



# Atonement Lutheran Church

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Time after Pentecost

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## Serving in Worship

Pastor ..... Holly Feather (she/her/hers)  
Assisting Minister..... Todd Feather  
Reader..... Julie Backman  
Interim Choir Director..... Gwen Freeman  
Pianist..... Youlee Duray  
Altar Guild/Counters.....Phyllis Ransom and Mary Wudel

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## Remote Worship Access

Use this link to join the service on a computer, tablet, or smart phone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84490589512> . You may have to wait for the host to admit you to the service.

To call in for sound only, the telephone number is (669) 900 6833. When you are prompted to enter a Meeting ID, the number is 844 9058 9512. If you are asked for a passcode (you may not be), it is 750450.

Those worshipping remotely are invited to share in communion. Please have a small portion of bread and wine/juice ready before the service.

If you have a prayer request, please enter it in the “chat” feature and we will include it during today’s Prayers of the People.

## Welcome!

**Whether you are worshipping in-person or remotely,  
we're glad you have joined us.**

Atonement is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and is also a Reconciled in Christ (RIC) congregation. This means that we are an inclusive congregation that welcomes and encourages all people, regardless of race, language, previous denominational affiliation, gender identity, or sexual orientation to worship with us so that we may enjoy all the spiritual gifts that God gives to all God's people.

At Atonement, we embrace the Richard Feynman quote that has been so popular on social media: *"I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned."* Questions are welcome here, even the questions we can't answer, even if you're questioning your faith (don't we all sometimes?). Whatever your questions, we would love to walk with you so we can learn from each other.

This bulletin contains all the music and responses you will need for today's service. If you are not familiar with the liturgical form of worship, please let the spirit of the service carry you along.

- Congregational responses are in **bold face type**.
- **Songs** are printed in the back of the bulletin.
- At various times during the service, you will be invited to **stand**. Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer to worship in this way.

We celebrate **Holy Communion** every week. You do not need to be a member, or a Lutheran, to participate. Everyone is welcome at God's table. If this meal is meaningful to you, please come. If you are not able to come forward, we will bring communion to you. Please let an usher know.

If you need to contact Pastor Holly, her cell number is (530) 613-9018, or you may email her at [pr.holly@gmail.com](mailto:pr.holly@gmail.com). The "**ALC Guest**" wifi password is ALC9242!

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# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude.....Youlee Duray

Call to Worship .....Come, Let Us Worship God (DATH2)



1	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...
2	Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...	Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...
3	Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...	Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...
4	Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...	Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...



Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...
Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...	Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...
Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...	Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...
Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...	Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...



Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev - 'ry -	one ...



To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...
To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...
To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...
To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.  
as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song** ..... Sweet Hour of Prayer (pg. 20)

## Greeting/ Prayer of the Day

The grace of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, the love of God our Creator, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. **Amen.**

**Special Music**.....Offertory by John Ness Beck  
..... Jim Weber

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## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture, sermon, and song.*

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## Welcoming God's Word

*The children (and those young at heart)  
are invited to come forward and help the Pastor welcome God's Word.*



# Psalm..... Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

## **First Reading: Colossians 2:6-15**

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

**Thanks be to God.**





us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

**Repeat Gospel Verse**.....Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

**Today’s Message**..... Pastor Holly Feather  
*Silence for Reflection*

**Song of the Day** (*Please stand in body or spirit.*)  
.....Ask the Complicated Questions (pg. 21)

## **Prayers of the People** *(please be seated)*

*Each petition will end: God of grace,*

*Please respond: **hear our prayer.***

## **Greetings of Peace** *(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

*The passing of the peace is already part of the worship in the New Testament. This action embodies our belief that we are reconciled to one another through our faith in Christ. Greet your neighbor with a handshake, a hug, or a bow with palms pressed together. As we seek to form a community of consent, please be sensitive to the other person's desired level of physical contact.*

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## **Meal**

***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.***

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## **Collection of the Offering**

**Offering Song**..... I Love to Tell the Story (pg. 22)

## **Offering Prayer** *(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

Let us pray together:

**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## **We Gather at God's Table**

May God be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to  
our God most High.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to God.**

**It is right to give God  
thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy..... Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

*Refrain*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your thirst.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Send your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son, through whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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

