



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

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Sunday, March 22, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship at Atonement

- *We are delighted to have you worship at Atonement today. Wherever you are on your journey of faith and life, we extend to you a warm welcome. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your worship.*
- We invite you to fill out the attendance form in the bulletin and hand it to the ushers when coming forward for Holy Communion. If you are a guest with us this morning, please leave some contact information so we can get in touch with you about how to connect with what's going on in this faith community.
- Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing-impaired and those with hearing aids are available. Large print worship folders are also available. Please ask an usher prior to the service.
- We welcome to the Lord's Table all Baptized Christians who wish to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Those who desire to be baptized, have questions about the meaning of Holy Communion, or wish a private confession and absolution should contact the Pastor.
- Both individual cups and the chalice (common cup) are offered to communicants. The chalice is available only for intinction (dipping the host into the wine). The darker wine in the center of the tray is non-alcoholic. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the pastor. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests.
- The congregation responds with those portions in **bold** print.
- Please turn off all cell phones and pagers and refrain from flash photography.

TODAY: Heritage Sunday, Reception after service

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSONS: Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

ELW, Setting 4 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

March 22, 2026

PRELUDE: Music by Joyful Noiz

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

+++ GATHERING +++

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly stands.

LITANY OF FAITH AND THANKSGIVING

P: Looking back with thanksgiving, trusting God in the present, and looking forward in hope, we remember these words,

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

P: For the vision and commitment of those who established this congregation and Atonement Lutheran School,

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For the pastors, principals, teachers, Sunday School teachers, staff, and lay people who have faithfully led us,

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For the opportunities to care for one another, support each other, and share our faith with our community,

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For those in our faith community who have gone before us to join Your heavenly kingdom,

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For the hundreds of children who have been nurtured through Atonement Lutheran School,

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For our continuing work for Your kingdom through Atonement Lutheran School and the Atonement Early Learning Center,

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For the opportunity to share Your love with the world through the ministries of the Great Rivers Collaborative, Central States Synod, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
C: We praise you, O God.

P: As we recommit ourselves to serving You and sharing Your love with those around us, we remember these words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN CCLI 3266032 “Here I Am to Worship” (see next page)

Here I Am To Worship

(as published by Survivor)

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

VERSE

♩ = 75

E Bsus F#m E Bsus

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

A2(no3) E Bsus F#m E Bsus

see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with
bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

CHORUS

A2(no3) B7sus E B/D#

You. So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
poor.

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12 E/G# A E

say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

15 B/D# E/G# Last time to Coda ⊕ A A2(no3) A

wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. And I'll nev -

BRIDGE

B/D# E/G# A B/D# E/G# A

er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on that cross. And I'll nev

24 A B7sus D.S. al Coda

that cross. So, here I am to

26 ⊕A Coda A2(no3) E

Coda A2(no3) E

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

The assembly is seated.

+++ WORD +++

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

PSALM: Psalm 130 *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

¹ Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

² **O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³ If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴ **Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵ I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶ **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸ **For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

A reading from Romans.

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R The word of the Lord.

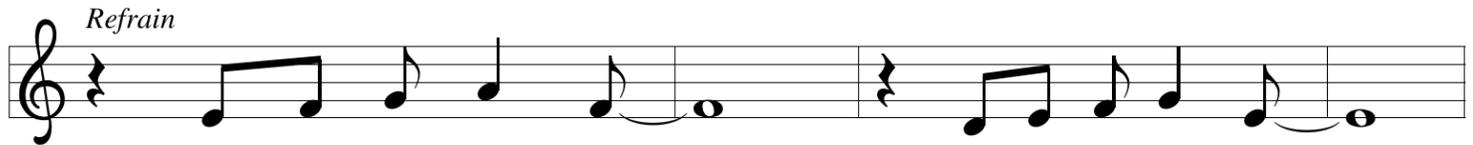
C Thanks be to God.

HERITAGE TALK - 1970's: "The times are a-changin'"

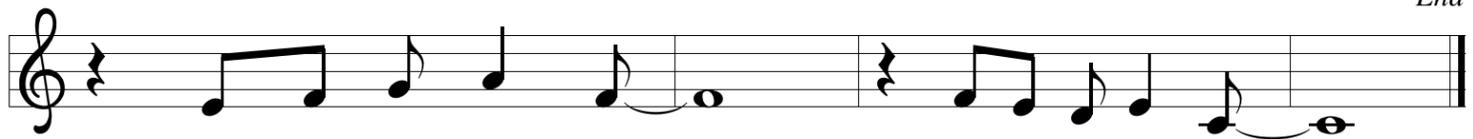
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 801 "Change My Heart, O God"

