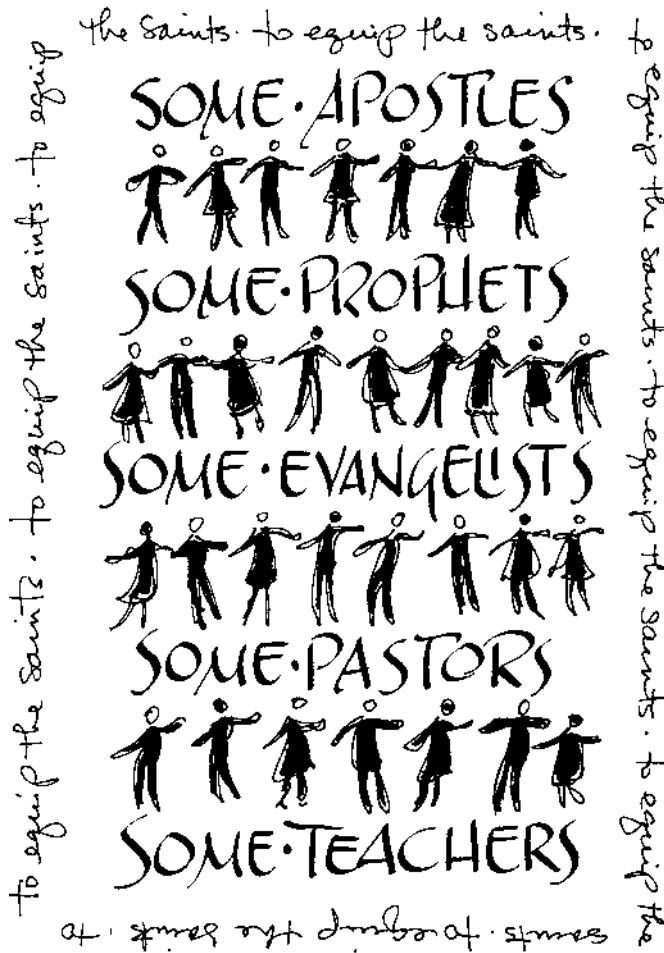


*"This is the day the Lord has made. Let's rejoice and be glad!"*

E P H E S I A N S 4 : 11 - 12



## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

1285 North New Florissant Road, Florissant, Missouri 63031  
(Area 314) Church: 837-1224 School: 837-1252 Childcare: 837-2802

**WORSHIP:** Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (except in summer)

**DATE:** *July 31-August 1, 2021*

# Welcome to Worship at Atonement

**FOR OUR VISITORS:** *Our hymns and liturgy are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).  
The hymnals and Bibles are temporarily removed from the pews.*

Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing-impaired are available at services. Large print worship folders are also available. Please ask an usher prior to the service.

**Please turn off all cell phones and pagers and refrain from flash photography.**

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. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests. Please also continue to practice social distancing. Please be assured that all reasonable precautions are being taken to assure health and safety.

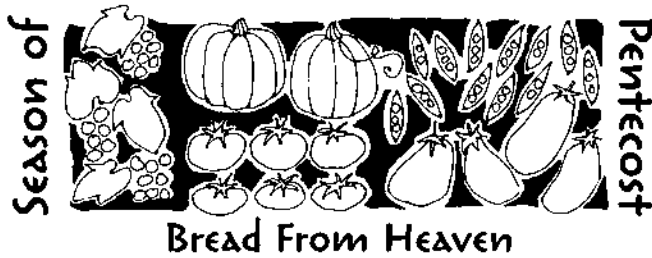
## Sunday Education at Atonement -- 9:30 a.m.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Class will resume, when appropriate.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Classes for younger students will resume, when appropriate.

**ADULT FORUM:** Adult Forum will resume, when appropriate.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** First Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; St. John 6:35, 41-51



**July 31-August 1, 2021**

*(\*Seating may take place at these times.)*

**\*PRELUDE:** (8:15/10:15) *“Aria de Eloga”*

Ben Hogan

**AN ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** *(please stand)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: One God, uncreated, infinite, and eternal.**

P: “I am the Bread of Life,” says Jesus Christ. “Whoever eats of this bread will never die.”

**C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Prepare to be invited to the banquet of the Lord.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: Despite the kindness of your generosity, we live in the futility of greed, corrupted and deluded by desire. Still, we hunger and thirst for righteousness. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: The Bread of Life was given for the life of the world. In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake our sins are forgiven. Whoever comes to him will never hunger; whoever believes in him will never thirst.

