Atonement Lutheran Church

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Sunday, October 18, 2026
21st Week of Pentecost
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GATHERING SONG *I Saw the Light*

Verse 1
I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night-
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
Chorus

Chorus
I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night;
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight-
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Verse 2
Just like a blind man I wandered along,
worries and fears I claimed for my own;
Then, like the blind man that God gave back his sight-
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
Chorus

Verse 3
I was a fool to wander and stray,
for straight is the gate and narrow the way;
now I have traded the wrong for the right-
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
Final Chorus

Final Chorus
I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night;
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight-
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night;
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight-
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

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Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Hank Williams Sr.
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WELCOME

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.
Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Have mercy, O God,
against you, you alone,
we have sinned.
In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.
Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.
Amen.

As tender…
Blessed be God forever.

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
   whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
   and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
   and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
   and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
   and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
   and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
   the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
   and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
   I give you a title, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
   besides me there is no god.
   I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
   and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
   I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
   I make weal and create woe;
   I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

HEALING LITANY

Introduction

Prayers of Intercession

…In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Laying On of Hands Healing

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Receive this oil
as a sign of forgiveness and healing
in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *When It's All Been Said and Done*

Verse 1
Well, I could talk for hours about his coming, but the louder that I speak
I just go deaf against his call.
And I could pray for years,
I could bind my ills and my fears,
and even believe I have the answers to it all.
Chorus 1

Verse 2
Well, I could sing his praise, I could tithe my life away, to build a church
that stands much taller than the rest
or I could speak a language.
That only few could understand
or write a book that tells the world my way's the best.
Chorus 1

Verse 3
And when the time arrives to leave behind our early lives.
And go before the God that calls our souls to be.
Will you answer, Lord, I knew you well I walked your way.
I lived a life that caused another man to see.

Verse 4
Now you can spend your time,
turning your tricks for all mankind.
And you can base your life on meaningless reward.
But a wiser man is he,
who knows himself eternally.
And sees his value not in life but in his Lord.
Chorus 2

Chorus 1
But when it's all been said, and when it's all been done, He'll ask me,
"Did you go my way child,
did you know my Son?"
When it's all been said, and when it's all been done, He'll ask me,
"Did you find your way within my Son?"

Chorus 2
'Cuz when it's all been said,
and when it's all been done,
He'll ask me,
"Did you go my way child did you know my Son?"
When it's all been said, and when it's all been done, He'll ask me,
"Did you find your way within my Son?"

When it's all been said,
and when it's all been done,
He'll ask me,
"Did you go my way child did you know my Son?"
When it's all been said, and when it's all been done, He'll ask me,
"Did you find your way within my Son?
Did you find your way within my Son?"

Phillip Sandifer, Rene Sandifer
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Closing of Healing Litany

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING (SUNDAY ONLY)

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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 SONG *I Shall Not Be Moved*

Verse 1
Glory hallelujah, I shall not be moved;
Anchored in Jehovah, I shall not be moved;
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved
Chorus

Verse 2
In His love abiding, I shall not be moved.
And in Him confiding, I shall not be moved;
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved.
Chorus

Verse 3
Tho all hell assail me, I shall not be moved;
Jesus will not fail me, I shall not be moved;
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved.
Chorus

Verse 4
Tho the tempest rages, I shall not be moved;
On the Rock of Ages, I shall not be moved;
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved.
Chorus (repeat x2)

Chorus
I shall not be, I shall not be moved.
I shall not be, I shall not be moved.
Just like a tree that's been planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved.

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COMMUNION SONG (SUNDAY ONLY) *Thy Word*

Chorus
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Verse 1

Verse 1
When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.
Chorus

Verse 2
I will not forget
Your love for me,
and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
and hold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end.
Chorus

Verse 3
When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.
Chorus (Repeat x2)

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BLESSING

SENDING SONG *This Little Light of Mine*

Verse 1
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2
Hide it under a bushel no,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel no,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel no,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3
Don't let Satan blow it out,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 4
Let it shine till Jesus comes,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine tell Jesus comes,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine tell Jesus comes,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine let it shine, let it shine.

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DISMISSAL

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

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NEWS AND UPDATES:

PRAYER LIST

Robert K.	Eric C.	Angie L.
Kaye J.	Linda S.	Angie F.
Ben M.	Gayle K.	Mark A.
Karen C.	Tom K.	Lainey M.
Rita T.	Joel L.	Becca S.

ADULT EDUCATION

Aslan Health combines affordable primary care with Christian service to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people in the St. Cloud area. Medical Director, Rebecca White, CNP, will share why the clinic was founded, whom it serves, and how community partnerships, volunteers, and donors help make quality healthcare accessible to uninsured and underinsured neighbors. She will also share patient stories and ways the community can become involved. Join us!

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 30th will be **Trunk N Treat, 6-7pm**. Anyone who would like to use their trunk for treats for students, please let Mata Carlson know. If you would like to donate candy that will be given to those who have trunks open, please drop them off at the church office. Treats must be prewrapped. If you would like to sign up to disburse candy from your trunk the sign up sheets are in the narthex. We ask that all cars be set up by 5:45pm.

ALL SAINTS WORSHIP

Atonement Lutheran Church will celebrate All Saints' Day in worship on *both* **Wednesday, October 28th (6:30 pm) and Sunday, November 1st (9:00 am).** We hope you will join us in worship to observe this holy day.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Starting this week, you will be receiving a letter and RSVP from the Stewardship Committee regarding Consecration. Please return your RSVP card to the office whether you will be attending on Wednesday or Sunday and bring your 2027 pledge card with you to Consecration services Wednesday, November 4th and Sunday, November 8th.

FARE FOR ALL

The Food Group is at Atonement on **October 22nd, 3–5pm**. Spread the word! You do not need to "qualify", there is no registration and there is no limit to purchases. Questions can be addressed to Kathy Matthies and Jan Keaveny.

REFORMATION

The liturgical color for Reformation is red, in keeping with Atonement tradition please wear red when you come to service on October 21st or October 25th.

INSPIRING HOPE BREAKFAST

The Inspiring Hope breakfast is being held October 28th at The Park Event Center in Waite Park. If you would like attend let Pastor Tim or the Office know by Wednesday, October 21st.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Anna Marie's Alliance provides safety, shelter, support, and referral services to individuals and families experiencing relationship abuse. Since 1979, Anna Marie's Alliance has served more than 22,000 victim-survivors of relationship abuse. Their team provides intervention in crisis situations and education that prevents relationship violence. Youth programming, advocacy services, and referrals for clients to partner organizations are just some examples of their work.

DONATION OF THE MONTH

October's Donation of the Month will be items needed for **DOMUS HOUSE.** Domus is a temporary, service enriched, shared living Transitional Housing Program designed for adult mothers 18 and older with custody of their children ages 0-12.

They request donations of **personal care items for both children and adults** such as deodorant, shaving lotion and razors, shampoo/conditioner, soap, and toothpaste. Place items in the Donation Center.

ADVENT TEA OPPORTUNITY

The Advent Tea is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th. Faye Matson and Linda Malvin have served as chairs of the Advent Tea for more than a decade. We thank them for their leadership and extend kudos for their commitment to this annual event. The opportunity to shadow their efforts and assume their roles for the future is now available. Please let them know. Faye 320-260-2059, Linda Malvin 320-309-9082.

ROLLING INTO ANOTHER SEASON OF LEFSE!

Sign up for one shift or several, and know that all proceeds benefit local non-profit social service organizations. Questions? Call Eric Vollen at 651-272-9132 or Jon Ness at 651-472-4628, or email nessvollen@gmail.com.