

welcome to worship

BEAR CREEK CAMP SUNDAY

April 19, 2026



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement

5 Wyomissing Boulevard

Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610-2081

610-375-3512 ♦ www.atonementwyo.org

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

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. George & Kartsonakis

WELCOME

Deacon Tom

GATHERING SONG 857

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Collin Grooms

Executive Director of Bear Creek Camp

READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-42 (The Message)

^{14a}Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency:

³⁶“All Israel, know this: There’s no longer room for doubt—God made him Master and Messiah, this Jesus whom you killed on a cross.”

³⁷Cut to the quick, those who were there listening asked Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers! Brothers! So now what do we do?”

³⁸⁻³⁹Peter said, “Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away—whomever, in fact, our Master God invites.”

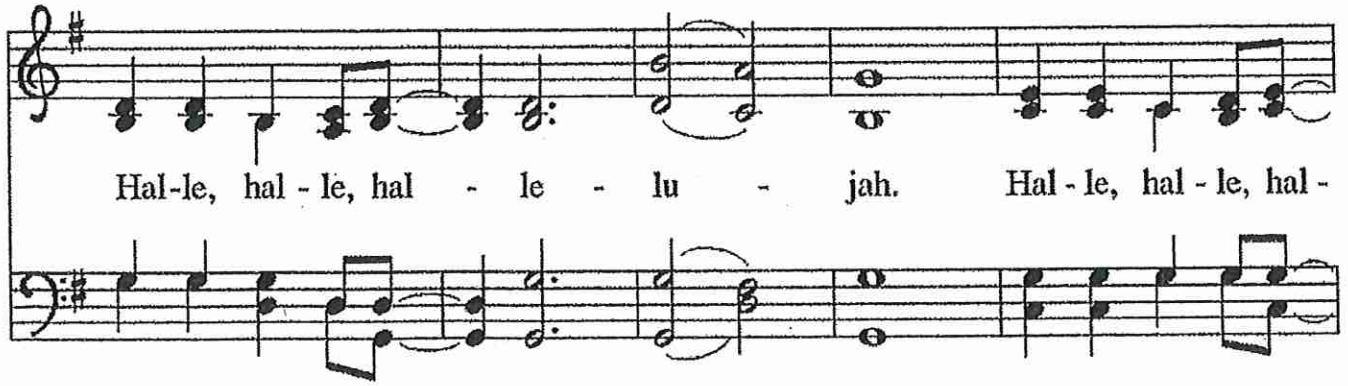
⁴⁰He went on in this vein for a long time, urging them over and over, “Get out while you can; get out of this sick and stupid culture!”

⁴¹⁻⁴²That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

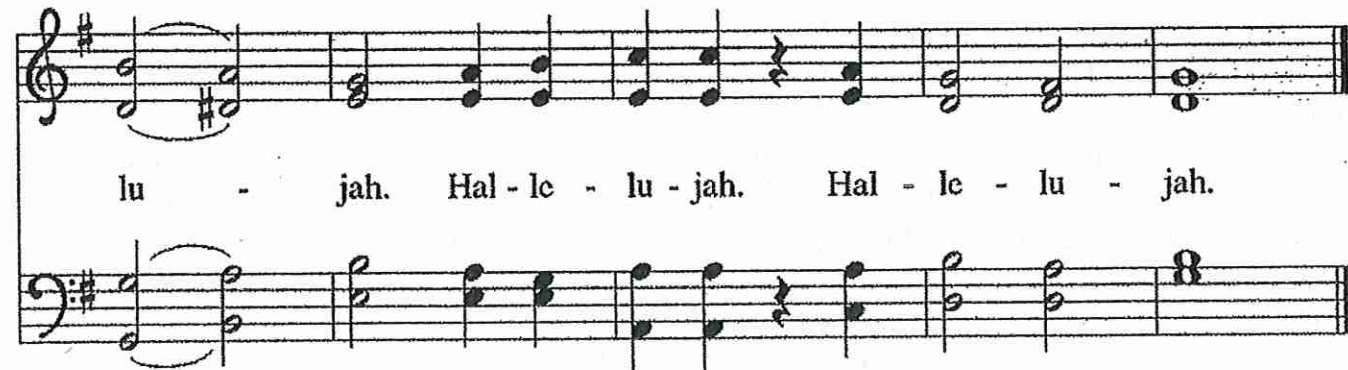
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

¹³⁻¹⁶That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

¹⁹⁻²⁴He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

²⁵⁻²⁷Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

²⁸⁻³¹They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

³²Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?"

³³⁻³⁴They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!"

³⁵Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

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

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.



OFFERING SONG

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**

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

Pretty Style

Refrain: ♪ Alleluia, allelu... alleluia, alleluia
 Alleluia, allelu... alleluia, allelu... alleluia.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see, alleluia. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong, alleluia. *Refrain*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see, alleluia. *Refrain*

Seek Ye First

♪ **Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

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 SONG 866

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Stanza 1: marching | Stanza 2: singing | Stanza 3: praying | Stanza 4: dancing

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

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Kartsonakis

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" Caribbean traditional, arranged by Mark Sedio. ©1995 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-742295.

"Open Our Eyes, Lord," words and music by Bob Cull. ©1976 Maranatha Music, admin. The Copyright Company. All rights reserved. Used by permission. CCLI License #2779230.

"Seek Ye First," words and music by Karen Lafferty. ©1972 Maranatha Music, admin. The Copyright Company. All rights reserved. Used by permission. CCLI License #2779230.

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

Scripture taken from THE MESSAGE, copyright © 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002. Used by permission of NavPress Publishing Group.

