



# Atonement Lutheran Church

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Time after Pentecost

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## Serving in Worship

Pastor ..... Holly Feather (she/her/hers)  
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Reader..... Brother Mike  
Interim Choir Director..... Gwen Freeman  
Pianist..... Youlee Duray  
Altar Guild/Counters..... Julie Backman 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.

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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** .....The God of Abraham Praise (pg. 17)

### **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. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.  
Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to  
treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.

**Amen.**

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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.*

Welcome

### First Reading Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms.....O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

**Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he

considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

**Thanks Be to God.**

**Gospel Verse** (*Please stand in body or spirit.*).....Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**Gospel: Luke 12:32-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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.*)

..... What Is the World Like (pg. 18)



**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**..... My Faith Looks Up to Thee (pg. 19)

**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

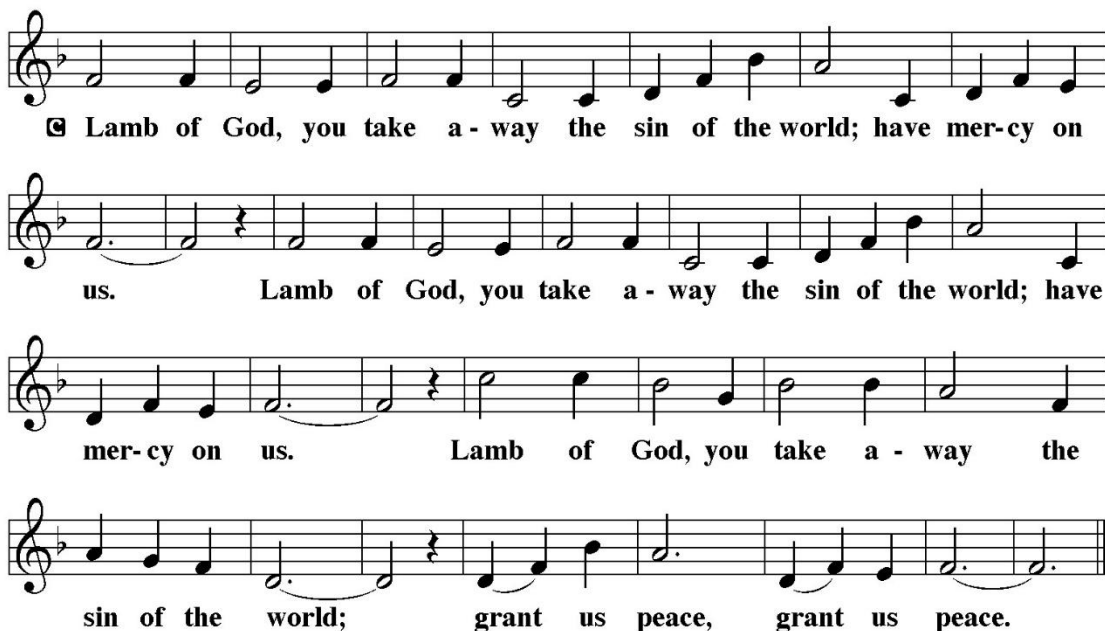
*Please feel free to offer this prayer in whatever language or translation speaks most deeply to your heart.*

**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**

Let us pray. 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**.....Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (pg.20)

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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**August Offerings**

	<b>Offerings</b>	<b>Missions, Usage, Flowers, Special, Other</b>	<b>Total Income</b>
August 3	1160.00	935.00	2095.00
August 10			
August 17			
August 24			
August 31			
Total			

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**Next Week’s Readings:**

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

# 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.)

The Guidi Family (Youlee Duray's Neighbor), Veronica Klapheck, 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 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Community Lutheran Church, Megan Macpherson, Assistant to the Bishop.

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## This Week at Atonement

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### Sunday, August 10

10:00 Worship

11:15 Fellowship

11:30 Council Meeting

### Tuesday, August 12

1:00 Handcrafters

### Sunday, August 17

10:00 Worship

11:15 Fellowship

11:30 Manna and Mercy

## Bits N Pieces of Information

**Adult Discussion Time:** Our discussion group on Manna and Mercy will continue August 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. We have lost some precious members of Atonement during my time here, people who had strong faith and used that faith to help guide others on their journey. Some of us have also lost family members and friends who were our mentors in the faith. We will focus on this Great Cloud of Witnesses starting in mid-September. I invite you to start thinking of who you would like to include.

