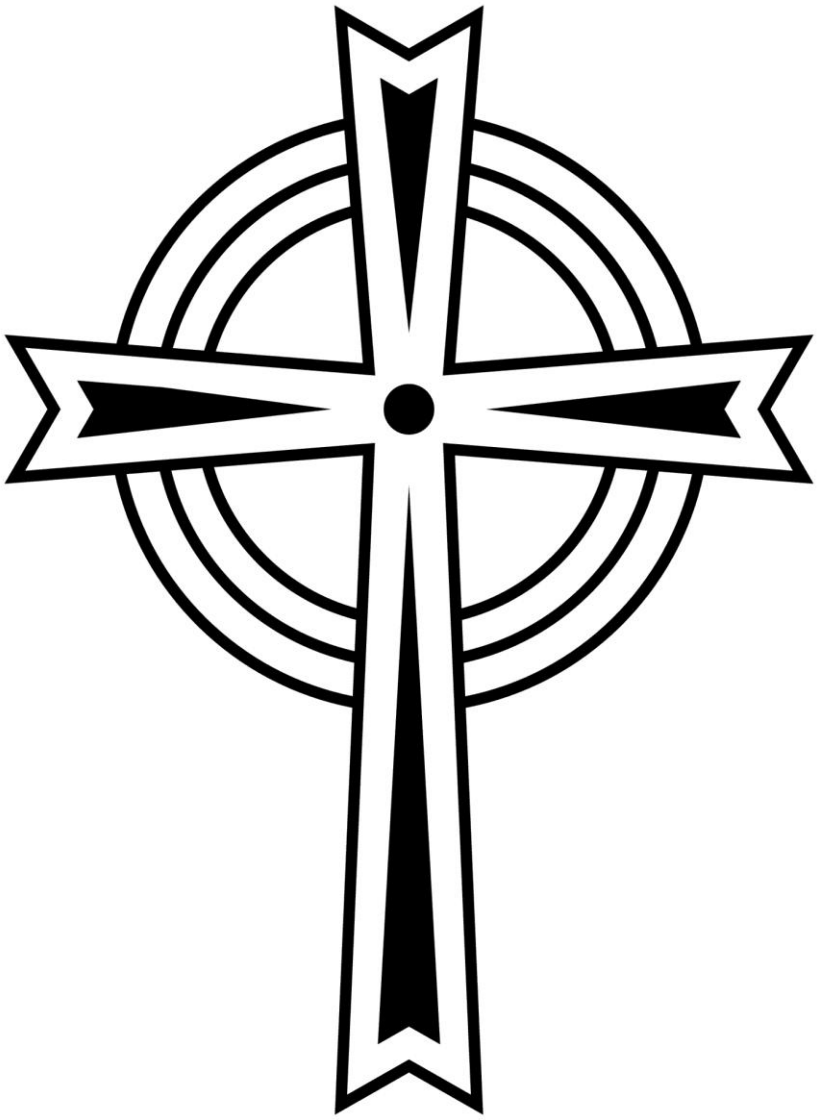
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23rd, 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 *Give Me Jesus*

***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.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all of our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says "come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

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

***GATHERING HYMN** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* *# 645*

**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,
with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 51:1-6*
A reading from Isaiah

1 Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
3 For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

4 Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

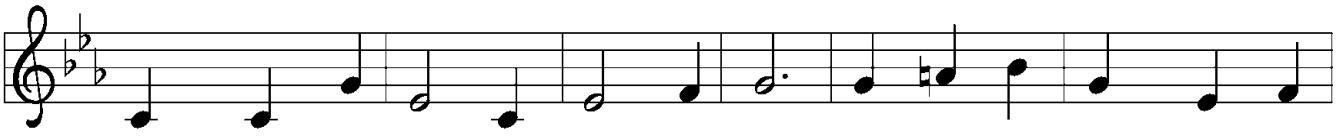
SECOND READING *Romans 12:1-8*
A reading from Romans

