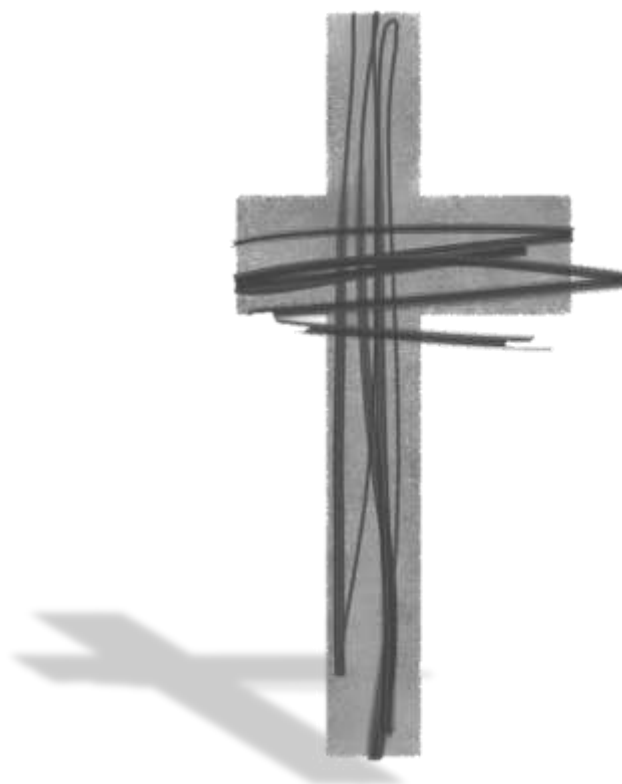


# Third Sunday in Lent

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

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**Atonement Lutheran Church**

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# GATHERING

## **PRELUDE**

*Praise The One Who Breaks the Darkness*

*-J. Wyeth*

## **\*WELCOME**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confident in God's love for us, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Lord God;

**you know the people we are. You know everything we have ever done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy; we commit to things that will never last. We worship things that will never offer abundant life. Still, you offer us the gift of living water and the fountain of eternal life. Forgive us and renew us, Lord, that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

This is the good news of God's grace: though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost in sin, now Christ has become our life and salvation. In Jesus, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

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

## **\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

*# 326*

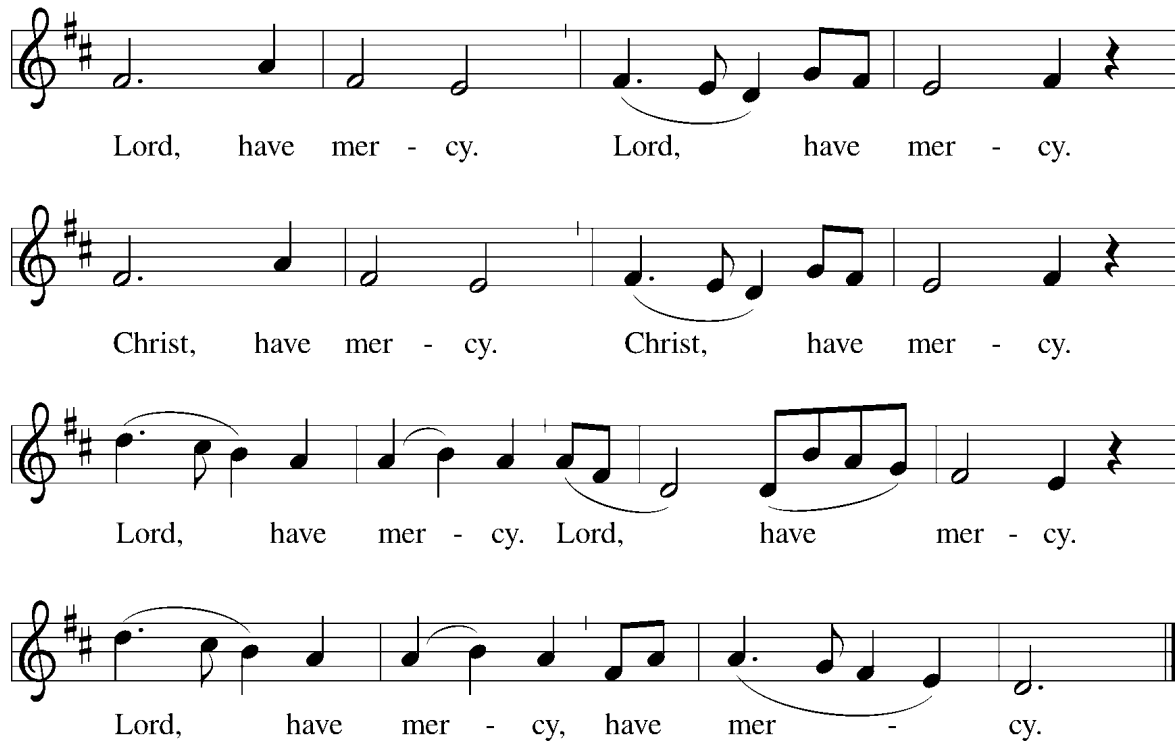
*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*