Change My Heart, O God



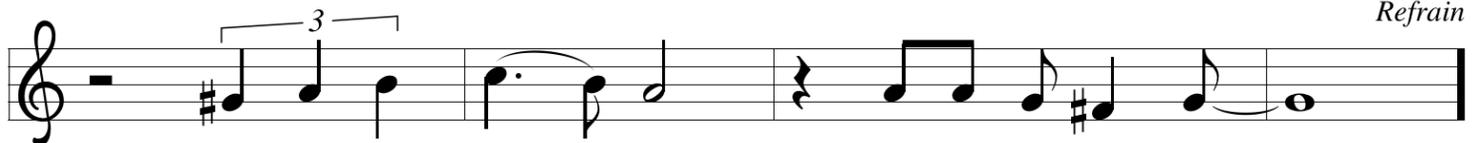
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew

that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Johnson

Meditation: Time to reflect on the message.

After meditation, the assembly stands for the Hymn of the Day.

SONG OF THE DAY CCLI 1097451 “Better is One Day” (see next page)

Better Is One Day

Words and Music by
Matt Redman

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 77$ E5

A2

1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place, O Lord al - might -
(2. One) thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

4

Bsus

E5

Bsus

y. For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.
ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

8

E5

A2

Bsus

For here my heart is sat - is - fied with - in Your pres - ence. I
One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau - ty, to

13 E5 Bsus

sing be - neath the shad - ow of Your wings. Bet - ter is
find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

CHORUS

A2 Bsus

one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

19 A2 A/C# Bsus E/G# A2

one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where. Bet - ter is one day in Your courts, bet - ter is

Bsus A2 A/C# *Last time to Coda* Φ

22

one day in Your house, bet - ter is one day in Your courts than thou - sands

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1 Bsus E5 **2** Bsus

else - where, than thou - sands else - where. 2. One else - where.

BRIDGE 1

C#m7 B A2 Bsus C#m7 B

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the liv - ing God. Your Spir - it's wa - ter to my

31 A2 Bsus C#m7 B A2

soul. I've tast - ed and I've seen. Come once a - gain to me.

34 E/G# F#m7 Bsus A2

I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You.

BRIDGE 2

39 Bsus A2 Bsus A2

Bet - ter is one day, bet - ter is

43 Bsus E/G# A2 A/C# Bsus A2

one day, bet - ter is one day than thou - sands else - where. Bet - ter is one day, bet - ter is

47 Bsus A2 Bsus *D.S. al Coda*

one day, bet - ter is one day than thou - sands else - where. Bet - ter is

50 Bsus
⊕ Coda

else - - where.

51 A2

The Apostles' 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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

C:...Amen

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet each other with a sign of peace and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words. Then the assembly is seated.

+++ MEAL +++

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*The gifts of our tithes and offerings are presented and the altar is prepared for the Lord's Supper.
The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

OFFERTORY: ELW 465 "As the Grains of Wheat"

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: O God, maker of heaven and earth,

C: your steadfast love embraces all creation.

**You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.**

**Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.**

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY ELW 413 vs 1 *(see next page)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
 that by this Holy Communion we may know
 the unity we share with all your people
 in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Please join me in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

**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 TO COMMUNION:

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The assembly is seated.

The ushers invite the assembly forward, where they receive bread and either wine or grape juice. If you need to receive communion in your pew, please let the usher(s) know.

ELW 336 “Lamb of God, Your Only Son” (see next page)

LENT

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Lamb of God

Your Only Son



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“ANNIVERSARY HYMN” – music and text by Rev. Richard E. Mueller (see next page)

Anniversary Hymn

Text and Music by
Rev. Richard E. Mueller



1. This church is named A - tone - ment, em - blem in time and
2. We gath - er here for wor - ship, seek guid - ance from a -
3. As God Him - self has touched us, we, too, reach out and
4. Lord, as we pass each mile - stone, signs of your love and
5. To God the Fa - ther, glo - ry; Glo - ry to Christ, the



space, that thanks to Christ's own death on Cal - v'ry
bove. We share our lives and hopes and heart - aches.
share. Sent forth by God's own gen - 'rous bless - ing,
grace, fill us with hope and faith and fer - vor
Son; To God the Ho - ly Spir - it, glo - ry;



we're jus - ti - fied by grace.
We are em - pow'ered by love.
be - stow - ing God's own care.
to serve you in this place.
All - gra - cious Three - in - One. A - - - - men.