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

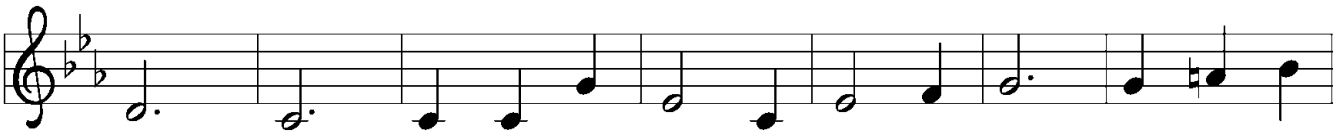
3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

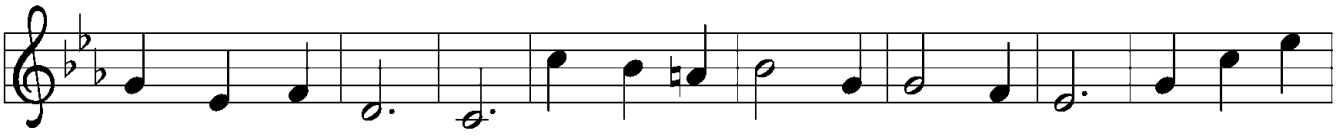
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Built On a Rock, verses 1, 2* *# 652*



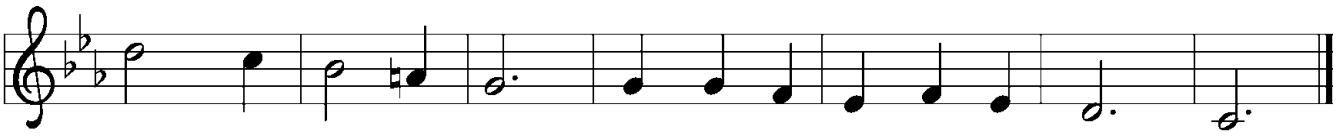
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

***HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 16:13-20*

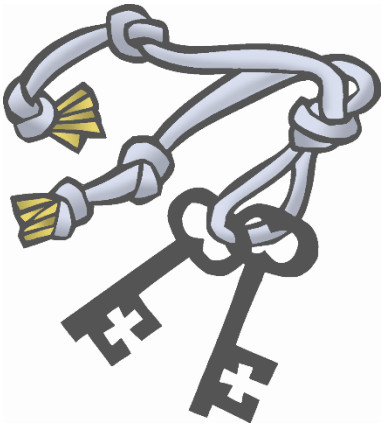
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some
say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter
answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus
answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has
not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail
against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone
that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Built On a Rock, verses 3, 4, 5* *# 652*