**C: Lord, give us this bread always. Amen**

+ + + **THE ENTRANCE RITE** + + +

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN: #836** (*stanzas 1-2; printed at page 10*)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**THE 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.**

P: Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food.

**C: Let us act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.**

P: I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

**C: Let us act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.**

P: I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

**C: Let us act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.**

P: I was naked and you clothed me.

**C: Let us act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.**

P: I was ill and you comforted me.

**C: Let us act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #836** (*stanza 3; printed at page 10*)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world.

**C: Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**ANTHEM:** (*8:15/10:15; sit*) “O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Charles Wesley

**FIRST LESSON:**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.' " <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the

Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' "

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

**\*PSALMODY:**

Psalm 78:23-29

*(The organist will play the conclusion to the familiar hymn tune, "Schmücke Dich;" a lector will read a line from the Psalm, and the congregation will sing two lines from the hymn stanza.)*

*"Can God spread a table in the wilderness? Can he provide bread for his people?"*

**Feed your children, God most holy.  
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.**

*God commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven.*

**You our Bread of Life from heaven,  
Bless the food you here have given.**

*God rained down upon them manna to eat and gave them grain from heaven.*

**As these gifts the body nourish,  
May our souls in graces flourish.**

*So mortals ate the bread of angels; God sent them food in abundance, God gave them the food they craved.*

**Till with saints in heav'nly splendor  
At your feast our thanks we render.**

## SECOND LESSON:

Ephesians 4:1-16

*St. Paul writes:* I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

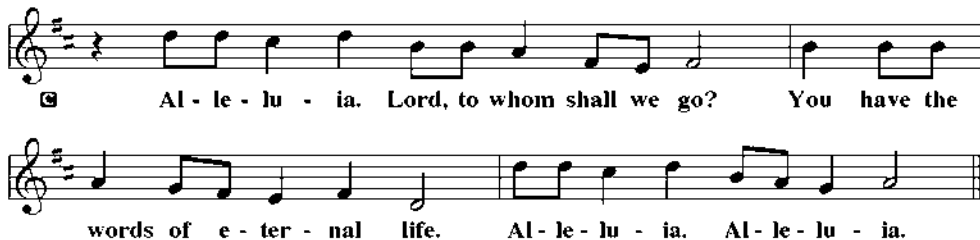
<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same

one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

## THE VERSE: *(please stand)*




## THE HOLY GOSPEL:

St. John 6:24-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

  
*I am the Bread of Life.  
He who comes to me will never go hungry,  
and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.*

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in

him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #461** (*stanzas 1-2; printed at page 11; sit*)

"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"

**SERMON**

Pastor Mueller

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #461** (*stanza 3; printed at page 11; stand*)

"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"

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**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**



For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Each petition concludes:*

A: O Bread of Life,

C: Feed us with your grace.

*(please be seated)*

+ + + **THE SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST** + + +

**HYMN, as the Altar is prepared: #462** *(stanzas 1-2; printed at page 12)*

“Now We Join in Celebration”

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A: Let us pray. You have fulfilled your promise throughout the generations, O  
Father,

C: “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you.”

A: Accept our gifts.

C: **With them we acknowledge that all our bread is heaven-sent.**

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

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 God thanks and praise.**

P: Always and everywhere it is right to give you thanks and praise, Almighty Father, giver of every good and perfect gift. Like a grain of wheat, your Son was buried in the earth that, rising once again, he might bring forth your gift of life in full abundance. Nourished by such sustenance, we join the praises of your faithful servants offered always and everywhere:

Tune: "*Schmücke Dich*"

**Hosts before the altar flying,  
"Holy, holy, holy!" crying,  
Join to tell the wondrous story  
Of your all-things-filling glory.  
We, who taste of heav'nly manna,  
Join the welcoming hosanna:  
Bread of Life, you bless us ever:  
Those who eat shall hunger never!**

P: 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.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**



**THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE:** *(sit; Continuous/Pilgrim Communion)*  
*(Please follow the guidance of the ushers. The chalice is offered only currently for intinction/dipping.)*

Hymn #462 *(stanza 3; printed at page 12)*

Hymn #487 *(printed at page 13)*

Hymn #496 *(printed at page 14)*

“Now We Join in Celebration”

“What Feast of Love”

