

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

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Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025

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 commune in their home

parish and who wish to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Those with questions about the meaning of Holy Communion or who wish a

private confession and absolution should contact a pastor during the week prior to

communing.

➤ Both individual cups and the chalice (common cup) are now 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will meet after the Children's Message

ADULT FORUM: Strategic Planning and light lunch in Fellowship Hall

**NEXT WEEK**: Confirmation Renewal/New Member meet with Pastor Larry

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSONS:** 

Jerimiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John:8:31-36

# ELW, Setting 3 (Lectionary 29, Pentecost 19) Oct. 19, 2025

PRELUDE: Music by Joyful Noiz

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

#### +++GATHERING+++

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

The assembly stands.

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of + One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, And called to live the baptized life,

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P Holy God, We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

Water that makes a people your own,

That restores us to wholeness,

And empowers us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

Waters that strengthen believers

And give new life to beloved servants of your church;

Waters that extend your boundless love

And cross barriers of your own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, Waters that open the hearts of believers And give a voice in the night to those in captivity; Waters that set your people on a new path, Rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 556 "Morning Has Broken"

# Morning Has Broken



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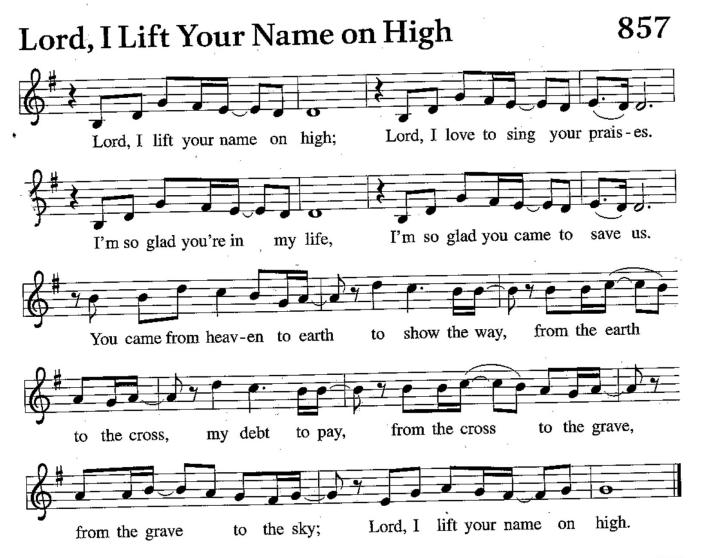
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## **GREETING**

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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 587 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"



Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954 Music: Rick Founds

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

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

PN

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### C Amen

The assembly is seated.

#### + + + WORD + + +

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

### FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>22</sup> The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 121** The psalm is spoken responsively.

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;
- <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

- <sup>6</sup> the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

## SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

A reading from 2 Timothy.

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME** - The children are invited to the front of the sanctuary. Afterwards, the children are dismissed to Sunday School.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW SETTING 3 pg. 172

# Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr. @ 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

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GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

The assembly is seated.

#### **SERMON**

Pastor Larry Lemke

Meditation: Time to reflect on the message.

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

SONG OF THE DAY ELW 821 "Shout to the Lord"

# Shout to the Lord



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965
Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech
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## 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: God of grace,

C: Receive our prayer.

#### 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: CCLI 20285 "Give Thanks" (see next page)

## **Give Thanks**

Words and Music by Henry Smith



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A Merciful God,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY ELW 413 verse 1

# Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

### **EUCHARISTIC 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.

#### HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

# Let Us Break Bread Together



Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## You Are My All In All

Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan



# One Bread, One Body



Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ

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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.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

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 677 "This Little Light of Mine" (see next page)

# This Little Light of Mine



Text: African American spiritual Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935 Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

#### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Reprise - "This Little Light of Mine"

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## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preacher	Pastor Larry Lemke
Assisting Ministers	Lynn Grames, Sara Ruprecht
Communion Assistants	Greg Viehman, Vickie Minter, Diane Ritchey
Bell Choir Director	
Organist	Cindy Vantine
Choir Director	Dr. Bruce Vantine
Joyful Noiz Director	Jim Baumgartner
Altar Guild	Dave & Anita Cole, Verina Ruiz
Greeters	Melanie White, Kris Thompson
Ushers	Tom Blight, Marge Purgahn, John Yetter
Counters	Jodi Laffold, Julie Hammer, Lisa Moravec
Trustees	Don Meier, Vern Square
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#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Hospitalized or Ill:** Ann Behrens, Thelma Carlson, Ginny Groves, Jane Mark, Carolyn Nimmons, Steve Rosenfeld, June Schmidt, Elaine Skarstad, Glenda Warren, Joyce Winter, Barb Wishon

**Our Loved Ones/Friends:** Becky Cole (Dave Cole's sister), Ian Hawkins (Faith Brooks's son), Ted Hinkebein, Roger & Vivian Limback (Ginny Groves's friend), Marilee Viehman (Greg Viehman's mother), Dennis Whittington (Mary Beth Sandcork's father).

Our chronically-ill and homebound loved ones and friends: Jacki Bickel, Teri Branhof, Gus Carlson, Nancy Marxkors, John Meyer, Vivian Meyer, Maxine Pabst, Jim Temps, Joan Torbeck

Names will be removed from the prayer list after two weeks unless the church office is notified on Monday of the preceding week.

\*\*Copies of Taking Faith Home are available at the usher stand or on the table in the narthex.

Flowers on the altar are in honor of the  $43^{rd}$  wedding anniversary of Scott and Jennifer Negwer.

#### **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).

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#### **OUR CALENDAR**

This Weekend – Lectionary 29 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Strategic Planning and Light Lunch in Fellowship

Monday, Oct. 20 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Wednesday, Oct. 22 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

Thursday, Oct. 23 9:30 a.m. Bible & Breakfast

Friday, Oct. 24

Saturday, Oct. 25

9:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study – held off site 5:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em

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