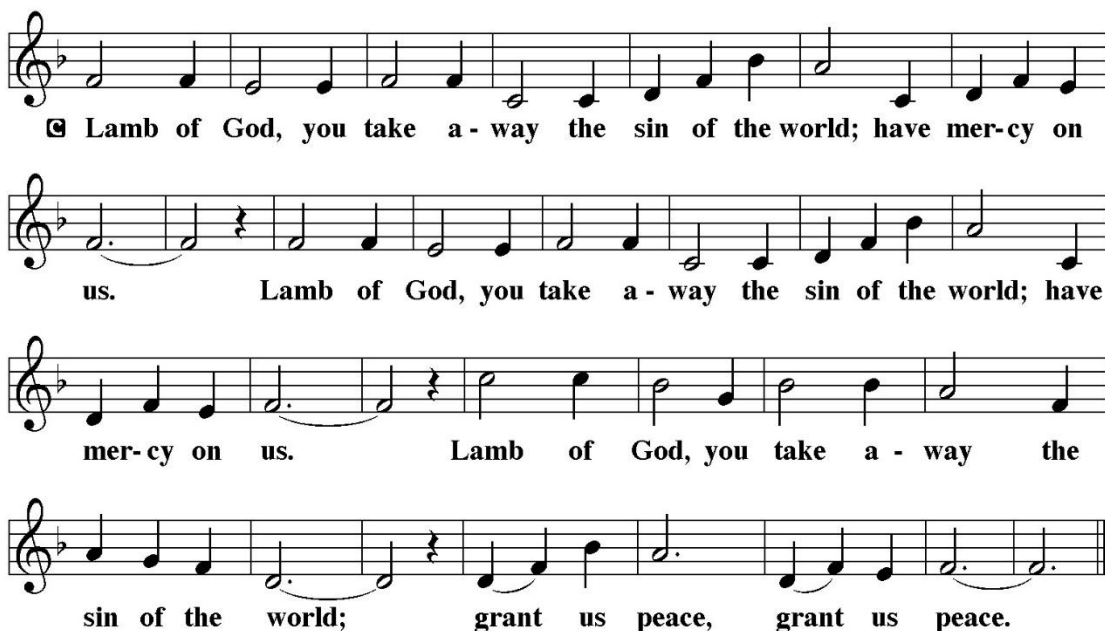
*Please feel free to offer this prayer in whatever language or translation speaks most deeply to your heart.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

## 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.**

**Communion Blessing** *(after all have been served)*

*(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ ✠, strengthen and keep you,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your  
grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and  
proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

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**Sending**

***God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.***

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**Benediction**

May the love of God abound in you; may the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ  
fill your hearts; and may the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song**..... Go, My Children, with My Blessing (pg.23)

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** ..... Youlee Duray

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**July Offerings**

	<b>Offerings</b>	<b>Missions, Usage, Flowers, Special, Other</b>	<b>Total Income</b>
July 6	510.00	895.00	1405.00
July 13	2825.00	0	2825.00
July 20	1623.00	1760.00	3383.00
July 27			
Total	4958.00	2655.00	7613.00

**Next Week’s Readings:**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

# Parish Notes

**Altar Flowers** today are offered for the Glory of God.

**Our Prayer Concerns** (Please ask the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayers through the Prayer Chain or the pastor to publish their name and their request.)

Stephanie (Linda Cancio's daughter), Donna Philp, Veronica Klapheck (Sarah Klapheck's daughter), Jennifer Smith (Johanne Smith's Daughter-in-Law), Bodil Drucker, Sue Napalitano (Brother Mike's sister), Ezekiel (Tito's nephew), Mark Montgomery, Pat Crongeyer (Walt Wildrick's friend), Joan Witt (Lucy's Friend), Faith (Lucy's Friend), Bob Grosse (Kathy Chance's father), Tosh Shikasho (Barb's friend), Bob (Mary Wudel's brother), Christopher Chance (Kathy's son), Nina Haskett (friend of Barb), Beverly Olson, Sedona (Lucy's friend), Lauri Snyder, Curt Hanson, Carolyn Hanley, Ron Geirhan, Jody Koch, Lisa Berumen, Mary Lechner, Lonee Martinez, Dennis Tagawa (Barb's friend), Dan and Kathy, Judi Phelps, John Studybaker. All countries experiencing conflict, the many places recovering from natural disasters, all those caught up in the epidemic of violence in the US. Our local congregations and synod staff, especially St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bishop Jeff Johnson.

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## This Week at Atonement

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### Sunday, July 27

10:00 Worship

11:15 Fellowship

11:30 Manna and Mercy

### Sunday, August 3

Noisy Offering

Birthday Sunday

10:00 Worship

11:15 Fellowship



## Bits N Pieces of Information

**Adult Discussion Time:** Our discussion group on Manna and Mercy Will continue today after worship since we finally have our technical issues worked out. This wonderful graphic novel is by Dan Erlander. In the introduction, he writes “I am convinced that authentic God-Talk can take place only in the context of trembling, laughing at oneself, praying for forgiveness, and understanding that words never capture the reality to which they point.”

