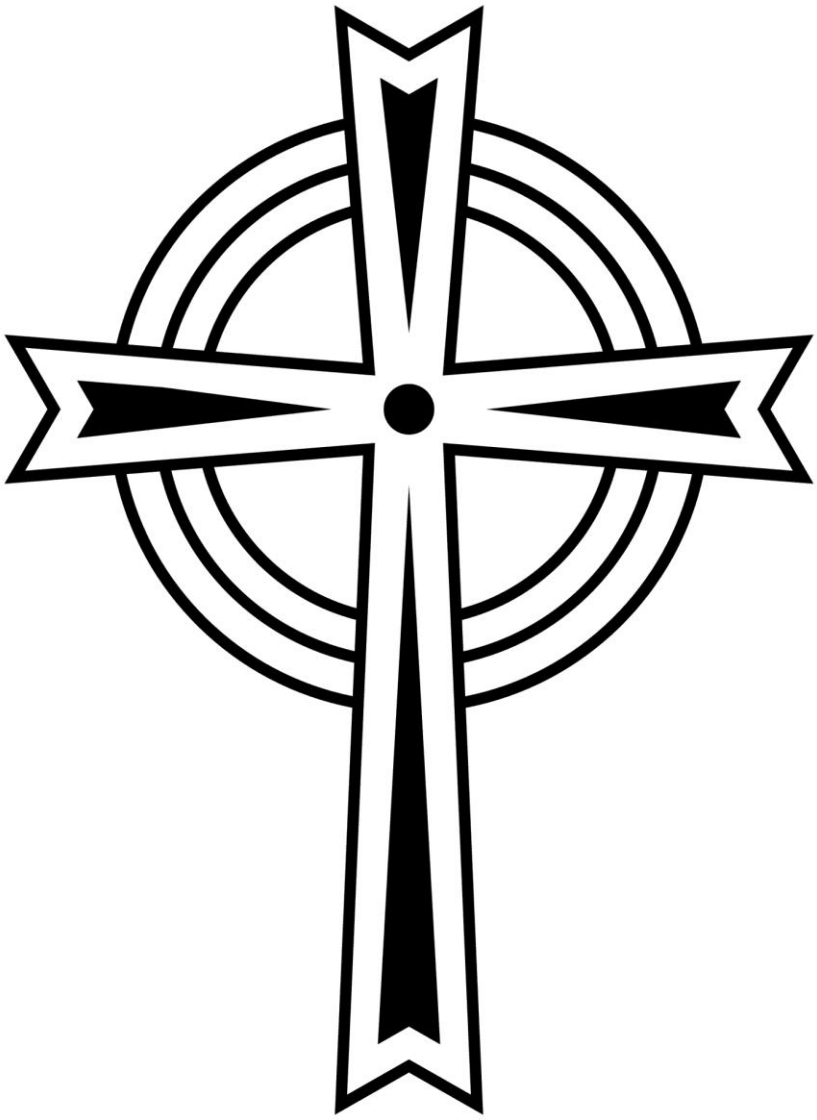
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9th, 2026

9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Evening and Morning* *-J. G. Ebeling*

***WELCOME**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
In the name of the God who creates us + the Son who saves us, and the Spirit who sends us forth. **Amen.**

With humble and trusting hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have been distracted with many things, and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have neglected your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been negligent in our worship and impatient in our dealings with others. Forgive us, O God, and teach us repentance; in Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Although we were once strangers and sinners, through Jesus Christ we have been reconciled to God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we live in the boundless grace of the One who comes to bring us God's Word, that this Good News may be shared through the witness of our lives. **Amen.**

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

***GATHERING HYMN** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* *# 632*

**Please Stand As You Are Able*

***APOSTOLIC 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**
O God our defender,
storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING *1 Kings 19:9-18*
A reading from 1 Kings

9 At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.
Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here,
Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts,
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and
killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my
life, to take it away."

11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is
about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting
mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not
in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the
earthquake, 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire,
and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped
his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then
there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He
answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the
Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed
your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to
take it away."