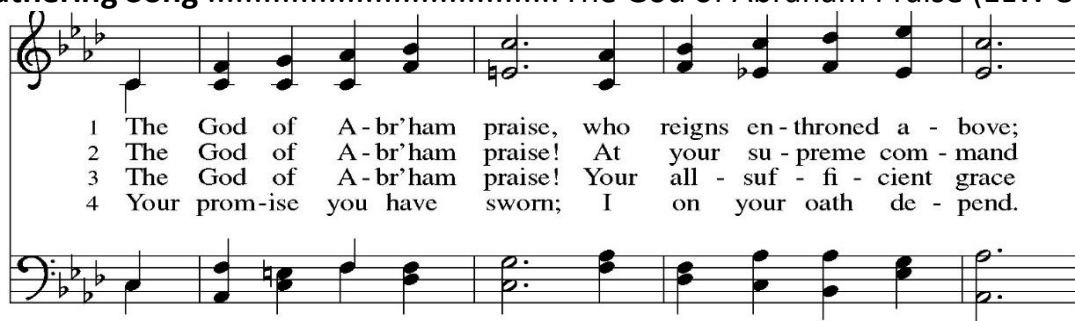
**Summer Psalms:** Have you noticed that our Summer Psalm are different? No chanting just hymns. Each of the hymns we are singing as the Psalm is based on the Psalm assigned for that particular Sunday. These songs are examples of how our Lutheran musicians, even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, use scripture for inspiration.

**Have You Visited our “Lending Library?”** We have an unconventional library in our entry. The bookshelf by the door has hand crocheted blankets (courtesy of Shirl Fischer) for those who find our air conditioner a little too effective. There is also a basket of reading glasses on the table with the bulletins (courtesy of Donna Philp) for those who forget to slip their readers into a purse or pocket when leaving home.

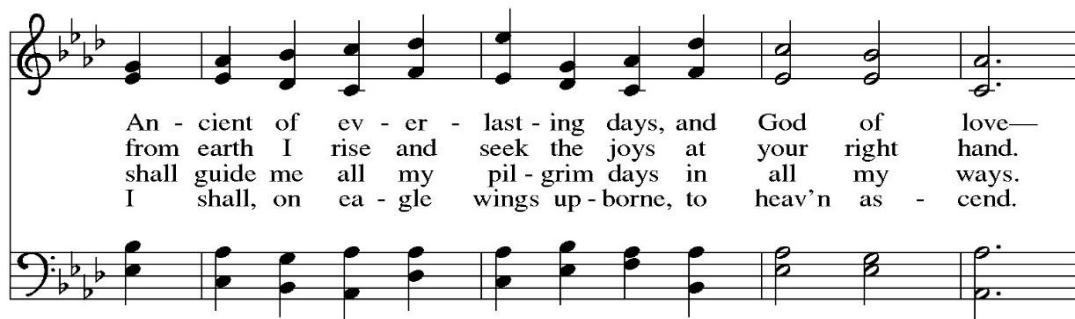
**Do you enjoy Handcrafts?** The Handcrafters meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1:00-2:30. All hand-held (easily transported) crafts – Knit, Crochet, Needlepoint, Miniatures, etc. – are welcome. If you don’t craft, you are welcome to come by and chat.



# Gathering Song ..... The God of Abraham Praise (ELW 831)



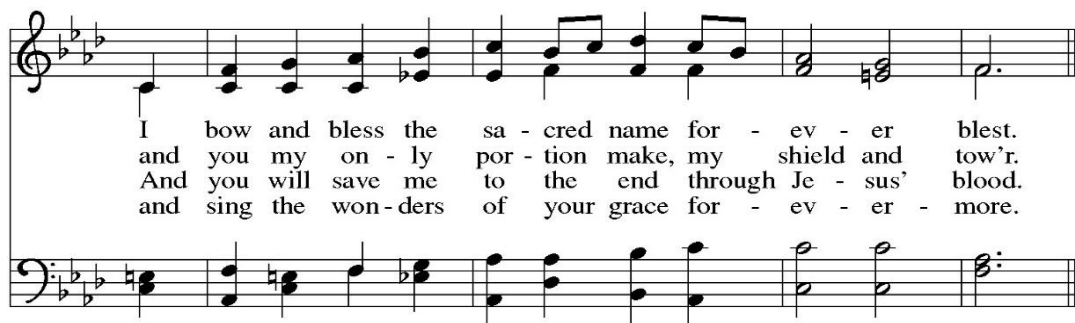
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand  
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace  
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—  
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
 shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con-fessed;  
 I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—  
 You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!  
 I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,

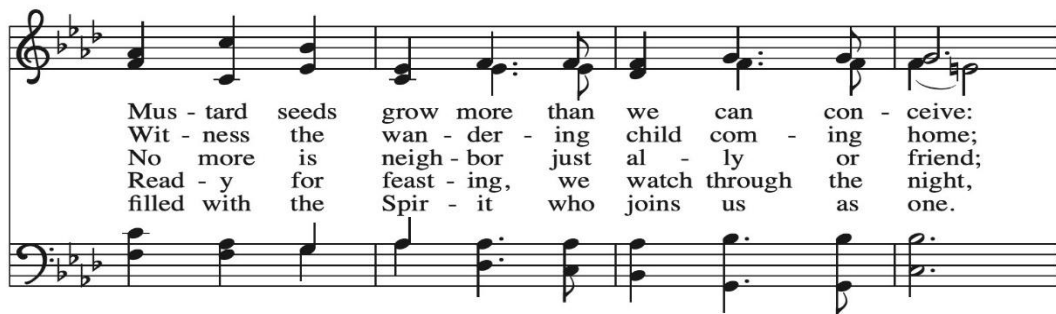


I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.  
 and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.  
 and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.