**The Great Cloud of Witnesses:** This Fall, as we move towards All Saints Day, we will focus on those who have gone on before us, both in our congregation and in our lives. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. Watch this space.

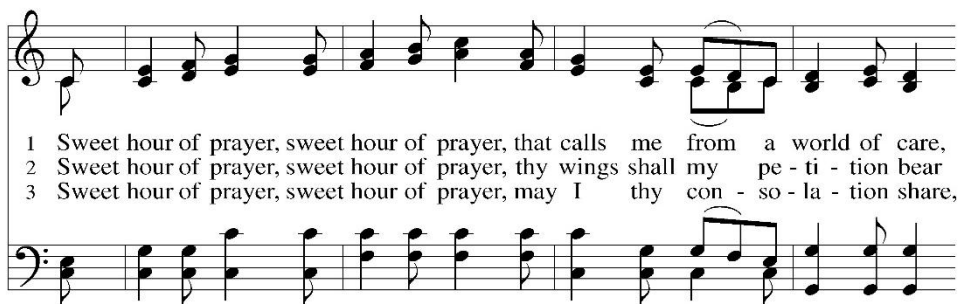
**Do you enjoy Handcrafts?** The Handcrafters meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1:00-2:30. All hand-held (easily transported) crafts – Knit, Crochet, Needlepoint, Miniatures, etc. – are welcome. If you don’t craft, you are welcome to come by and chat.

## **2025 Congregation Council**

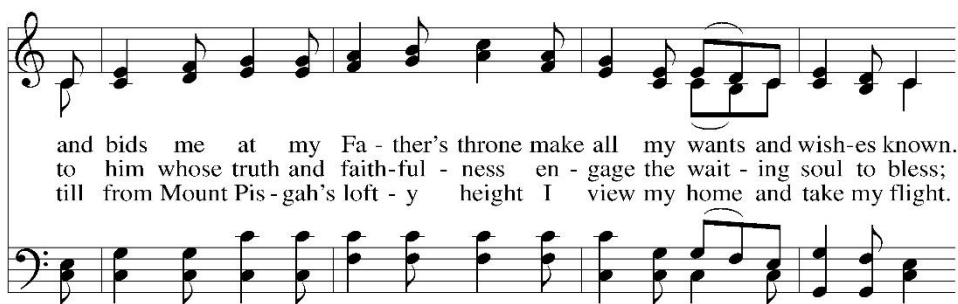
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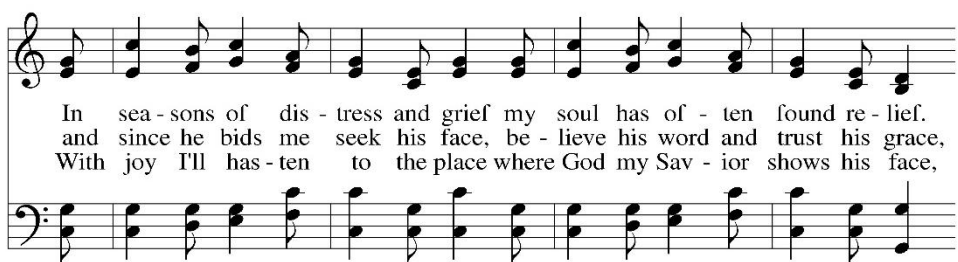
# Gathering Song ..... Sweet Hour of Prayer (TFF 242)



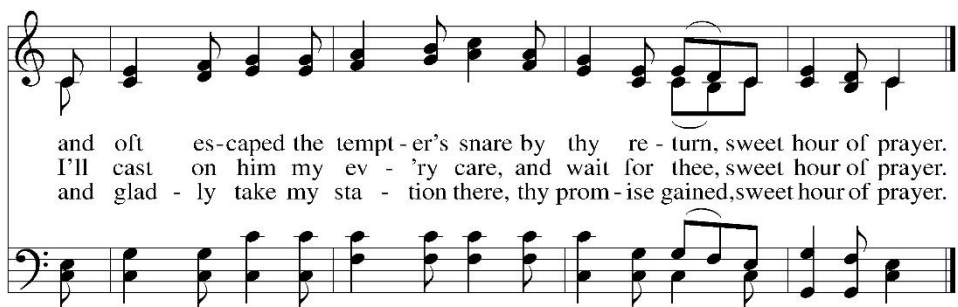
1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,  
 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear,  
 3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so - la - tion share,



and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.  
 to him whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;  
 till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I view my home and take my flight.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
 and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word and trust his grace,  
 With joy I'll has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
 I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
 and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, thy prom - ise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

## Song of the Day.....Ask the Complicated Questions (ACS 1005)



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

# Offering Song ..... I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

## Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

# Sending Song..... Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."