***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 *Rock of Ages* *-A. Toplady*

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**

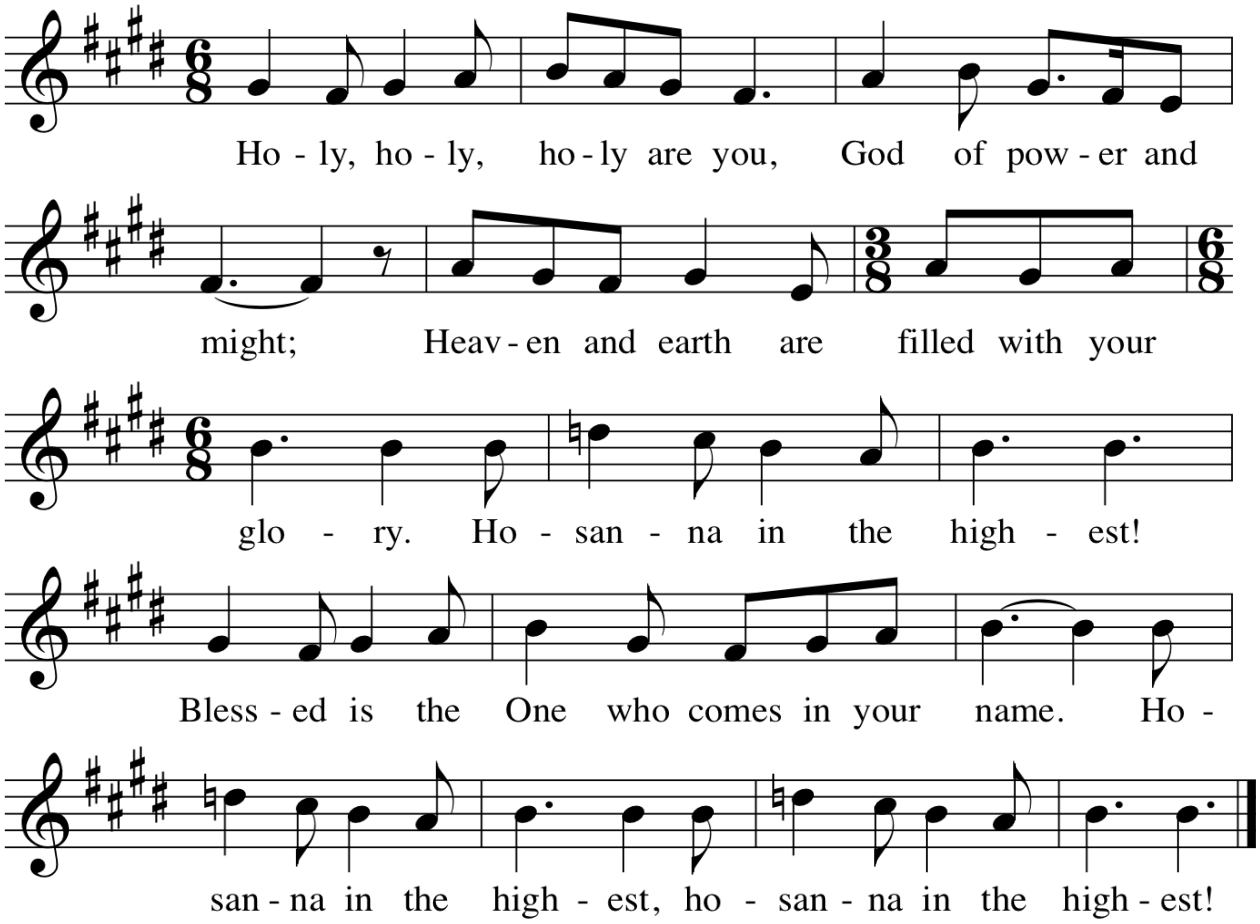
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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**