“One Bread, One Body”

**COMMUNION DISMISSAL:** *(please stand)*

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:** Hymn #547 *(stanza 1)*

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
To work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. Almighty God,  
C: **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. Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: #547** *(stanza 2)* “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

**With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God’s children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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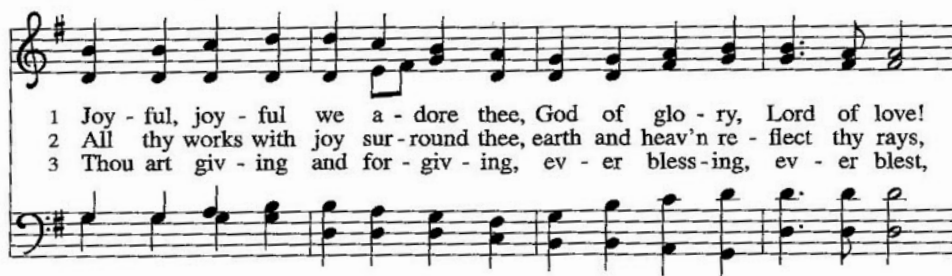
A: Go in peace. Share your Bread. Serve the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *(8:15/10:15) “Ceremonial March”* Jon Spong

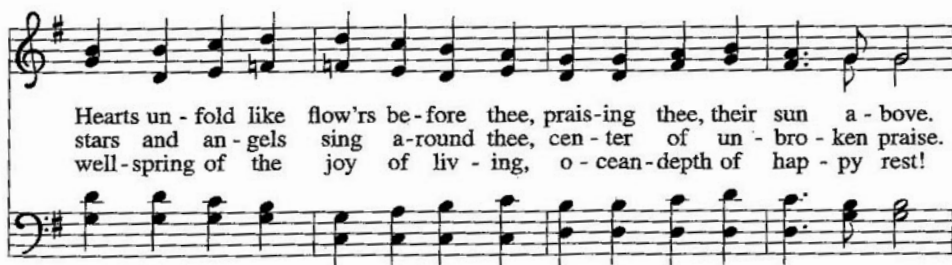
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Preacher.....*Pastor Richard E. Mueller*  
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Organists..... *(5:30) Julie Binder; (8:15/10:15) Cindy Vantine*  
Instrumentalist.....*Gene Tisius*  
Adult Choir..... *Dr. Bruce Vantine, Director*  
Altar Guild.....*(5:30) Lisa Hackmeister, Breana Hackmeister*  
.....*(8:15) Bonnie David, Jack David; (10:15) Verina Ruiz*  
Greeters.....*(8:15) Bonnie David, Jack David; (10:15) Kathy Long*  
Counters.....*Jodi Laffold, Julie Hammer, Lisa Moravec*  
Head Ushers.....*(5:30) Tom Beckermann; (8:15) Don Meier; (10:15) Bill Meyerkord*  
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## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

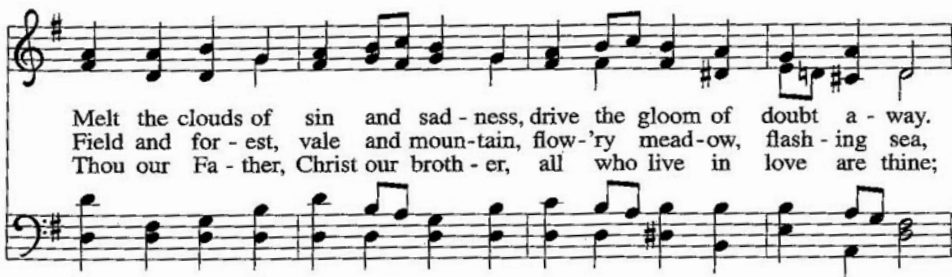
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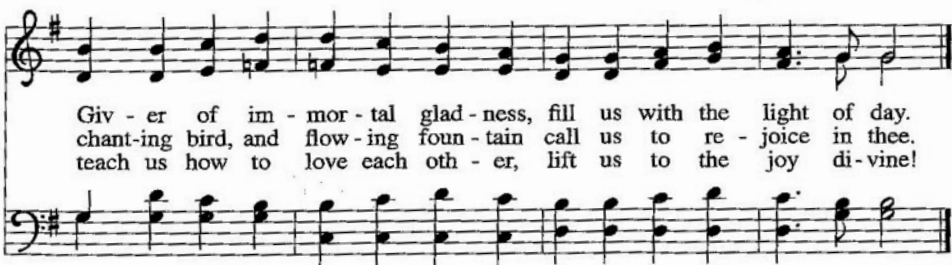
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

