

# Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

9:30 a.m.

In-person and Livestream Worship

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**Atonement Lutheran Church**

**Invite • Prepare • Go into the World**

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*

*-W. Roberts*

## WELCOME

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Trusting in God's goodness, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of Mercy,

**We confess that we have not been faithful followers. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in claiming our rights. We have not loved others as you have taught us, instead seeking glory for ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, and show us the way of repentance; that we might stand blameless at the last with Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God is merciful to you and forgives your sins for Jesus' sake, remembering them no more. Live as people who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God. **Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

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

### **\*GATHERING HYMN**

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand*

*# 437*

*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*

## **\*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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING**

*Amos 5:18-24*

*A reading from Amos*

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

**SECOND READING**                      *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
*A reading from First Thessalonians*

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**    *When Peace Like a River, stanzas 1 & 4*    # 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when

4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast

clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 25:1-13*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

## **SERMON**

**\*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**

Let us pray in hope and confidence as we wait for Christ's coming, and for the coming of the kingdom of God. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust to you, O God, all for whom we pray and ask that you remain with us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*-W. Ehret*

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world, 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**

It is indeed right to give you thanks, most loving God, through Jesus Christ our Savior, crucified, risen, and ascended; who is one with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. Therefore with saints and evangelists, apostles and prophets, and all the redeemed, we praise your holy name and sing:



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

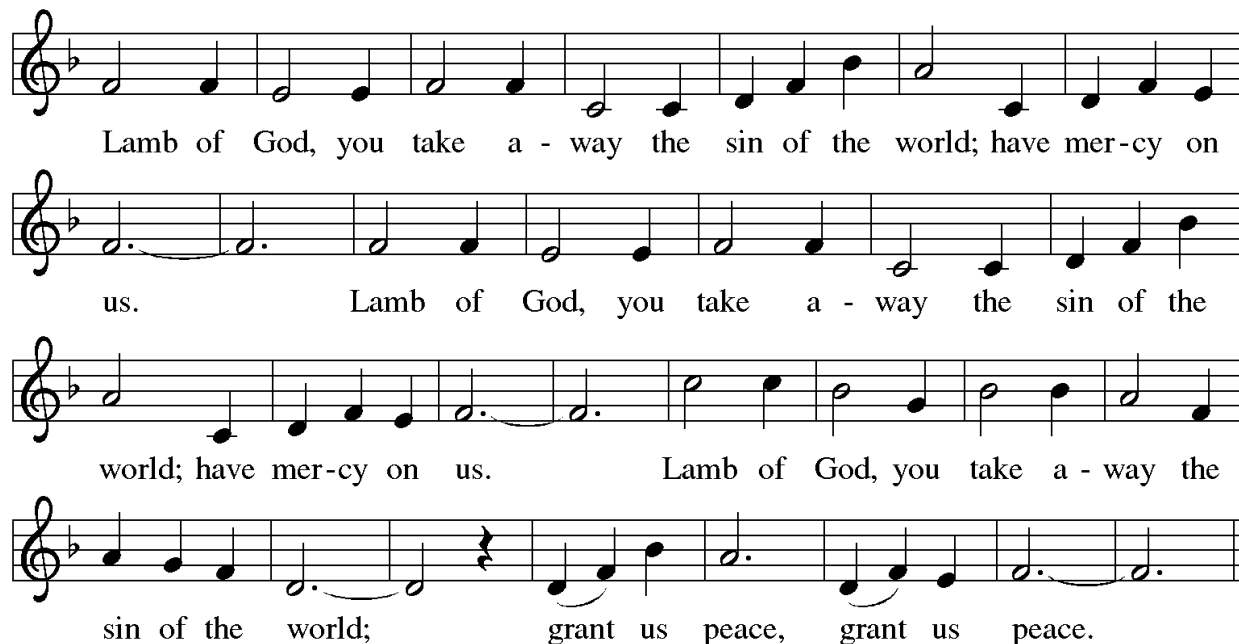
**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin 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.*

