



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..... Bob Fischer
Reader..... Julie Backman
Interim Choir Director..... Gwen Freeman
Pianist..... Youlee Duray
Altar Guild/Counters.....Julie Backman and Phyllis Ransom

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. The "**ALC Guest**" wifi password is ALC9242!

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude..... Youlee Duray

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

We are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save all people. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Gathering Song Rise Up, O Saints of God (pg. 20)

Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise (*Please stand in body or spirit.*) This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Greeting/ Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us Pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.

Amen.

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

Choir Anthem.....Shepherd Me O God (Haugen)

Welcoming God's Word

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



First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God

Psalms 121

*We chant the Psalm responsively. The Assisting Minister begins
and we respond with the **Bold Face Verses**.*



- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- ² **My help comes | from the Lord,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- ³ The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- ⁵ the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.
- ⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**
from this time forth for- | evermore. R

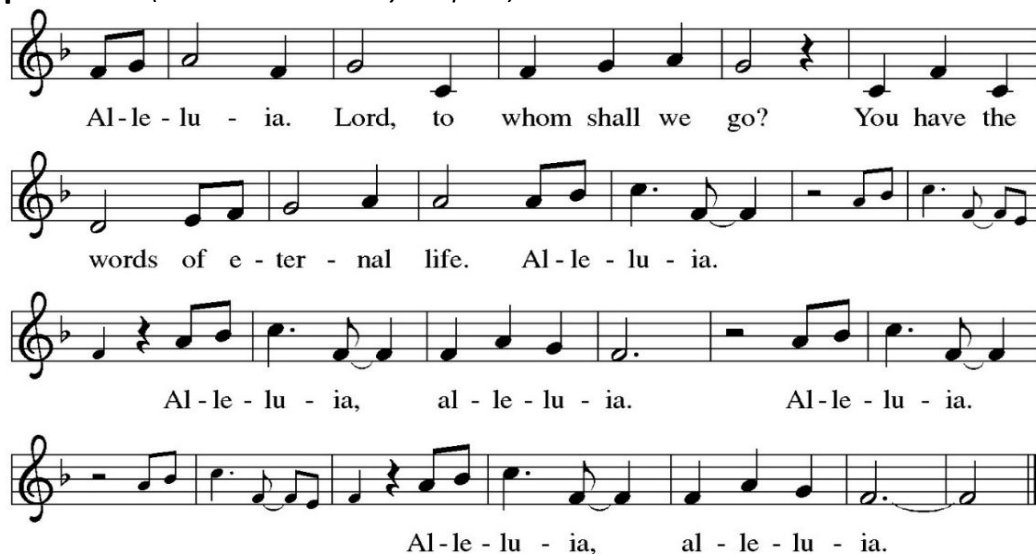
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Verse *(Please stand in body or spirit.)*..... Alleluia



Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Today's Message..... Pastor Holly Feather

Silence for Reflection

Song of the Day *(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

..... Precious Lord, Take My Hand (pg. 21)

The Apostles' Creed

Please remain standing as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and loved among us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; who descended into hell, and on the third day rose from the dead; Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Sarah Klapheck
Veronica Klapheck
Susie Klapheck

Prayers of the People *(please be seated)*

Each petition will end: God of Grace

*Please respond: **Receive 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.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Collection of the Offering

Offering SongWhen it Seems the Day Will End (pg. 22)

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

Let us pray together:

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Gather at God's Table

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

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

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful God, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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, Lamb of God.

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. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and
appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our
possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Sending

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

Benediction

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song.....The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (pg. 23)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Youlee Duray

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October Offerings

	Offerings	Missions, Usage, Flowers, Special, Other	Total Income
October 5	726.85	935.00	1661.85
October 12	11725.00	3080.00	14805.00
October 19			
October 26			
Total			

Next Week’s Readings:

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalms: 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

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.)

Norma Stein (Barb's friend), The Guidi Family (Youlee Duray's Neighbor), Jennifer Smith (Johanne Smith's Daughter-in-Law), Bodil Drucker, Abby Ewbank (Carson's friend), Mark Montgomery, Pat Crongeyer (Walt Wildrick's friend), Joan Witt (Lucy's Friend), Faith (Lucy's Friend), Bob Grosse (Kathy Chance's father), 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 Church of the Master, Rev. Dianne Wendt, JD, and Rev Amy Kienze, Director of Evangelical Mission

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This Week at Atonement

Sunday, October 19

10:00 Worship
11:15 Fellowship
11:30 Manna and Mercy

Thursday, October 23

7:00pm-8:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, October 26

10:00 Worship
11:15 Fellowship
11:30 Manna and Mercy

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 28

1:00pm Handcrafters

Sunday, November 2

Set your clocks back one hour

Sunday, November 9

Pastor Holly's Last Sunday

Bits N Pieces of Information

Adult Discussion Time: Our discussion group on Manna and Mercy continues today. 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: There’s still time to get your pictures in for our All Saints service. On that day, we will focus on those who have gone before us, both in our congregation and in our lives.