15 Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of
Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also
you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint
Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17 Whoever
escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the
sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the
knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

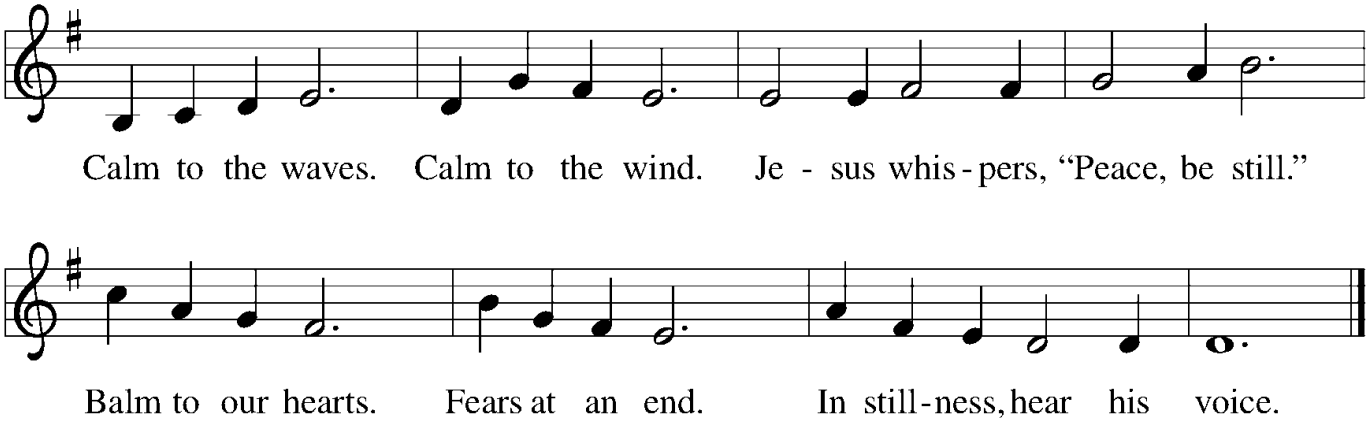
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *Romans 10:5-15*
A reading from Romans

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the
person who does these things will live by them.” 6 But the righteousness that
comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into
heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 “or ‘Who will descend into the
abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say?
“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), 9 because if you confess with your
mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart, leading to
righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. 11 The
scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12 For there is
no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is
generous to all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the
Lord shall be saved.”
14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how
are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to
hear without someone to proclaim him? 15 And how are they to proclaim him
unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who
bring good news!”

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Calm to the Waves (sung twice)* *# 794*



***HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 14:22-33*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

22 [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of
the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed
the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came,
he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far
from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he
came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him
walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried
out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I;
do not be afraid."

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the
water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the
water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he
became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus
immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little
faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind
ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of
God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* *# 763*

***APOSTLES' CREED**
Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the Church, with the words of the Apostles' 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.

PRAYERS
In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need. God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

Into your wide embrace, O God, we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting that you will receive them into your heart of mercy, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Have No Fear, Little Flock* *-H. Zimmermann*

Offering gifts are gratefully received
in the plates located near the sanctuary doors as you exit.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**
Loving God,
we offer at your table the gift of our hearts. Help us to take heart in you, and to share your love freely, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us, now and forever.
Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