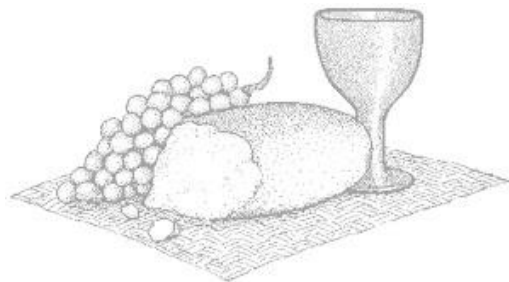
*~Come forward by the center aisle.*

*~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**

Let us pray;

Blessed Jesus, at this table you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day, when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

May the grace of God,  
the love of Christ †  
and the sending of the Spirit be with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

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### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister ..... Jean Seager  
Livestream Recorder ..... Karen Goodyear  
Offering Counters ..... Bob Touhsaent, Adam Darder  
Usher(s) ..... Bob Heinig  
Altar Care ..... Judy Lazenby  
Fellowship Host ..... The McGill Family



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COFFEE HOUR/ADULT FORUM

**\*TODAY\*** following worship in Reissig Hall

Today's Topic is *What's Faith-Based Living Got to Do With Civic Life?* presented by Susan Touhsaent.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY FUN DAY

**\*TODAY\*** following worship in Founders Hall

All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us directly after worship in Founders Hall. Join us for a Bible story, an art project, music, activities, and snacks. This month we'll talk about Mending God's World through forgiveness.

*We ask that an adult stay with children under eight years of age to assist us.*

## NOVEMBER ELCA WORLD HUNGER COLLECTION

Atonement will be collecting donations through the month of November to benefit ELCA World Hunger. There will be a collection bin on the table in the Narthex. *Checks should be made payable to Atonement Lutheran Church; write 'ELCA World Hunger' on the memo line.*

## SIDEWALK SNOW SHOVELING & SALTING

We are looking for a few hardy souls to assist with sidewalk snow shoveling and salting before Sunday services and during the week beginning in December. See Tom Thompson for details.

## PLEDGE CARDS

As we conclude this Stewardship season, please consider **making a financial commitment** to the mission and ministry of Atonement by **filling out a pledge card for 2024** and returning it to the church office. Additional pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex and in the church office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FALL STEWARDSHIP: A NEW WAY TO GIVE

It's easier than ever to give to Atonement by simply scanning the code below. All you need to do is point your smartphone's camera at the code. Once your camera recognizes the QR code, a notification will pop up that features a link. Tap on this link and you will be taken directly to Atonement's giving website.

If your phone doesn't automatically take a snapshot of the code, you may need to download a QR code reader app. Many are available free of charge in the Google Play store, or the Apple App store. If you have any questions, please contact Lindee Krapf.



### OUTREACH MINISTRY: Barbara Macholz Grimaldi Legacy Grants

Atonement Lutheran Church has been blessed with a unique opportunity to remember the life and legacy of Barbara Macholz Grimaldi through a Legacy Fund established in her memory. Grants of \$500 are available for distribution for congregational and community outreach projects, programs and ministries throughout the Upstate New York Synod (and beyond) addressing the following issues:

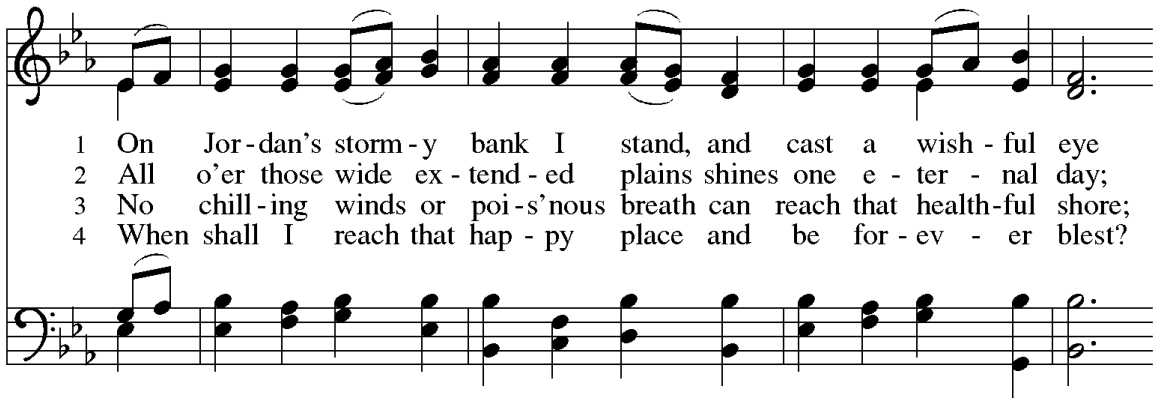
- **Biblical Justice**
- **Social Justice**
- **Food Insecurity, Hunger, Community Gardening**
- **Criminal Justice**
- **Racial Justice**