Atonement Church History Booklet: This winter, work will move forward on putting together an engaging, photo-rich booklet documenting the Atonement Church history. Basic information has been gathered but what is missing are your photos of confirmations, weddings, and church anniversary gatherings. Please share them with Carson, the History Book Coordinator. He can scan them and return the originals to you promptly. Email: Canderson@yahoo.com. Mobile Phone: (916) 882-8792.

Pastor Holly’s Last Adventure:

- November 3rd—5th I will be at the Bishop’s Convocation (my last as a serving pastor)

2025 Congregation Council

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Member at Large	Vacant
Pastor	Pr. Holly Feather

Gathering Song Rise Up, O Saints of God! (ELW 669)

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Song of the Day..... Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Offering Song When it Seems the Day Will End (ACS 1034)



1 When it seems the day will end, and all
2 When it seems the day will end, sink - ing
3 When it seems the day will end, and a



light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
low un - der our skin, we are dead and born a -
cold - ness fills our bones, we will walk the way you've



gain to re - mind us you are here.
gain, and with you now en - ter in.
been, and our hearts will be your home.

Refrain



New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,



joy and weep-ing, joy and weep-ing, in your call-ing. in your call - ing.

Sending Song.....The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (ELW 538)



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

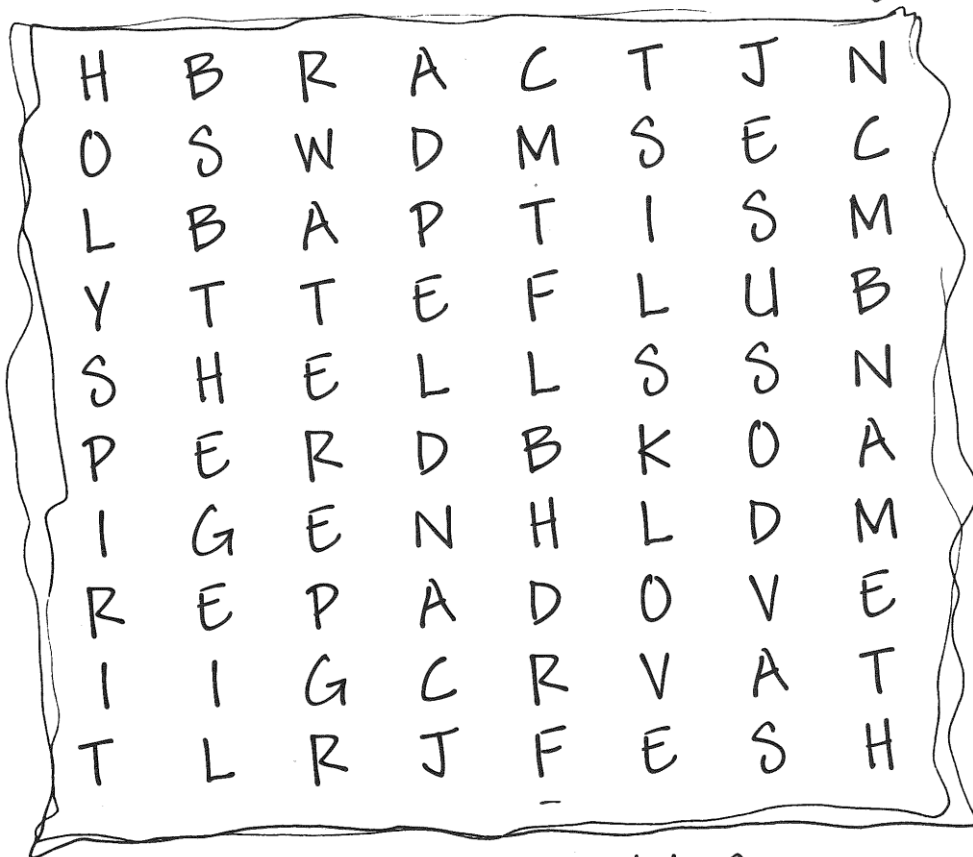


me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Word Search



Baptism

Jesus

Holy Spirit

Water

Dove

Love

Name

Shell

Candle