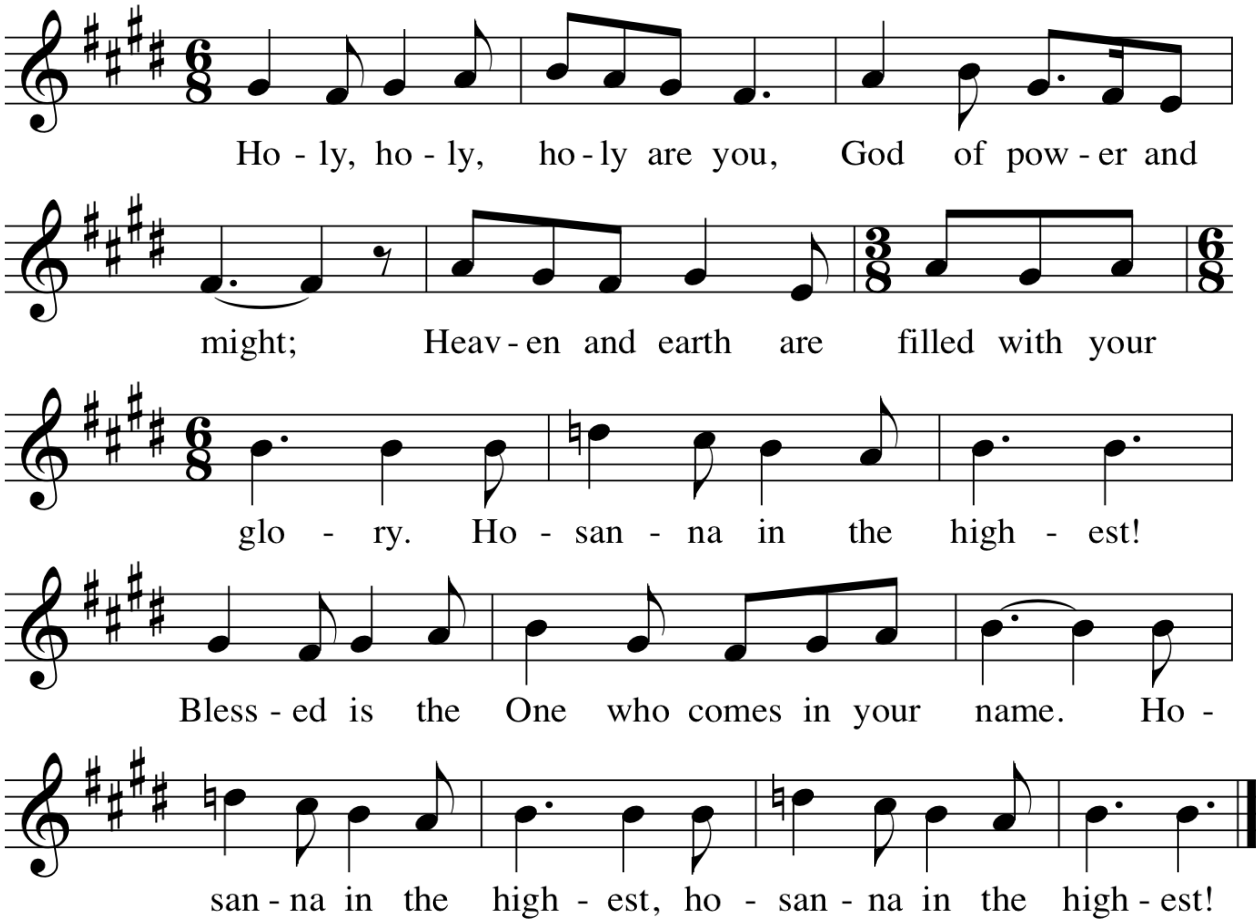
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

PROPER PREFACE
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



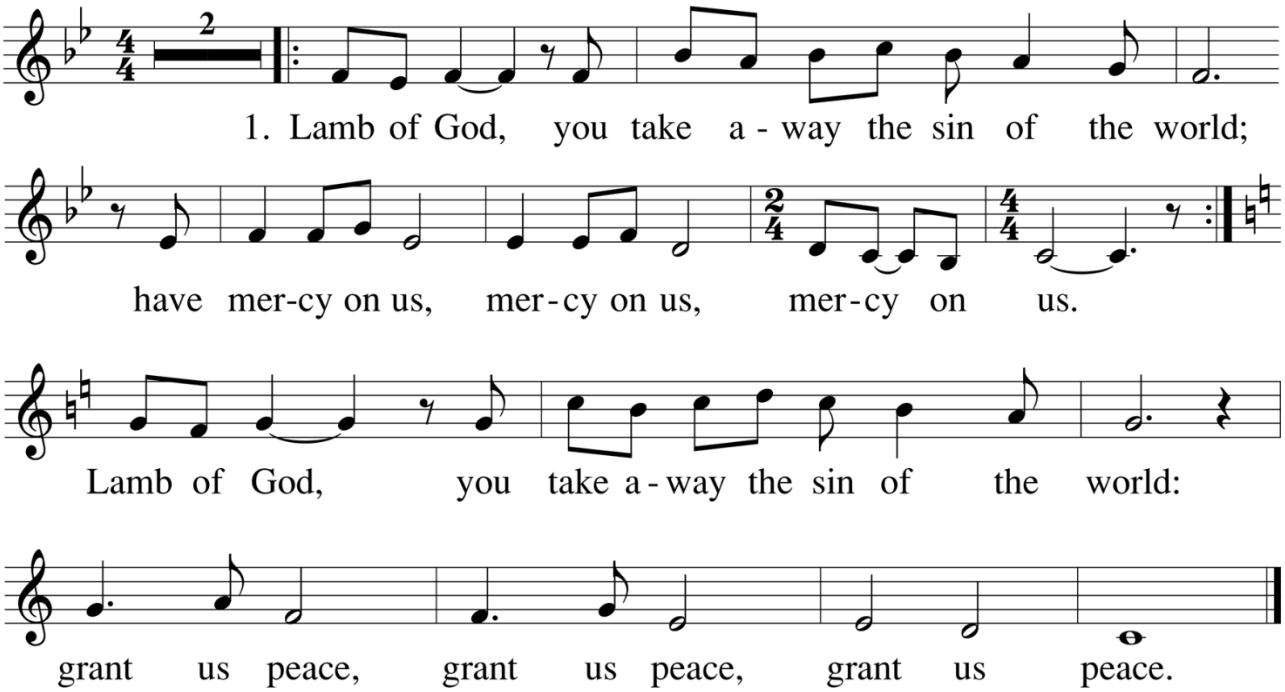
***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught;