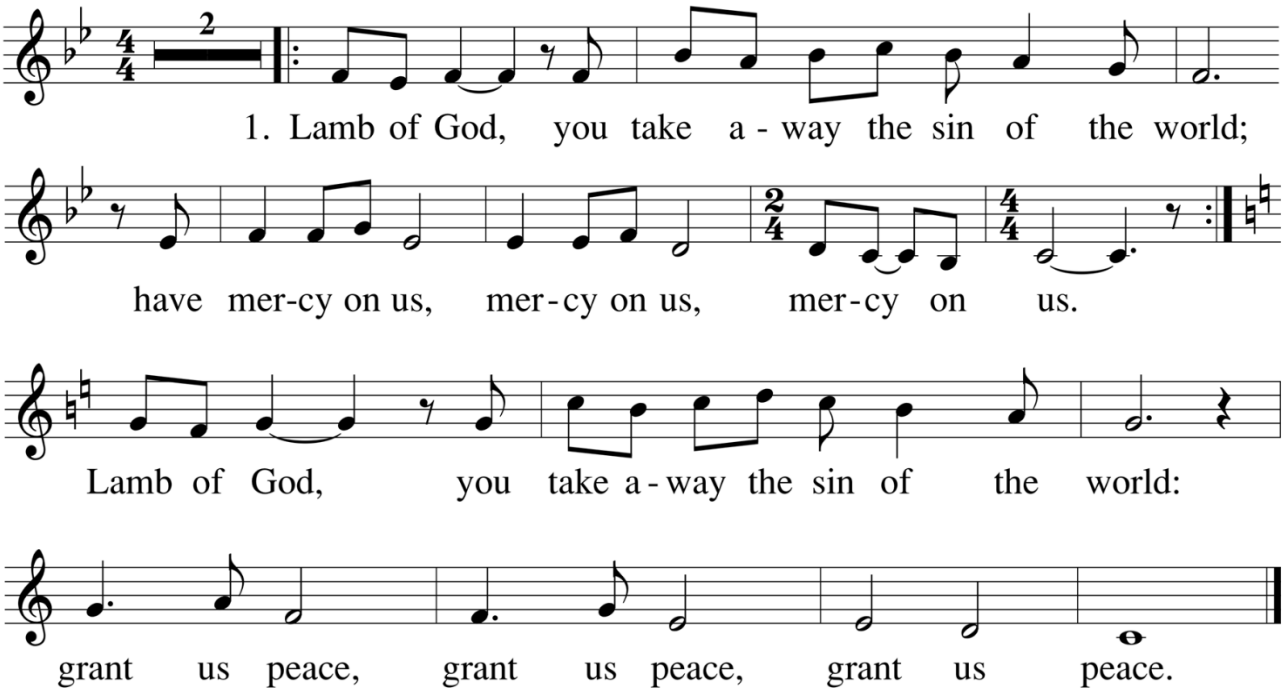
***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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** *We All Are One In Mission* *# 576*

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

POSTLUDE *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* *-W. Bradbury*

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister ……. Rob White
Usher …….. Karen Goodyear
Livestream Recorder…….. Dave Irish
Offering Counters ……. Bryan Howe, Desiree Wolfe
Altar Care …….. Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host ……..…. Susan & Bob Touhsaent

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

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENT HOUR
Please join us in Reissig Hall following the worship service for simple refreshments and conversation. All are welcome!

BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING
Thursday, August 27th at 6:00 p.m.
The Board will be meeting in the Conference Room.

ATONEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: BEST OF ROCHESTER
Please contribute to *Atonement's Best Recommendations*. We are looking for your help in creating a list of local recommendations for Pastor Ken and Kevin to use as they settle into their new home in Rochester.

Add your ideas to one or more of the recommendation sheets in the Narthex or call the church office at (585) 442-1018 or Email your ideas to office@atonementrochester.org by Wednesday, September 9th.

ADULT FORUM RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER
Please see our Christian Education bulletin board in the main hallway for the schedule of topics for our Adult Forum in September. We'll meet in Reissig Hall following worship on Sunday mornings. We can't wait to see you all again!

RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY!
Saturday, September 12th
Gather your foursome and invite your friends and neighbors for a day of golf at the Sycamore Golf Club in Macedon, NY. Register for golf, dinner, or become a sponsor at **https://bmglegacyfund.org/registration-and-sponsorship**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER BBQ FUNDRAISER
Our next BBQ fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th from 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Watch for details in the coming weeks!

GREEN TIP
When mail ordering, skip the two-day shipping if possible. Ground shipping uses less energy than airmail.