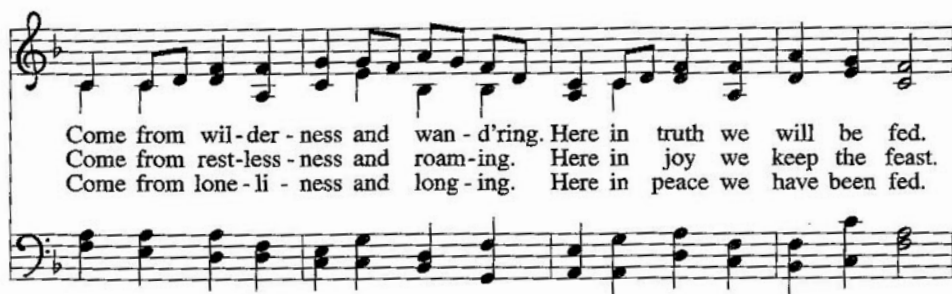
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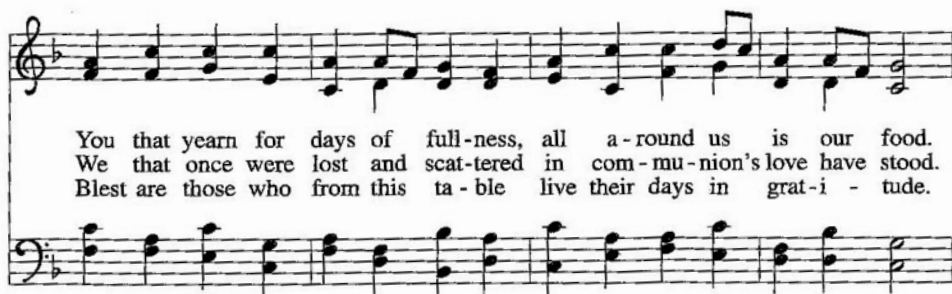
## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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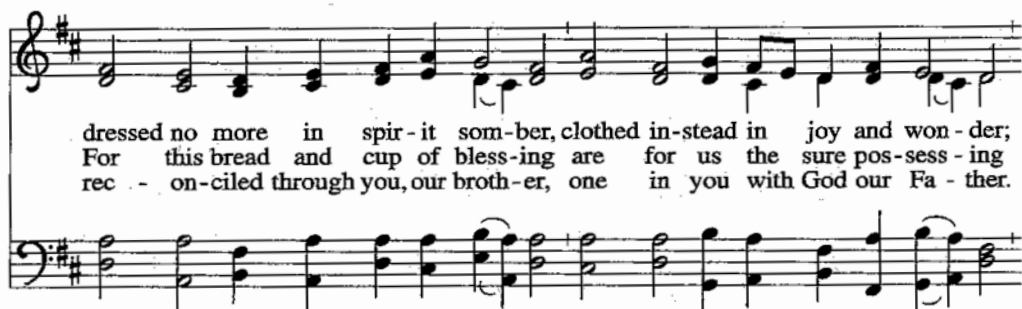
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# Now We Join in Celebration

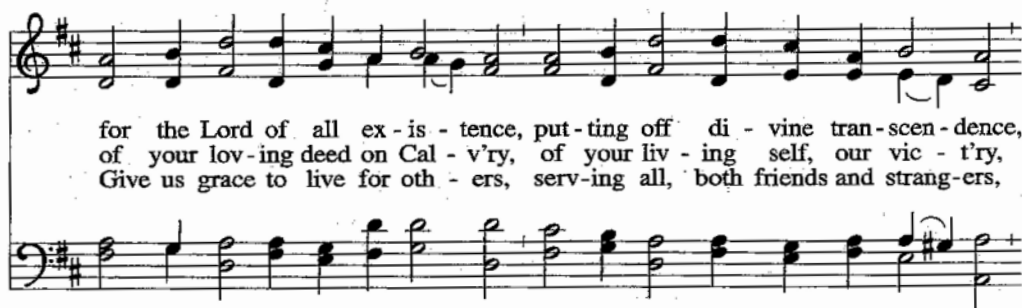
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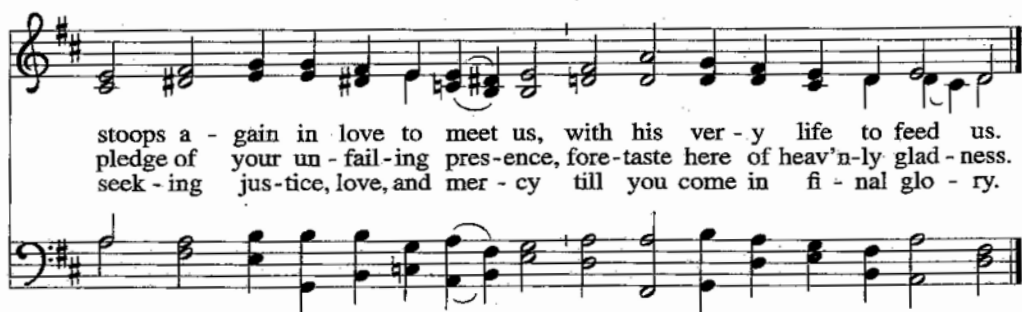
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