Edited by:

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CCLI 2456623 “You Are My King, Amazing Love” (see next page)

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Words and Music by
Billy J. Foote

VERSE

♩ = 70

E/G# A2 Bsus B E/G# A2

I'm for - giv - en be - cause You were for - sak - en. I'm ac - cept - ed;

4 Bsus B E/G# A2 Bsus B

You were con - demned. I'm a - live and well, Your Spir - it is with - in me be -

CHORUS

7 A2 B E E A

cause You died and rose a - gain. A - maz - ing love, how can it be

11 E Bsus B A/B E A

that You, my King, would die for me? A - maz - ing love, I know it's true;

15 E Bsus B A/B Bsus B A B

it's my joy to hon - or You. In all I do I hon - or You.

BRIDGE

19 E *Fine* E

You are my King, You are my King. Je - sus,

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You are my King. Je - sus, You are my King.

CCLI 2298355 “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

(as published by Integrity Music)

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche

CHORUS

E5 B/D#

$\text{♩} = 112$

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart;

4

A2/C# A2 Esus E

1,3 2,4

Esus

I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You

VERSE

B C#m A2 Bsus

high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of Your glo - ry.

14

B C#m F#m11 Bsus

1

D.C.

Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

BRIDGE

19

2 E5 B/D# A2/C#

Ho - ly, ho - ly; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

25 A2

Esus E Esus Esus E

repeat as desired

- ly, I want to see You. see You.

The assembly stands.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

✠ Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+++ **SENDING** +++

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

P May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✠ peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW 671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (see next page)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

xt: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

usic: Graham Kendrick

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
99 10 10 33 and refrain

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Shine, Jesus, Shine

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WORSHIP LEADERS

- Preacher.....*Pastor Larry Lemke*
- Guest Preacher.....*Pastor Dan Johnson*
- Assisting Ministers.....*Jennifer Negwer, Ruth Blundell*
- Communion Assistants.....*Norm Koch, Bonnie David, Gerri Stevenson*
- Bell Choir Director.....*Sharon Carter Eichenberger*
- Organist.....*Cindy Vantine*
- Choir Director.....*Dr. Bruce Vantine*
- Joyful Noiz Director.....*Jim Baumgartner*
- Altar Guild.....*Dave & Anita Cole, Verina Ruiz, Cindy Steinbruegge*
- Greeters..... *Jane & Tim Mark*
- Counters.....*Jody Laffold, Julie Hammer, Lisa Moravec*
- Usher..... *Ron Behrens*
- Trustee.....*Carl Beck*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hospitalized or Ill: Ann Behrens, Adele Bolen, Betty Cook, Linda Gibilterra, Ginny Groves, Shirl Henke, Jim Hickerson, Delores Johannngmeier, Don Kuethe, Sharon Love, Betty Luebke, Jane Mark, Rachel Moore, Carolyn Nimmons, Marge Purgahn, Steve Rosenfeld, Elaine Skarstad, Jan Sullivan, Glenda Warren, Mary Sue Warren, Barb Wishon

Our Loved Ones/Friends: Jason Behrens, Becky Cole (Dave Cole’s sister), Karen Francis (Jaimy Suydam’s friend), Ian Hawkins (Faith Brooks’s son), Lisa Lamont (Lisa and Jeff Moravec’s friend), Jane McClug (daughter-in-law of former/deceased members Barbara and Joseph McClurg), Taffy Perryman, Tom Sappington (Ginny Groves’ friend), Cynthia Slater (Marge Purgahn’s daughter), Beth Taylor (Jaimy Suydam’s friend), Marilee Viehman (Greg Viehman’s mother), Dennis Whittington (Mary Beth Sandcork’s father), Richard Wishon, Thom Velde (Jaimy Suydam’s cousin), Mike Zorich

Our chronically-ill and homebound loved ones and friends: Jacki Bickel, Teri Branhof, Thelma Carlson, Nancy Marxkors, John Meyer, Vivian Meyer, Jim Temps, Joan Torbeck, Wayne & Joyce Winter.



**Atonement's
Lenten Prayer Vigil
Sunday mornings
Starting February 22
In the Prayer Chapel
8:30 am to 9:20 am
All are welcome**

Drop in for solemn prayer... leave at will

*"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find
grace to help in time of need."*

-Hebrews 4:16

OUR CONGREGATION

Atonement is a family of professing Christians who are in ministry to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been in ministry since September 30, 1951. Atonement School has begun its 69th academic year with the mission statement “Teaching children of God the skills needed for a lifetime of learning, worshipping, and caring, so that the world see Jesus in them.”

OUR AFFILIATIONS

We are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and support local ministries including Lutheran Family and Children’s Services, Humanitri, Lutheran High Schools, LuMin Campus Ministry, PAKT, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

OUR TEAM

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OUR CALENDAR

This Weekend – Fifth Sunday in Lent – Joyful Noiz
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship
Heritage Sunday Reception after worship

Monday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
1:30 p.m. Seniors Alive

Tuesday, March 24

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 26

9:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

9:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, held off-site

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