A Grant Request Form can be found on our BMGLF bulletin board and on our web site. ***Deadline for applications is this Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.***

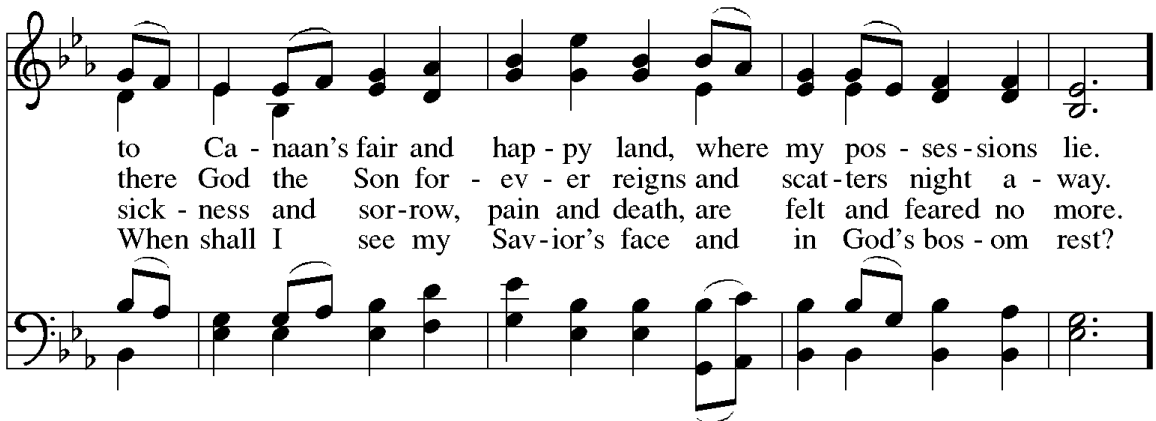
### ANGEL TREE NEWS

This year, we will be blessing a refugee family of six for Christmas! Please Note: the deadline is earlier than usual, with all gifts needed by ***Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>***; the first Sunday in Advent. Please pick an ornament off of our 'Thanksgiving' tree and return your *unwrapped* gift by Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

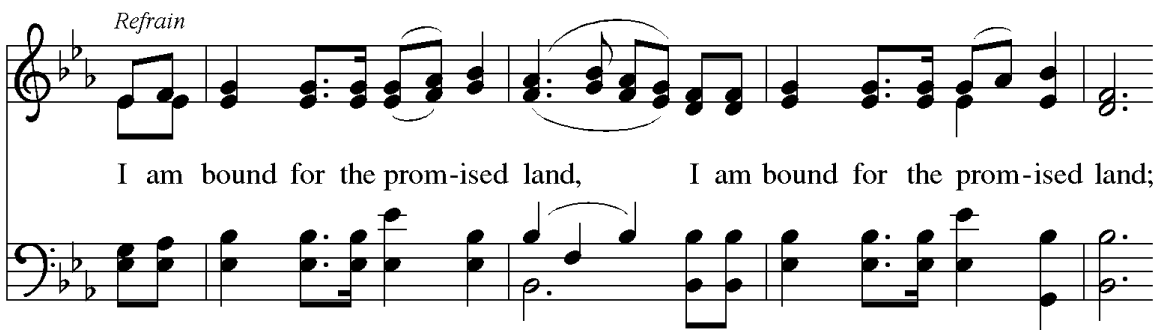


1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye  
2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;  
3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;  
4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?