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.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

All are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion; Christ's body and blood truly present in the bread and the wine.

~Come forward by the center aisle.

~Children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

~White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are also available.

~Dispose of the cup in the basket provided.

~Please tell an usher if you need communion elements brought to your pew.

SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us so that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** *Evening and Morning* *# 761*

***DISMISSAL**
Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* *-J. B. Dykes*

The congregation is invited to remain for the postlude;
and following it, to respond with "Amen!"

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister ……Jean Seager
Usher …….. Joanne & Pat Scanlon
Livestream Recorder…….. Andrew Spillane
Offering Counters …… Norm Karsten, Michelle Laraby
Altar Care …….. Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host ……..…..*No Volunteer*

As a connected church, woven together, Rev. Keith Patterson, Episcopal priest, presides at God's table today with the thanks of, and authorization by, the bishop of the Upstate New York Synod.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WELCOME FOR PASTOR MALDONADO

On Sunday, July 26th, 2026, Atonement's congregation voted overwhelmingly (47 yes/1 no) to extend a 3-year term call to Pastor Ken Maldonado, which he has accepted. Thank you to all who took the time to meet with him and make him feel welcome throughout this process. There were some great conversations at the Meet-and-Greet event, and thoughtful, honest questions and discussions before the vote was cast.

Pastor Ken and his husband, Kevin, are in the process of packing for the long move from Colorado back to Rochester. They have purchased a home in the Swillburg neighborhood and expect to close in late August. *He will begin his pastoral leadership at Atonement in September*, the exact date to be determined next week. He will be Ordained on Reformation Sunday, October 25th, 2026, here at Atonement.

For those that were unable to meet Pastor Ken, or would like to know more about him, he has a wonderful personal website that I encourage you to visit. The website address is: https://www.boldlylutheran.com. I look forward to Ken's leadership with genuine excitement and believe that we will walk together with God's guidance in living out the teachings of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

VACATION DAYS

Pastor Doug will be enjoying some vacation time this month with his family, and will not be holding office hours on August 12th or 19th. If you are in need of Pastoral care, the Rev. Keith Patterson will be available to assist you.

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for your donations of food for our July *Red, White, & Blue* collection. Over 160 items were delivered to the Pittsford Food Cupboard last week and will help to restock the shelves there.

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REGISTER TODAY FOR GOLF AND DINNER!
Registration is now open for the Fourth Annual BMGLF Golf Classic & Dinner!

Gather your foursome and invite your friends and neighbors for a day of golf at the Sycamore Golf Club in Macedon, NY on September 12th.
(www.sycamoregolfclub.com)

Golf Registration Includes:

- 18 holes of golf with a cart
- Swag bag
- Lunch at the turn
- Full dinner reception

Not a golfer? ...Not a problem! We would love to have you *join us for our dinner reception* to help support this meaningful cause.

Looking for another way to make an impact?

