

Atonement Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 10th
Sixth Week of Easter
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHORAL ANTHEM:

Borning Cry
Arr. Sherri Hansen
The Atonement Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

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1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

God of all mercy...

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

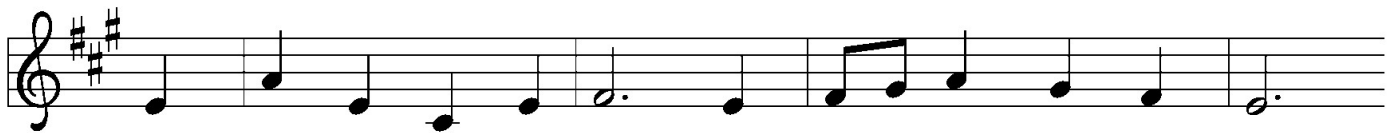
have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God...

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN (V.1,2,4,5) Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW 669



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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GREETING

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The grace...

And also with you.

KYRIE

□ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. □ For the

▣ Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

□ For the peace of the whole

▣ Lord, have mer - cy.

world, for the well - be - ing of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of

all, let us pray to the Lord. □ For this ho - ly

▣ Lord, have mer - cy.

house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mer - cy. A - men

☐ Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

☐ A - men

☐ Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

☐ A - men

■ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

□ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

■ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

□ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 ☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 ☐ For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 ☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of
 vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

O God...
Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

A reading from Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM:

Children of the Heavenly Father
Arr. Michael D. Costello
The Atonement Choir

PSALM 66:7-18

Bless our God, you people;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

**who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the snare
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in
trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.

**If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**

but in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

PEACE

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The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Let us pray.
Good Shepherd,
you spread a table before us. We offer you the gifts of this money, bread, and wine, signs of your gracious love, and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Blessed are you...

This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God*

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☐ 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.

COMMUNION HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father*

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Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

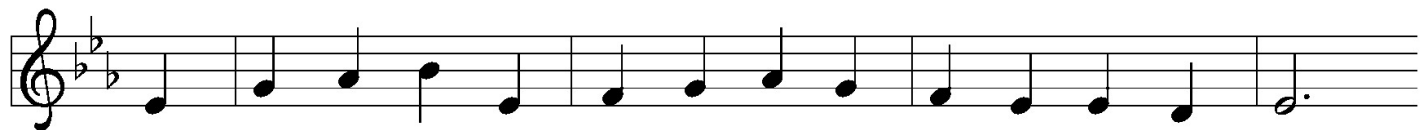
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Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

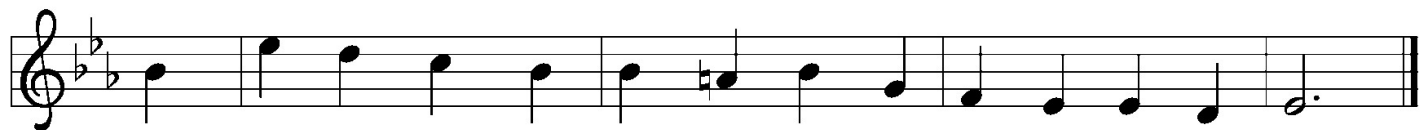
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COMMUNION HYMN *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

ELW 863



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



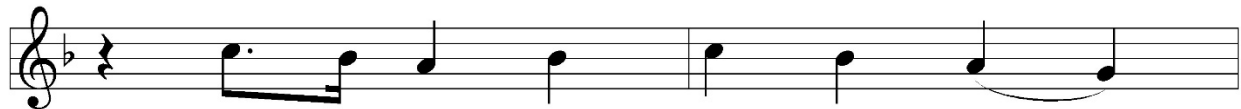
How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
 bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863

Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

CANTICLE *Thankful Hearts*

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☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;



tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.
(Lent) A - men, a - men.

PRAYER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

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BENEDICTION

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SENDING HYMN *O Zion, Haste*

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1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

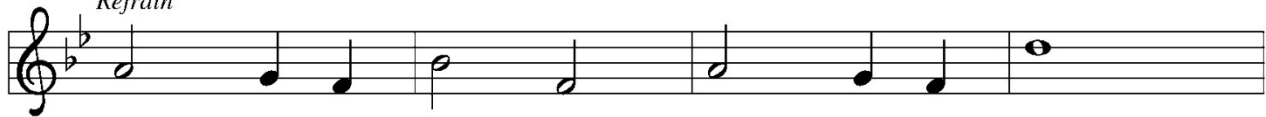


that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923

Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEWS AND UPDATES:

PRAYER LIST

Anthony S. and his family	Rita T.	Kitty R.
Aubrey F.	Christopher E.	Lainey M.
Becca S.	Jerome J. & Family	Angie F.
Lisa F.	Tristan P	Pat & Brian R.
Mimi & DJ	Tom K.	Wanda J.
Tony V.	Jane A.	Mark A.
Gayle K.	Bonnie S.	Karen C.
Bob E.	Angie L.	

ADULT EDUCATION

It's Summer Break! We will be off until next September when we will start another season of Adult Ed sessions.

BWCA CANOE TRIPS

There will be 3 canoe trips to the Boundary Water's Canoe Area this summer July 23rd – July 26th, July 30th- August 2nd, August 6th – August 9th. Check with Pastor Tim or Pastor John for details. Registration is available on the Atonement Lutheran website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for Rainforest Falls VBS 2026, where all children ages 3 through Grade 6 are welcome — June 8–11 from 9:00 am to noon at Atonement Lutheran Church, 1144 29th Ave N., St. Cloud. Registration is free; sign up online or pick up a form in the church office. Questions? Call or text Lisa at 320-761-9541 or Mata at 320-252-6203 x115.

DONATIONS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please sign up to bring food and supply items for VBS. Shelf stable items can be brought any time (crackers, chips, fruit cups, etc.), perishable or frozen items, ideally Sunday 6/7, but no earlier than the week before, unless arrangements are made. Reminder tags are provided for your use. Questions may be directed to Kay Defries. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex with the donation box located below the table.

VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS TO PREP AND SERVE FOOD

Four volunteers each day are needed from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. We will serve a morning snack and lunch. Please sign up for as many days as you are able. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

NEW DIRECTORY!!

New Directory! Plan to have your picture taken before or after worship on Wednesdays or Sundays, May 13-June 14. No appointment needed. If you want to use your existing directory photo, please still stop to verify information and give your opinion about nametags.