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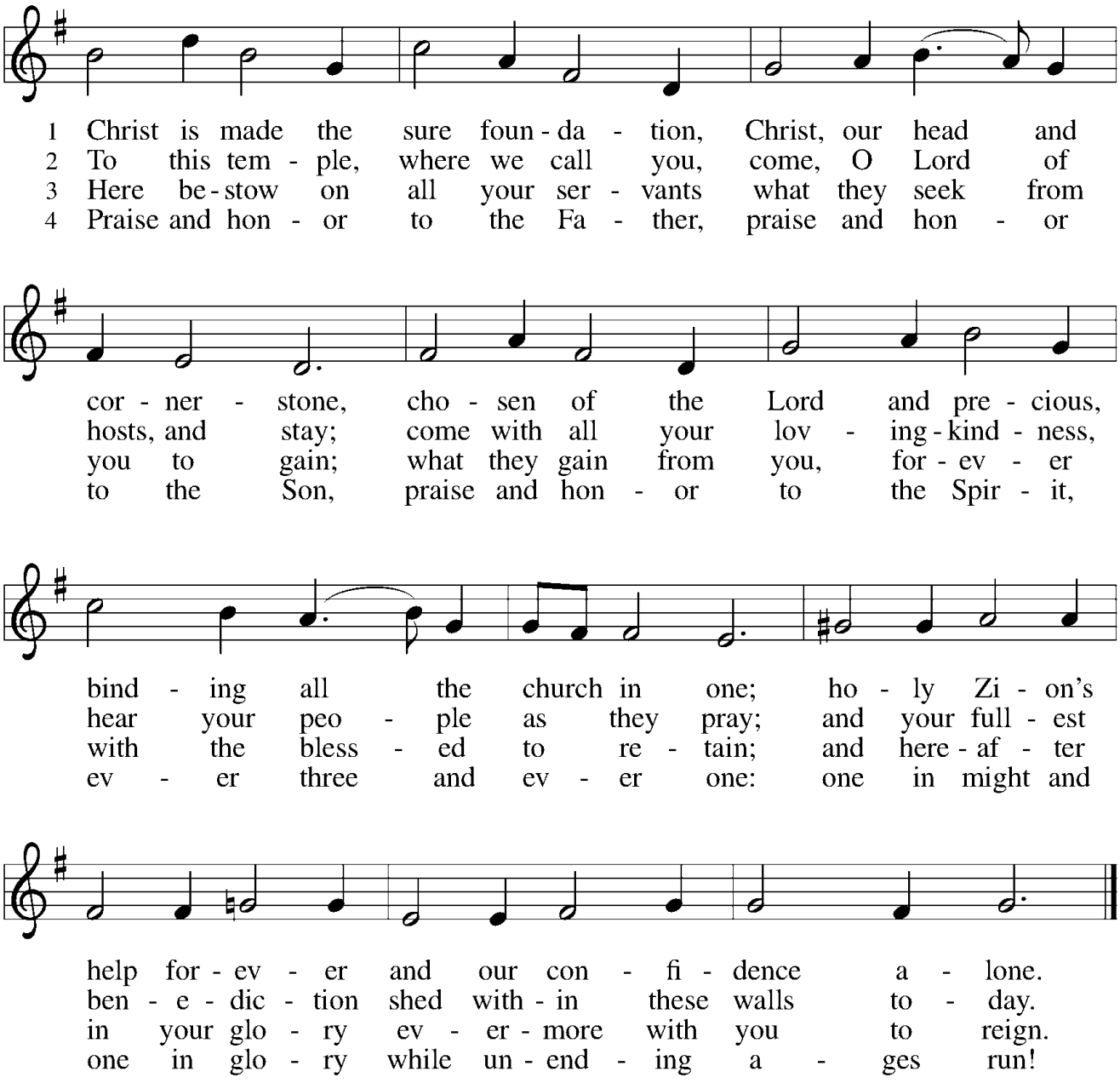