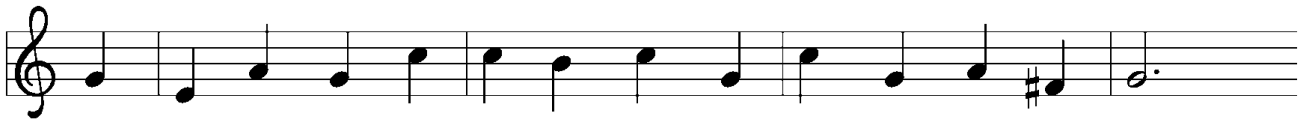
~ *Sponsorship* opportunities are available and are a wonderful way to support the Legacy Fund while receiving recognition at the event through signage and program acknowledgements. We are incredibly grateful for the businesses and individuals who make this event possible. Every registration and sponsorship helps continue Barbara's legacy and supports the mission of the Barbara Macholz Grimaldi Legacy Fund.

~ We are accepting donations of lottery tickets for our basket raffle.

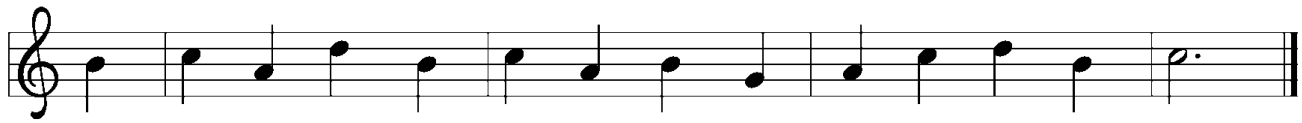
~ Early *Registration* helps us to plan a successful event! Register for golf, dinner, or become a sponsor today:**https://bmglegacyfund.org/registration-and-sponsorship**

GREEN TIP
According to Douglas Tallamy, a professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, if each American landowner made it a goal to convert half of their lawn to productive native plant communities, even moderate success could collectively restore some semblance of ecosystem function to more than twenty million acres of what is now ecological wasteland.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

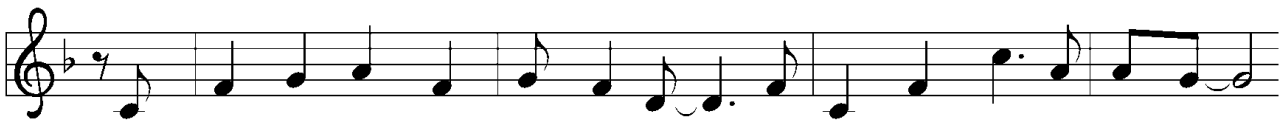


our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

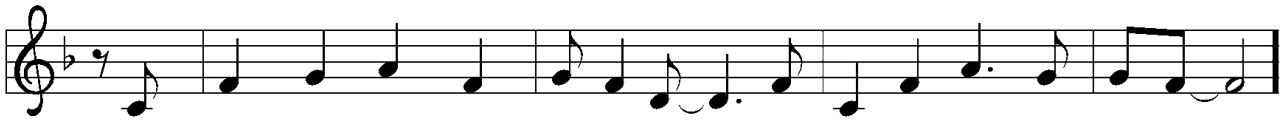
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

