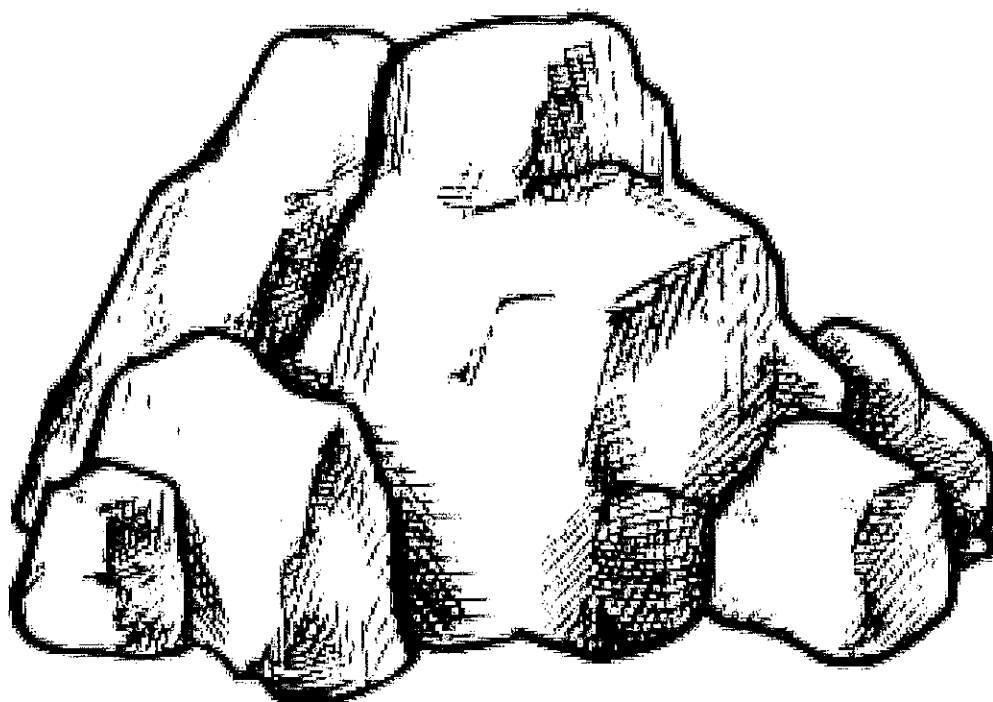


welcome to worship
TIME AFTER PENTECOST
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PRELUDE

Built on the Rock

Christiansen

WELCOME

Deacon Tom

GATHERING HYMN 654

The Church's One Foundation – stanzas 1, 2, 5

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: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Miss Lauryn

SONG

Jesus Is the Rock

Refrain: ♪ **Jesus is a rock, and he rolls my blues away – bop shoo bop, bop shoo bop!**
(all sing) (repeat 3x)

Song leader: When you wake up in the morning, and the sky ain't bright and blue

All: **Bop shoo bop, bop shoo bop!**

Song leader: When you wake up in the morning, and the big world's after you

All: **Bop shoo bop, bop shoo bop!**

Song leader: When you wake up in the morning, Jesus gonna pull you through

All: **Bop shoo bop, bop shoo bop! Refrain**

Song leader: When you look in a mirror, and your face causes it to crack

All: **Bop shoo bop, bop shoo bop!**

Song leader: When you're through with your day, and you feel like you've been attacked

All: **Bop shoo bop, bop shoo bop!**

Song leader: Well, Jesus gonna love you, baby, now that's a fact

All: **Bop shoo bop, bop shoo bop! Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20 (The Message)

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

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

¹³ When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

¹⁵ He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, *really* are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

¹⁹ "And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven."

²⁰ He swore the disciples to secrecy. He made them promise they would tell no one that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tom

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*The prayers conclude ... All this we ask in the name of your Son, 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

Who Do You Say I Am?

author unknown

Song leader: Who do you say I am, now that the blind can see,
Now that the lame can walk, now that the leper is healed?
Who do you say I am, now that I've calmed the rough waves,
Now that I've fed you my Word, now that I've shown you the Way?
Who do you say I am? Who do you say I am?

Who do you say I am, now that I've promised to save,
Now that your life can be changed, now that I rose from the grave?
Who do you say I am, you've seen the power in me,
Power that brings you new life. The new life I offer is free.
Who do you say I am? Who do you say I am?

All sing: ♪ **You are the Lord, you are the Christ, you are the Holy Messiah,
Who was promised to us from days of old.
You are the Lord, you are the Christ, you are the Holy Messiah,
We will follow you all of our lives. Repeat several times**

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.**

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

ELW 623 *Rock of Ages* | ELW 652 *Built on a Rock*

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

GODSPEED

Godspeed to Emily Shirk and Elise Wang who begin a year of service with Lutheran Volunteer Corps.

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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 597

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less – stanzas 1, 3, 4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Bring forth the kingdom of God! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Temples Eternal

Christiansen

Assisting with Worship

Robin Border, greeter ♦ Usher Team 5

C. Louise Fair, lector ♦ Ellen Bryan, assisting minister

Max Romig, sound booth

Tyler Good, Tom Herman, Susan Ziemer, Tom Ziemer, communion assistants

Linda Lord, altar captain ♦ Matt Lepera, sexton

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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. The nursery will not be staffed for the summer, but the PRIVACY ROOM at the back of the church is available for families who would like a little extra wiggles room.

CHURCH NURSERY will return for 10:00am worship on Sunday, September 13.