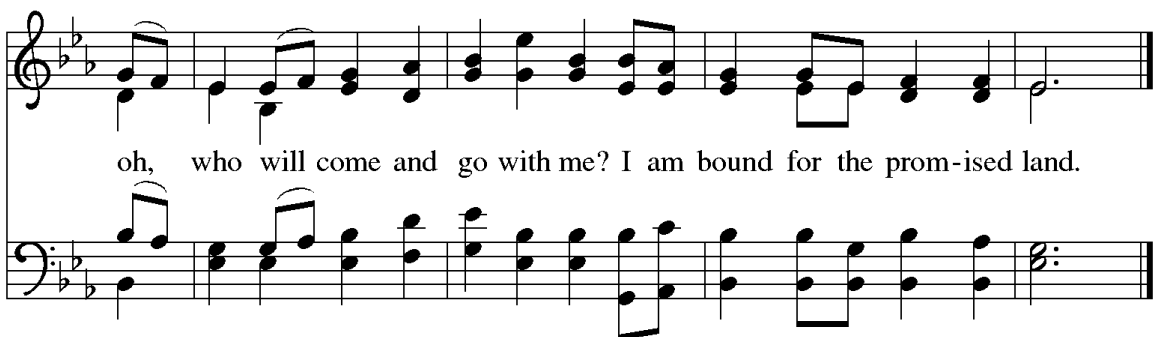


to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.  
there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.  
sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?

*Refrain*



I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

# Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

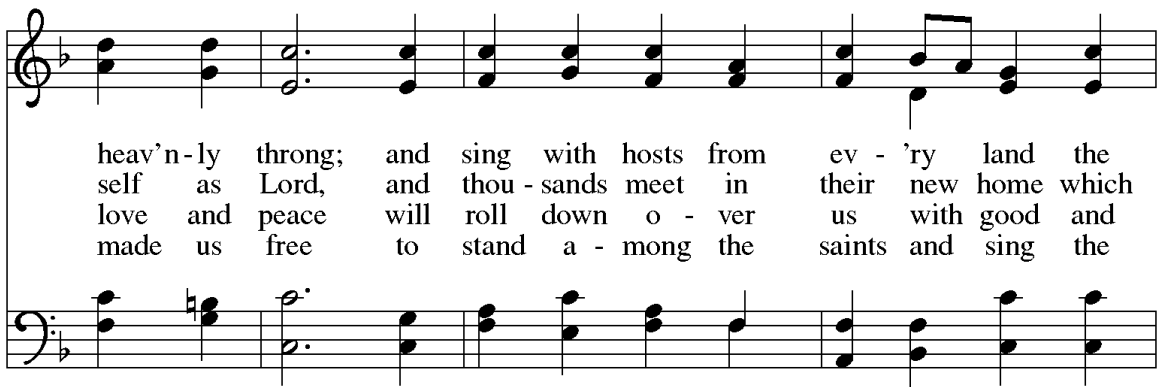


go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

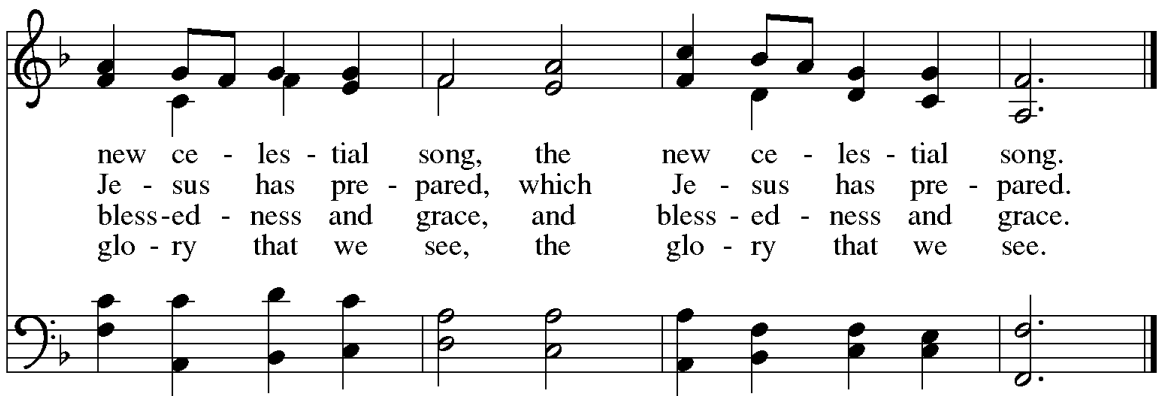
# Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n - ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the  
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which  
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.



# Atonement Lutheran Church

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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.**

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"Keep Awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

-Matthew 25:13

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