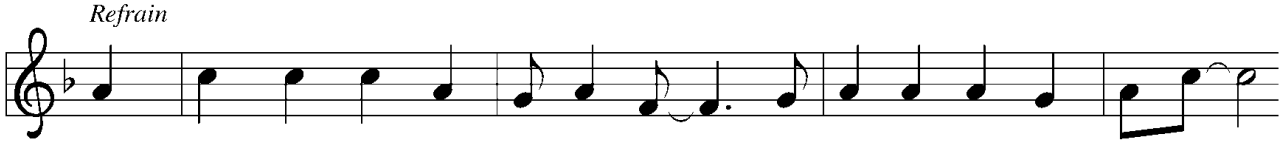


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

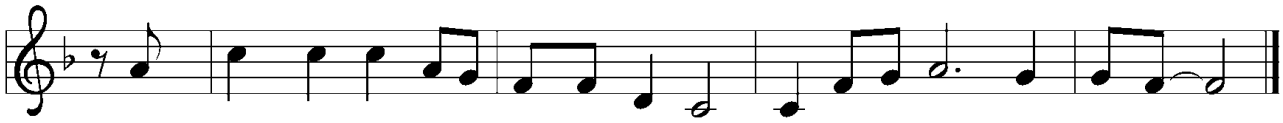


I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

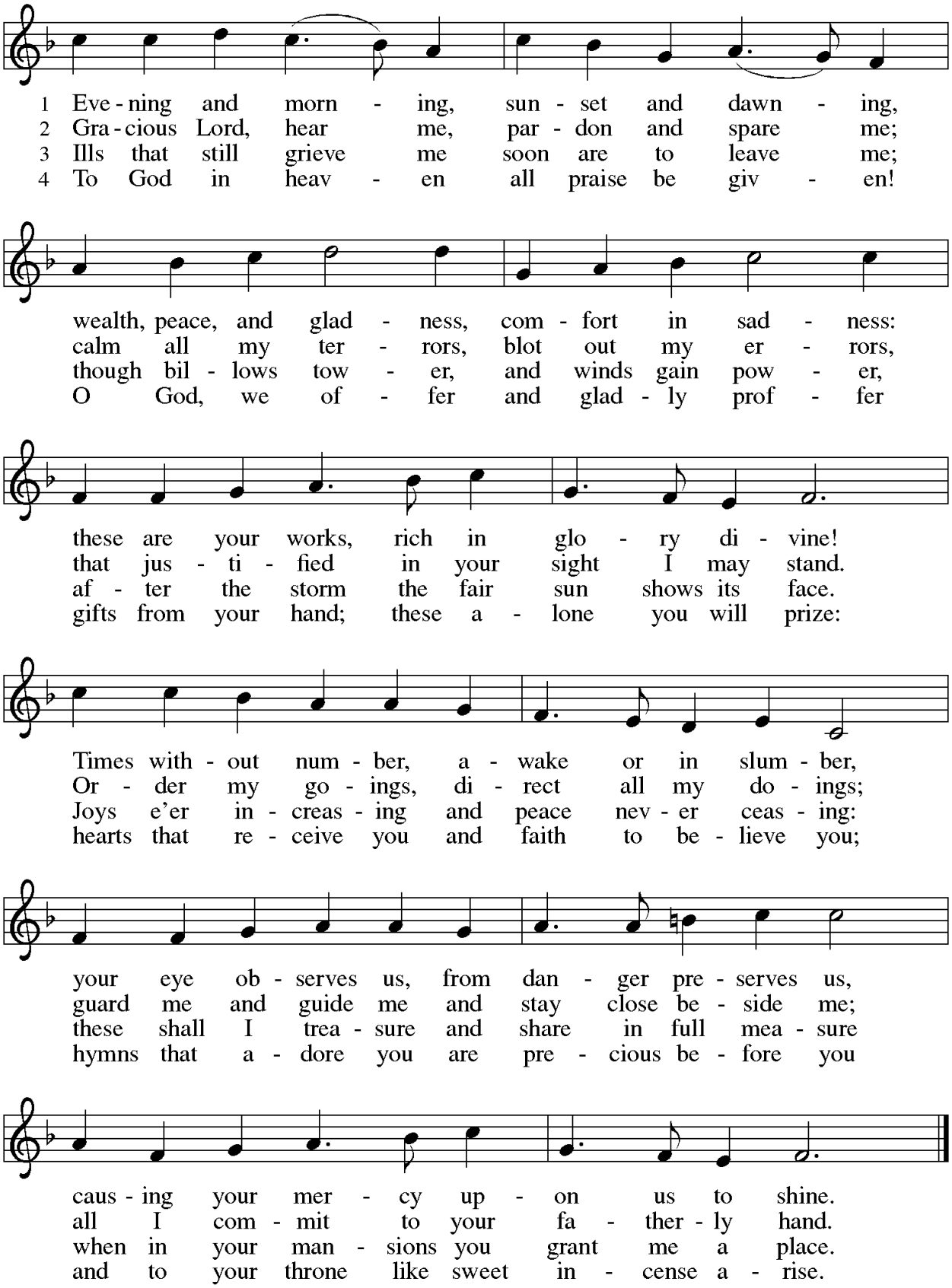


No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

Evening and Morning



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David McCarthy, Director of Music Ministry
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Welcome to worship,

…and a special welcome to those who are visiting with us today.
If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation
or learning more about our ministries, please speak to our Pastor.

MISSION STATEMENT

Atonement Lutheran Church is a gathering of God's people in Christ called to:
***Invite** all people into the presence of the living God,*
***Prepare** for ministry in daily life and*
***Go** into the world as disciples*

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to use with their children.

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Thank you for joining us in worship today!

"... but when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified,... and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said "take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

-Matthew 14:26-27

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