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.

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.

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues throughout the summer at 9am in room F122.

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

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE – Saturday, August 29, 9am-4pm. \$20 includes breakfast, snack, and entry into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Michaels. Bring your favorite craft or several, and spend the day creating and enjoying fellowship with other crafters. Maybe you'll even get inspired to try something new. The proceeds will help our quilting group pay for supplies and for shipping the quilts around the world. Invite friends, co-workers, and family to join us! Please sign up in the narthex, on the Facebook Event, or call the Church office. Signing up helps us figure out how much food we will need. Come and be crafty with us!

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.

ISAAC'S FUNDRAISER FOR CROP Hunger WALK is Thursday, August 27, 11am-7:30pm. Grab a flyer in the narthex, or use your phone to show the online flyer at atonementwyo.org/volunteer-1 when you order. Follow the directions on the flyer and Isaac's will donate 15% of dine-in, take-out, and catering orders to Berks CROP Hunger Walk.

ISAAC'S FUNDRAISER FOR FAMILY PROMISE is Monday, August 31. Flyers are available in the narthex, and online at atonementwyo.org/volunteer-1. Follow the directions on the flyer and Isaac's will donate 15% of dine-in, take-out, and catering orders to Family Promise of Berks County.

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 memo or notes field for online donations.

PRESCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CARNIVAL will be after worship September 13. Everyone is invited to join us for food, games and prizes, music, and face painting.

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS for the READING FIGHTIN PHILS are available in the narthex for August 27. First come - first served.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet Tuesday, September 8.

USHERS NEEDED! Ushering is a great way to meet people and serve the Atonement community. The commitment is about one week per month. Ushering can also be a way for students to earn service hours and gain leadership experience required for National Honor Society and scholarship opportunities. Contact the office if you have questions or would like to be added to one of our usher teams.

PICKLEBALL continues in the Atonement gym Sunday afternoons at 2:00. All ages and abilities are welcomed!

JOIN US IN THE NARTHEX AFTER WORSHIP for fellowship and snacks provided by our Sunday Snack Pack.

STEWARDSHIP will be set up in the narthex after worship today. Stop by the table to see how you can REACH OUT with us this fall!



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

SENDING HYMN 597

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less —

stanzas 1, 3, 4



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



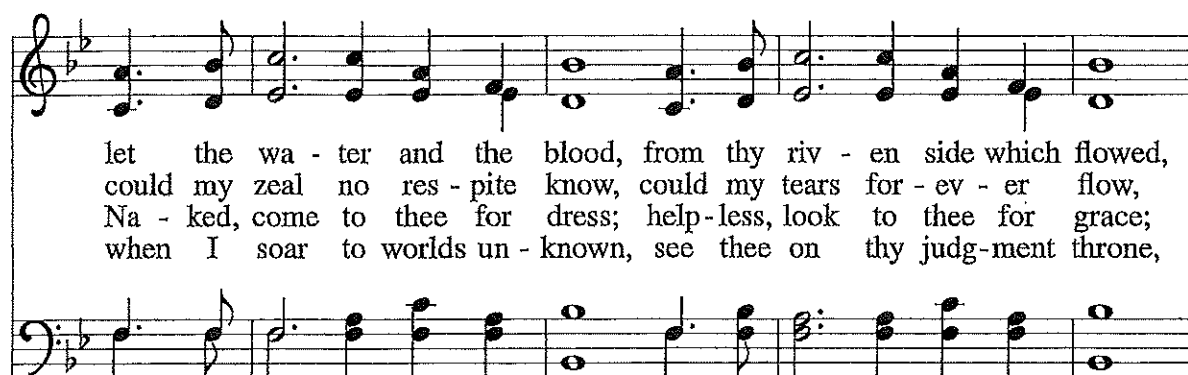
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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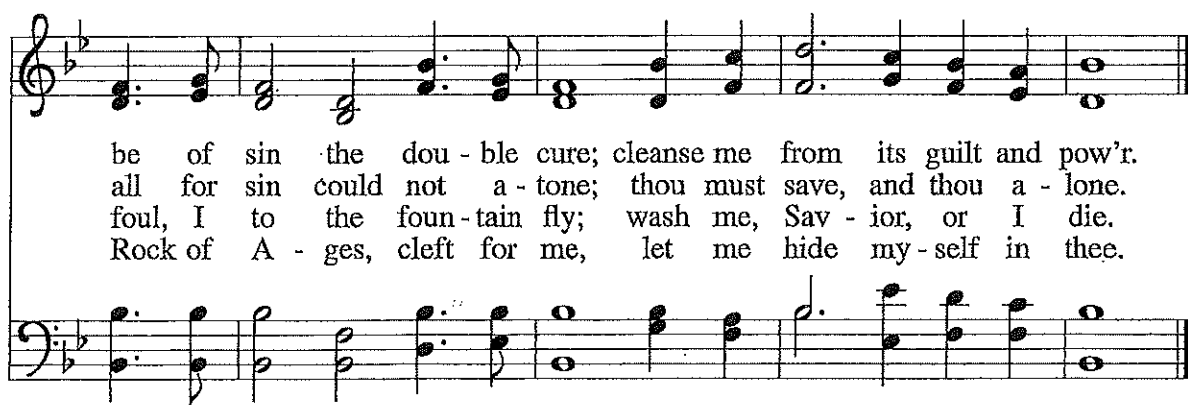
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

Built on a Rock



- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
- 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
- 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
- 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
- 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing—call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.

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