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 384

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Powell

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

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Assisting with Worship

MaryLou Hall, greeter ♦ Fred Kofke, head usher ♦ Sandy Kern, lector
Cara Pepper, Tracy Ravert, Carolyn Wheeler, Sally Youngecourt, communion assistants
Pastor Molly Haggerty, presiding minister ♦ Caitlyn and Ainsley Marrella, nursery
Mick Bryan, Tom Endy, sound booth
Atonement Choir ♦ Joanna Gardner, flute
Susan Mehos, altar captain ♦ Dami Johnson-Agiri, sexton

This morning we welcome Pastor Molly Haggerty, our Transitional Director for Community Engagement, as presiding minister.

Pastor Molly has served as a Pastor and Deacon in the ELCA in PA and WI since 2009. She has worked in children, youth, and family ministries for 30 years along with Disability Advocacy. She brings years of experience in small group ministries focusing on healing, grief/loss and trauma issues.

“I am so excited to join the Atonement community! There is such a sense of peace when entering the building - it is such an invitation to be a part of the ministries. It really feels like come as you are, share Christ’s story, and be community together. We can listen and dream together on ways the Spirit is moving us into community engagement.”

Molly is a self-taught artist, and enjoys camping, reading, and going on adventures with her adult children and their partners. We heal through laughter, learning and loving deeply.

Katie Lyon, *Pastor*

Molly Haggerty, *Transitional Director for Community Engagement*

Tom Yenser, *Deacon*

Jen Dauber, *Preschool Director*

Lauryn Lacis, *Director of Children’s Ministry*

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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.

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 Tuesday—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 FOR COMMON GROUND can be placed in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2026-27 school year is open! Email Mrs. Dauber at jdauber@atonementwyo.org for more information.

PRESCHOOL CAMP REGISTRATION is open. Details can be found at 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.

OUR LANDSCAPING TEAM is looking for new members! Contact John Lehr for details at 610-304-6818 or johnt.lehr@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS in their first three years are available for Atonement members! Details and application can be found at atonementwyo.org, click MINISTRIES from the top menu, then Children / Youth for the link to the higher education awards.

“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 or email Miss Lauryn at llacis@atonementwyo.org to register or for additional details.

MONETARY DONATIONS for April & Billy Mulvey to cover expenses while they are in Seattle for health consultations and testing can be made payable to Atonement with APRIL MULVEY in the check memo or comment section of online contributions. Call the office with questions.

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.

Thine Is the Glory

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! – Stanzas 1 and 4



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

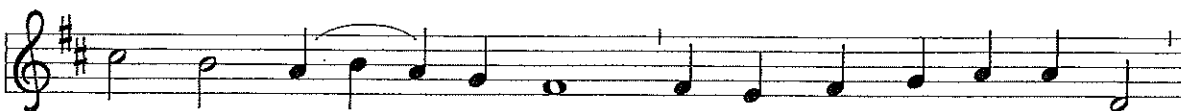
5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



- our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



- flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Mighty victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
 this alone can sin destroy!
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!