## \*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## \*KYRIE

# 152



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## WORD

*Exodus 17:1-7*

*A reading from Exodus.*

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

### **\*LENTEN VERSE**

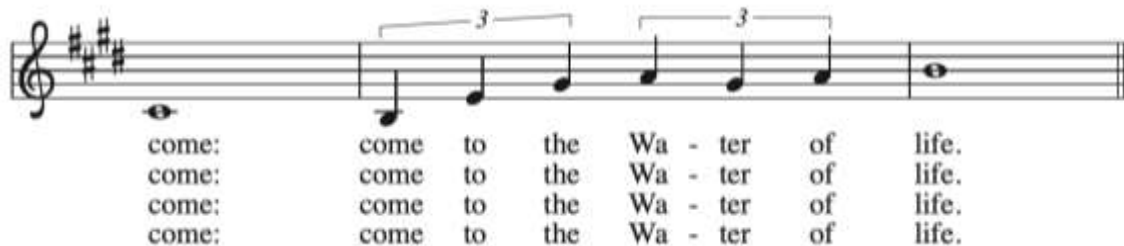
### *Come to the Water of Life*



1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for  
2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for  
3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for  
4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,  
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,  
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,  
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



**\*NARRATIVE GOSPEL READING**     *John 4:5-42*

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

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

<sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

## SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*As the Deer Runs to the River*

# 331

## **\*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 this season of repentance, let us turn our hearts to God, who is gracious and merciful.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers we offer, O God, in the name of the One who endured the cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Oh, For a Heart*

*-R. Wetzler*

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

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

All that we have is a gift from God. In faith and gratitude, we give a portion of what we have so abundantly received, as grateful children of the promises of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 our thanks and praise.**

### \*PROPER PREFACE

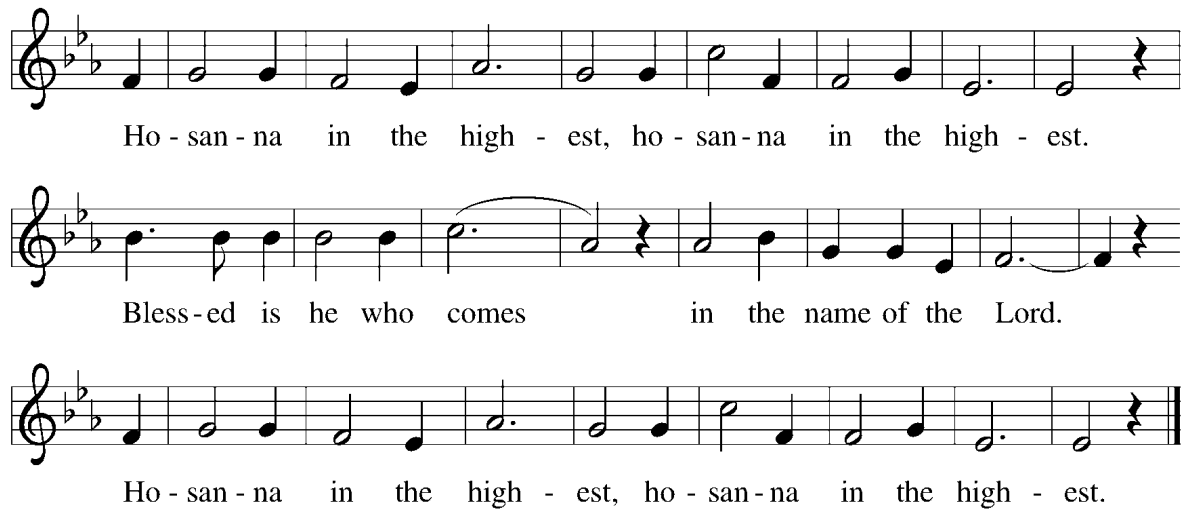
.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

# 193

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.





Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach 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.**



# LAMB OF GOD

# 199



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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.*

*~Please allow space between yourself and others.*

*~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 would like the communion elements brought to you in the pew.*

## SENDING

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the abundant gifts of grace and mercy you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the gift of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

May the grace of God † and the Lord Jesus Christ spring up like living water, to fill your heart and flow throughout your life now, and forevermore. **Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

# 658

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace; led by the cross of Christ. **Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

-C.H.H. Parry

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ADULT FORUM AND COFFEE HOUR MARCH 12**

***\*TODAY\* at 10:45 a.m.***

Join us today as Andrew Spillane shares stories and reflects about his experiences working with incarcerated individuals.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

***\*TODAY\* at 7:00 p.m.***

Confirmation class will meet **Today at 7:00 p.m.** via **Zoom**. A *Zoom* link will be Emailed to the families this week.

### **FAITH-FILLED FUN DAY ON SUNDAY**

***Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00 p.m.***

***“Jesus Calms the Storm”***

All children ages 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in these afternoons of faith and fun. Join us for a new twist on faith formation for our Atonement children: a Vacation Bible School-type gathering once a month on Sunday afternoons! Each session will include story time, crafts, games, and snacks related to the Bible story of the day. We look forward to seeing you!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP**

***Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon***

This workshop is designed for children in Grades 1-4 who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Join us for communion instruction, a craft, and an opportunity to make communion bread! Parents are invited to join us for the last half hour of class.

Children who attend the workshop will be invited to receive their First Communion on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at our 9:30 a.m. service.

Please contact Pastor Gail to sign up your child.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT**

***Wednesdays, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>***

***6:30 p.m.*** Cake, Coffee, and Conversation

***7:00-7:30 p.m.*** Service of Evening Prayer and Candle Lighting

Gather with us during the season of Lent for a midweek opportunity to share a simple dessert and fellowship... and to lift up prayers, hymns, and scripture on our Lenten journey. (Cake bakers are invited to sign up in the narthex if you would like to provide a cake.)

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

***Thursdays, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>***

***11:00-12:00 Noon in the Church Library***

This year, the Gospel texts for Lent offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes in the veil of night; a Samaritan woman comes searching at a well; a man born blind in want of healing. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith, a wider grace. What are you seeking? Bring your Bible and a beverage and join us as we explore the big questions of our lives and our faith.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT: Birthday Cake Bags**

Help us provide a special treat for families in need with a ***'Birthday Cake Bag'***. Each bag provides supplies for a birthday cake celebration. *We will be collecting these bags in the church narthex during Lent (through Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>).* They will be delivered to Messiah Lutheran Church for distribution, along with a carton of eggs for cake baking.

To create a *Birthday Cake Bag*, gather:

- ◆ One cake mix (any flavor)
- ◆ One can of frosting (any flavor)
- ◆ One package of birthday candles
- ◆ One package of small *Happy Birthday* plates (8 plates per pkg)
- ◆ One package of small *Happy Birthday* napkins (8 napkins per pkg)

Place all items into a paper bag/tote bag with handles (gift bags work well, and they can also be used to give a gift).

### **SPRING DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We are updating our Church Directory for Spring!

***If you have any corrections or changes to your name, address, phone, or children's names, or don't see yourself or your child on our monthly birthday lists, please contact the church office by Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.***

We will have updated copies of the Directory available in the narthex on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **GREEN TIP**

Make your deposits and investments away from fossil fuels.

ColorBrightonGreen hosts Michael Richardson from the Rivers and Mountains GreenFaith Circle on Thursday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Brighton Memorial Library. You can also register for a Zoom link (784-5300) or Email [bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com](mailto:bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com)



## Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.



## As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

# O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

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Becky R. Wiesmore, Administrative Assistant

*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.

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."*

John 4:14b

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