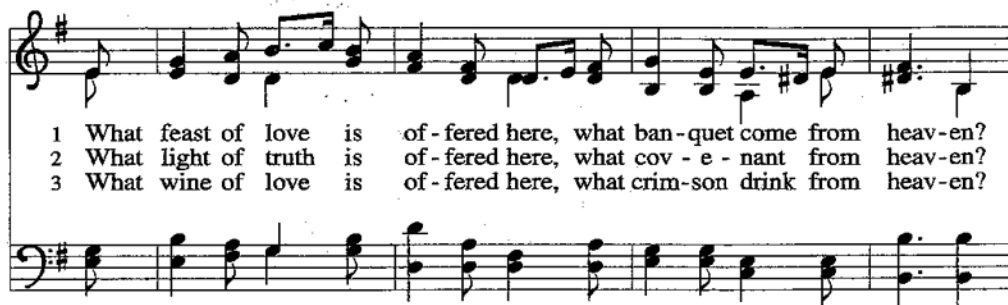
dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



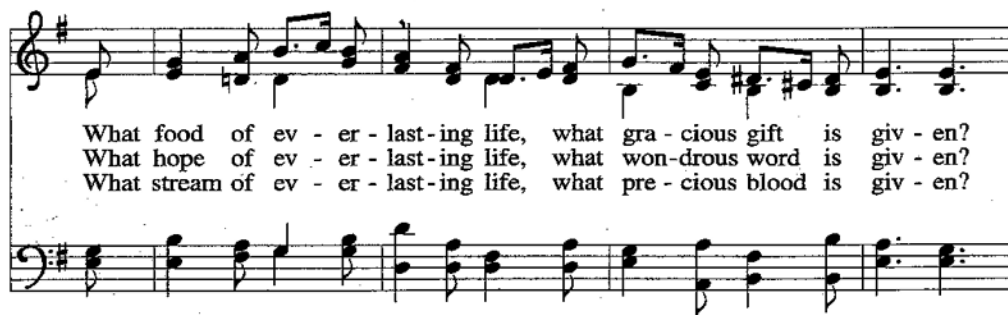
for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.



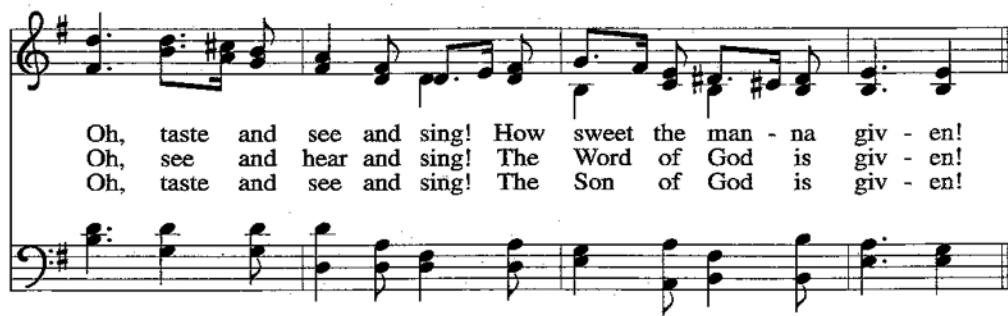
1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?  
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?  
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?  
 What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?  
 What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: English ballad, 16th cent.