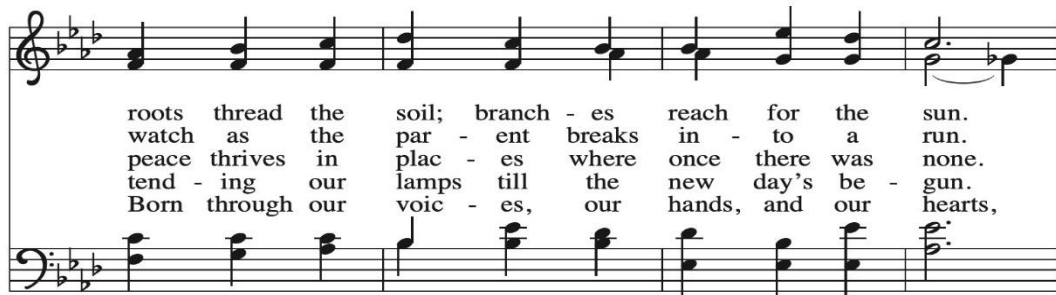
# Song of the Day..... What is the World Like (ACS 1047)



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:  
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;  
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;  
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,  
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

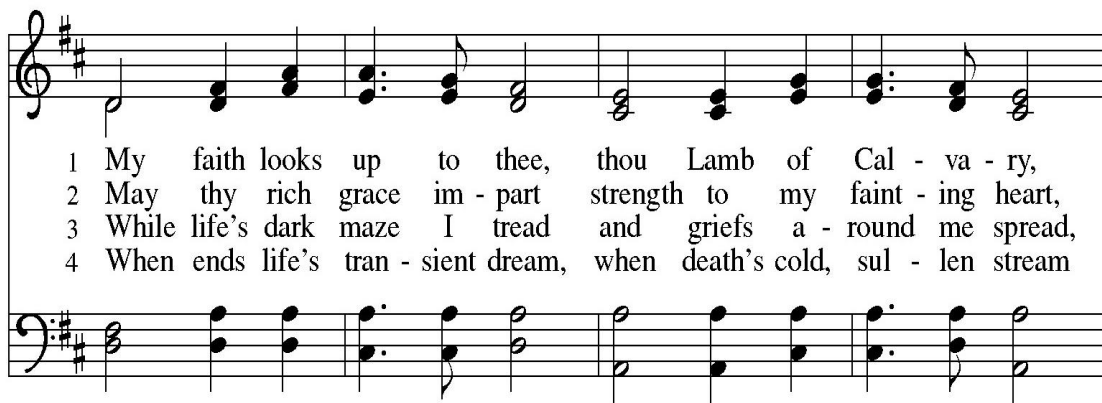


roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.  
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

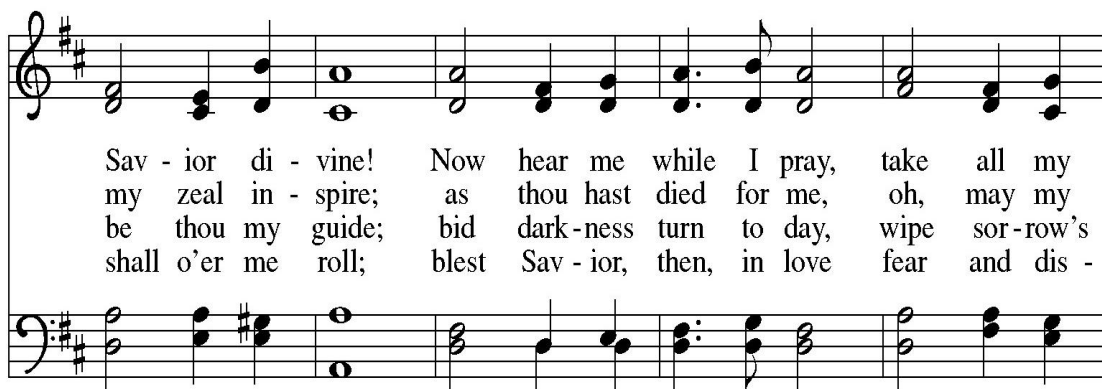


This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

# Offering Song ..... My Faith Looks Up to Thee (ELW 759)



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

# Sending Song.....Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (ACS 949)

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night  
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

*Refrain*

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;

chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.