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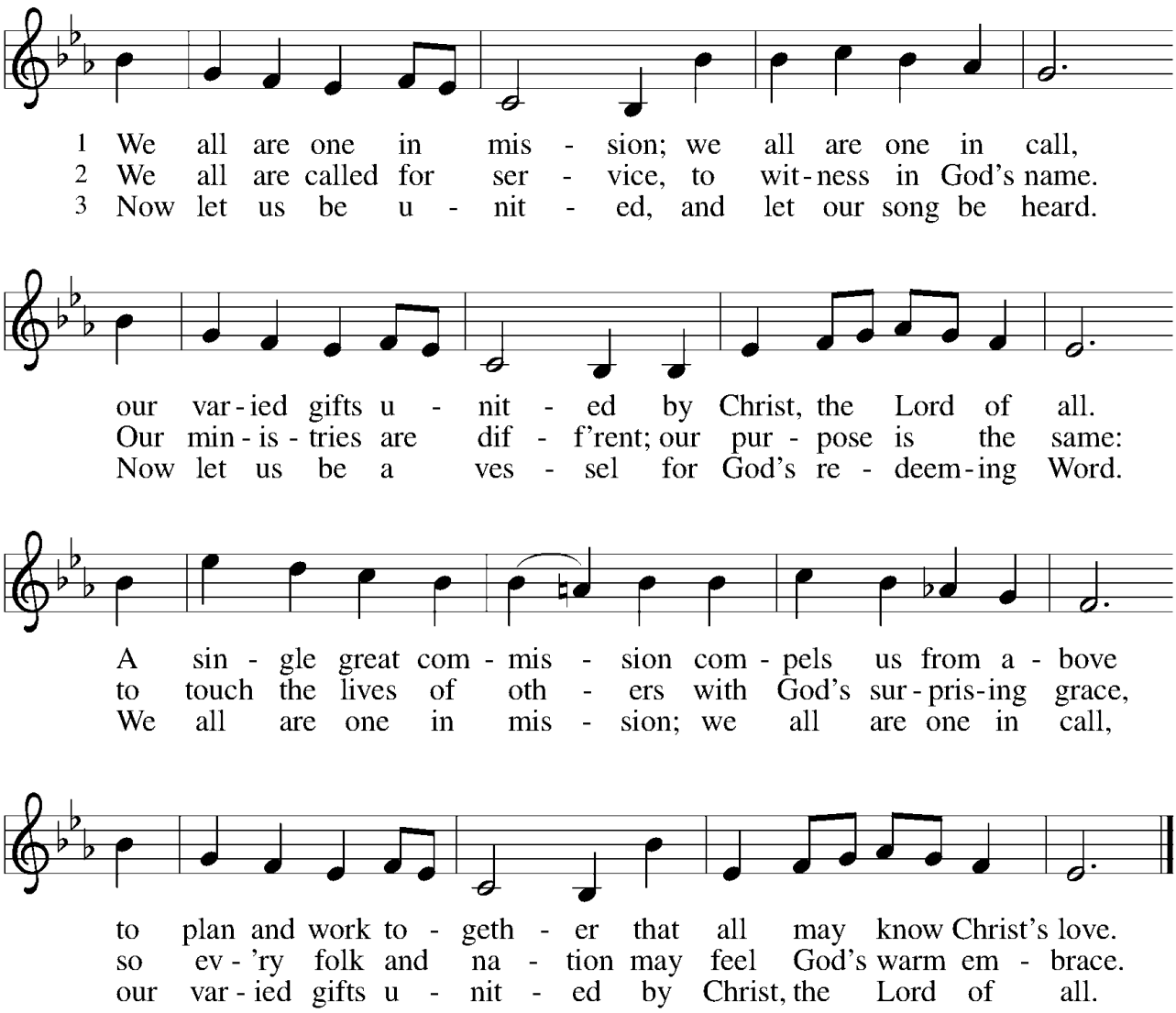

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Welcome to worship,

…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*

Our Church Nursery is available for parents
to use with their children.

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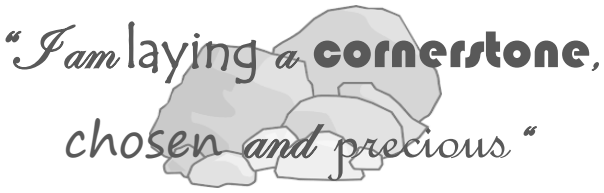
Thank you for joining us in worship today!

"The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
Perceiving the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe.

-Psalm 138:6-7



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