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## One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



|   |            |             |            |            |
|---|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or Jew,     | ser - vant | or free,   |
| 2 | Man - y    | the gifts,  | man - y    | the works, |
| 3 | Grain for  | the fields, | scat-tered | and grown, |



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| wom - an         | or man, | no  | more. |
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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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## AUGUST 1, 2021 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

It can be difficult for us to trust God.

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### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

|           |                     |                             |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday    | John 6:24-35        | Christ, the bread of life   |
| Monday    | Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 | Bread from heaven           |
| Tuesday   | Ephesians 4:1-16    | Unity in the body of Christ |
| Wednesday | Psalms 37:3-9       | Trust the Lord              |
| Thursday  | Matthew 6:25-34     | Do not worry                |
| Friday    | Proverbs 3:1-6      | Trust God                   |
| Saturday  | Psalms 78:23-29     | God feeds the people        |
| Sunday    | John 6:35, 41-51    | Bread from heaven           |

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'"

**Exodus 16:9 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust that through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you give us the bread of life that feeds us and cares for us now and always. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, our Bread of Life, give us thankful hearts for this gift of food and for all you do to care for us. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who feeds you bless you with a thankful heart.



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# AUGUST 1, 2021 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you like to complain about?
- Have you ever gotten what you wanted and then regretted it or known someone who got what they wanted and were not grateful? Explain.
- How does trust in God lead to contentment?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15.

The story of the Israelites in the Old Testament is unique to the ancient world. No other people were willing to be so self-critiquing. Other religious writings from other people were much more willing to be self-glorifying. Not the Israelites. They knew they were hard to please and not as trusting as they could be. Instead of thanking God for their freedom they acted as though God took them from the comforts of Egypt. They forgot that they were actually starving and dying at the hands of the Pharaoh. In this account, they don't even ask for help; they just complain. However, God hears the complaints of the people and steps in to care for them and feeds them morning and night. How has God blessed and fed you during your mornings and nights?

*Pray:* **Living God, help us to be aware of your care that sustains us day after day, morning and night through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Ephesians 4 talks about the gifts we are given to equip us to serve our neighbor. We serve our neighbor and speak the truth in love with one another. This is the way our congregations and families are strengthened and we grow together in the ups and downs of life. We care for each other. How can you serve your family, community, and congregation using your gifts?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The Daily Bible Readings this week from John, Exodus, and Psalm 78 all share a theme about bread and being fed. Gather a selection of different breads to serve this week with your meals. Use a different bread every day for each meal. Say the Mealtime Prayer for this week and while eating the bread think or talk about a way in which God has provided for you.



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool.  
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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**Anniversaries:** Pastor Rick and Kathleen Mueller - 45 years  
Keith and Linda Tomazi - 40 years

**Death:** Donny Carroll, husband of former Atonement Lutheran School nurse, Renee Carroll

**Hospitalized and Ill:**

|             |               |                  |              |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| Iye Sesay   | John Meyer    | Ben Eaton        | Jacki Bickel |
| Cathy Self  | Carol Peachee | Debbie Hinkebein | Faith Brown  |
| Robert Wall |               |                  |              |

*Our Loved Ones/Friends:*

|                        |                |                |              |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Lorraine Haddock       | Amy Ruprecht   | Kathy Zeuschel | Missy Taylor |
| Jerry and Teresa Cuddy | Shirley Rheuma | Roger Limback  | Edith Duke   |
| Marla Harms            | Mike Prinzi    | Dale Brinkley  |              |

*To continue your loved one in the prayers, please notify the church office by Tuesday Noon.*

*Due to Federal privacy laws, please obtain explicit permission to list friends or loved ones in the prayers.*

## OUR WELCOME

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your worship. Visitors are asked to sign the attendance form in the bulletin. Please introduce yourself to one of the pastors.

## 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 completed its 66<sup>th</sup> academic year.

## 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, PAKT, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

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## OUR CALENDAR

### TODAY

8:15 a.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*

10:15 a.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*

### *Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

### MONDAY

9:00 a.m. - Parish Nurse Office Open (until 11:00 a.m.)

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. - Seniors Alive Board Meeting

### THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. - Bible and Breakfast

### FRIDAY

**Church Office Closed**

### SATURDAY

**P.A.K.T. Food Collection**

9:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study

11:00 a.m. - Grief Support Group

5:30 p.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*



*Flowers are placed to the glory of God by Pastor Rick and Kathleen Mueller in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

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