

Atonement Lutheran Church

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GATHERING SONG *Pass It On*

Verse 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to ev'ryone,
you want to pass it on.

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

Verse 3

I wish for you, my friend,
This happiness that I've found.
You can depend on Him,
it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain-top,
I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Verse 4

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to ev'ryone,
you want to pass it on.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy...

Amen.

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: Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge
the earth.**

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the people with equity.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

LITANY OF HEALING

Introduction

Prayers of Intercession

...The Spirit intercedes for us,

With sighs too deep for words to express.

Laying On of Hands

Those who wish to come forward to receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*May you be filled with the **love** of God the Father, the **grace** of Jesus Christ, and the **healing power** of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Great Thou Art*

Verse 1

O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed!

Chorus

Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!

Verse 2

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze.

Verse 3

And when I think
that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in-
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin!

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
in humble adoration
and there proclaim,
my God, how great Thou art!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG *Believe For It*

Verse 1

They say this mountain can't be moved.
They say these chains will never break.
But they don't know You like we do.
There is power in Your name.

Verse 2

Verse 2

We've heard that there is no way through.
We've heard the tide will never change.
They haven't seen what You can do.
There is power in Your name.
So much power in Your name.

Chorus

Verse 3

We know that hope is never lost.
Oh, for there is still an empty grave.
There is power in Your name.
So much power in Your name.

Chorus

Verse 4

You are the way when there seems to be no way.
We trust in You; God You have the final say.
You are the way when there seems to be no way.
We trust in You; God You have the final say.

Chorus

Chorus

Move the immovable,
break the unbreakable.
God we believe, God we believe for it.
From the impossible
we'll see a miracle.
God we believe, God we believe for it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG *The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)*

Verse 1

Father, let your kingdom come.
Father, let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven,
right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.
Father, let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven,
right here in my heart.

Chorus

Verse 2

Father, let your kingdom come.
Father let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven,
right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.
Father, let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven,
right here in my heart.

Chorus

Verse 3

It's yours, it's yours,
all yours, all yours.
The kingdom, the power,
the glory are yours.

It's yours, it's yours,
all yours, all yours.
Forever and ever
the kingdom is yours.

Chorus

Verse 4

Father, let your kingdom come.
Father, let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven,
right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.
Father, let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven,
right here in my heart.

On Earth as in Heaven,
right here in my heart.

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us, forgive us
as we forgive the ones who sinned
against us; forgive them.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
Let your kingdom come.

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COMMUNION SONG *I Can Only Imagine*

Verse 1

I can only imagine
what it will be like
when I walk by Your side.
I can only imagine
what my eyes will see
when Your face is before me.
I can only imagine.

Chorus 1

Verse 2

I can only imagine.
when that day comes
and I find myself standing in the Son.
I can only imagine
when all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You.
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.

Chorus 2

Chorus 1

Surrounded by Your glory,
what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You, Jesus,
or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence
or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.

Chorus 2

Surrounded by Your glory,
what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You, Jesus,
or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence
or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.
(Repeat)

I can only imagine, yeah,
I can only imagine.
I can only imagine.
I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You.
I can only imagine.

Bart Millard
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *America the Beautiful*

Verse 1

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!

Verse 2

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare of freedom beat, across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

Verse 3

O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!

Verse 4

O beautiful for glory-tale Of liberating strife
When once and twice, for man's avail men lavished precious life!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
Till selfish gain no longer strain the banner of the free!

Verse 5

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEWS AND UPDATES:

PRAYER LIST

The Family of Barb Meyer	Mindy	Kitty R.
The Family of Tom Bevans	Baby Kalha	Lainey M.
Julie H.	Deon C.	Angie F.
Christopher	Patsy M.	Pat & Brian R.
Jane A.	Dennis D.	Traci N.
Barb B.	Jeffrey A.	Mark A.
Stacey R.	Bob E.	Eric P.

ADULT EDUCATION

When to Give Up the Keys?

Giving up driving is often a hard decision for older adults. Our own Mata Carlson will tell us why she decided to give up driving in her seventies, what people need to think about when considering the decision, and the advantages of not driving. Mata will explain Dial-A-Ride, a community transport option she has used since 2019. Do you have concerns about a family member or a friend who is driving but shouldn't be? This session will give you tips about the conversation you need to have. Come to learn about this challenge and to discuss.

AN EVENING OF CHORAL MUSIC FOR THE FOOD SHELF

Saturday, November 22, 7 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud

You're invited to a special concert benefiting Catholic Charities Food Shelf. Hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this evening brings together five local choirs, including our own Atonement Choir.

The concert is free to attend. Nonperishable food and cash donations are encouraged to support Catholic Charities Food Shelf.

Come and share in an evening of inspiring music, generosity, and community spirit!

ADVENT CELEBRATION

Our Advent Tea Celebration will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 10:00-12:00. Please plan to come and **invite your neighbors, friends, and family**. We will serve coffee, punch and Christmas goodies in the Fellowship Hall as our gift to the community. There will be Crafts and Homemade goodies, White Elephant items and our delicious Atonement Lefse for sale. **Please mark your calendars!**

Note: We have a limited amount of space for the White Elephant sale items. Items that have not sold well in the past are books, glassware such as vases and mugs. We ask that you do not donate these items.