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #20325. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Assisting with Worship

Ron and Tammy Foreman, greeters ♦ Youth Usher Team ♦ Cara Pepper, lector

Susan Beam, C. Louise Fair, Patty Lehr, Diame Melcher, Tyler Good, communion assistants

Collin Grooms, preacher ♦ Pastor John Richter, presiding minister ♦ Frank & Victoria Mercuri, nursery

Karl Allmendinger, Max Romig, sound booth ♦ Susan Mehos, altar captain ♦ Pat Noll, sexton

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 made be made payable to Atonement, with playground in the check memo or notes section of online donations.

FAMILY PROMISE Monday Meal Ministry will be hosted by Atonement April 20. Use the sign-up on the volunteer page of atonementwyo.org. FAMILY PROMISE BREAKFAST & FUNDRAISER will be Saturday, April 26 in Lundin Hall. Additional details can be found on the home page of atonementwyo.org

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.

Sunday, April 26 - HOLOCAUST PRESENTATION (Part 2). Leah Leisawitz will return for adult Faith Formation, 8:45-9:45am in the nave, to continue the story of her great-grandparents, both Holocaust survivors. Part 2 will focus on the story of her great-grandfather.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration is open! This year's curriculum, created by ELCA World Hunger, is called At The Table, and it teaches children how storytelling can make a difference in your neighborhood and the world. 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.

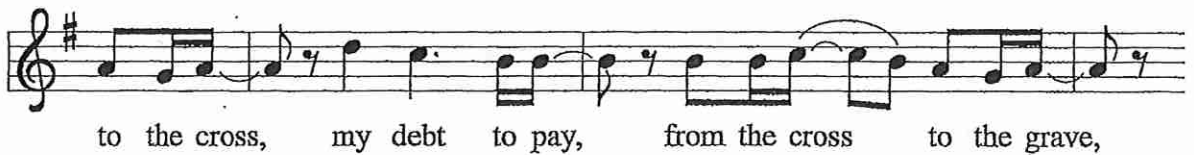
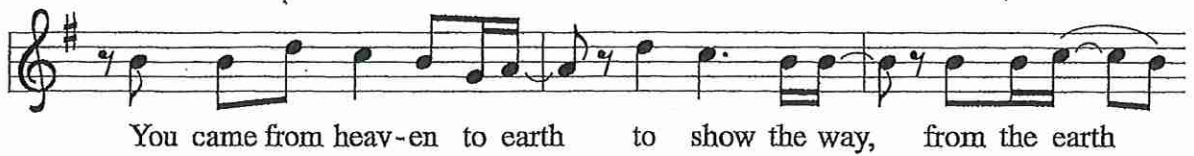
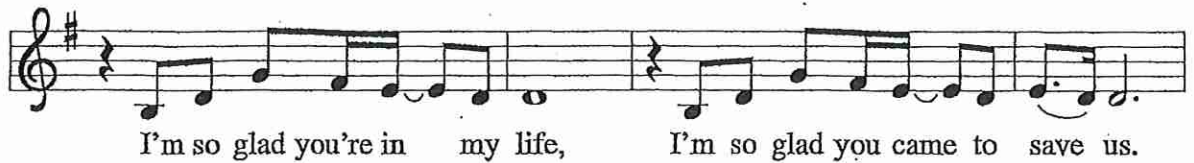
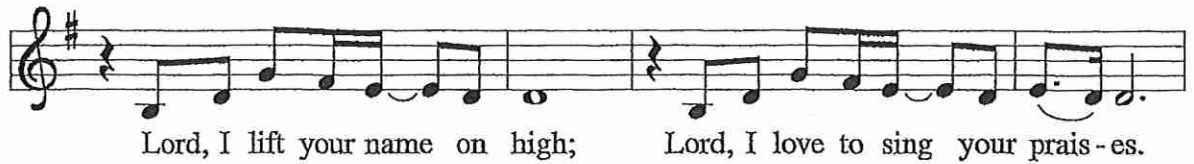
PASTOR MOLLY HAGGERTY will be joining our staff as the Transitional Director for Community Engagement. She begins Monday, April 20. We are excited for this new 18 month position and the gifts that Pastor Molly brings.

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.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

857



Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

Text and music © 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc, admin. Music Services

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME
PM

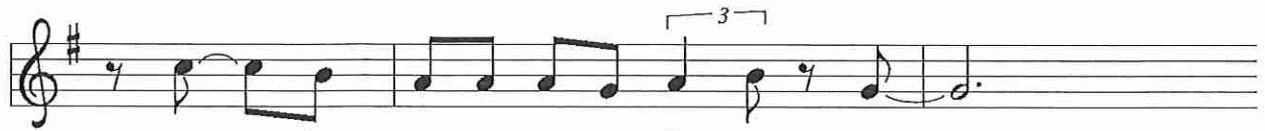
866 We Are Marching in the Light of God



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



we are march - ing in the light of God.



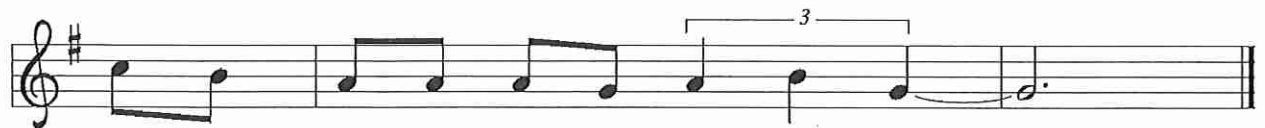
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are singing... | We are praying... | We are dancing...