



# Midweek Message

*In place of our monthly newsletter, a weekly Midweek Message will be emailed and mailed to our congregation.*

## **FACES OF ATONEMENT:**

### **Worshipping At Home and Wearing Our Masks**



*Face Mask Supplies*



*Barb Sanko  
Livestreaming*



*Judy & Norm Karsten enjoying worship  
in their Wittenberg sweatshirts*



*Avis & Terry  
Hooper safe  
at home*



*David Wilkinson  
at Camp Ligonier*



*He is Risen, Indeed!*

## **Join us Online**

*Online worship from our Atonement sanctuary!*

Join Pastor Gail and David McCarthy for music and hymns, scripture, a sermon, prayers, and even a Children's Moment.

*Follow us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. by going to our Atonement Facebook page at [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)*

A worship bulletin and hymns will be Emailed to our Atonement families.

## Church News

### *Music Notes*

Every week while we're apart, David will take hymn suggestions from parishioners, and make a recording of a short organ or piano piece based on them.

Please email the titles of your favorite hymns (as many as you want) to: [mccarthy95@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthy95@hotmail.com).

He'll pick a few at random, put them in the blender, and we'll see the results on our Facebook page!

## Face Mask Kits

### *Available for Pickup*

Still need a face mask? Barb Sanko has assembled kits with fabric and ties, ready to be quickly sewn together! They are available for pickup in a plastic bin outside the sanctuary doors this **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** from **10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

If you have extra face masks to donate to our Atonement family, please leave them in the plastic bin. *Love your neighbor as yourself-and wear a mask.*

## WILL THE GARDEN GROW

Pastor Gail Swanson

I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers  
flow in the right direction, will the earth turn  
as it was taught, and if not how shall  
I correct it?

Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven,  
can I do better?

Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows  
can do it and I am, well,  
hopeless.

Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it,  
am I going to get rheumatism,  
lockjaw, dementia?

Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing.  
And gave it up. And took my old body  
and went out into the morning,  
and sang.

*I Worried - by Mary Oliver*

Some things are worth worrying about... others are not... but both can wear us down. When we're weary with worry, placing our anxious thoughts in God's hands can be the first step in knowing peace, and in facing whatever is ahead with confidence. *Will the garden grow, will the rivers flow, will the earth turn?* I still worry, but with assurance that there is One working to put my heart and mind at rest.

*"Do not worry about anything, but in every situation  
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4: 6*

## **BIBLE BOGGLE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Check out the Bible Boggle attachment in your Midweek Email message for Ms. Janeen's new online version of a word search game for Bible-related nouns. Happy searching!

## **WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!**

We're looking for "Worship at Home Selfies" and "Face Mask Selfies" of you and your family for our Midweek Message and for our upcoming Atonement Website Slideshow.

Our hope is to connect our congregation via photos of you and/or your family worshiping at home during our Live stream service... and through photos of you wearing a face mask (indoor or outdoor.) Can you help us with this?

All photos are welcome! Please send them to the church office: office@atonementrochester.org

## **THEY LOOK TO US FOR HELP**

Brighton Food Depot; St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center; Foodlink; ELCA World Hunger Appeal..... our benevolence donations and support continues for these outreach ministries stretched thin by the economic strains of this time, which means we turn to you for your continued financial support in order to make these donations possible. Your giving is indeed a blessing to others!

## **CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!**

### **"Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise"**

This quote by Martin Luther reminds of the gift of music in our worship life, and in our life of faith. Our Director of Music, David McCarthy, will be providing weekly music links of sacred music to offer inspiration, solace and peace. Click on a title to hear the song.

*[I Know That My Redeemer Liveth](#) (Messiah) -G. F. Handel*

The piece "Abendlied" (Evening Song) by Josef Rheinberger, a 19th-century German composer, sets a text from this coming Sunday's Gospel reading (Luke 24:13-35). The German is "Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden, und der Tag hat sich geneiget," which means "stay with us, for it is becoming evening, and the day is gone down." This recording was made by members of 20 choirs in Liguria, in the north of Italy.

*[Evening Song](#) -Josef Rheinberger*

## **For Just Being Your Children, Love Us**

### *A Prayer*

*For the layers of comfort  
and convenience that  
surrounded our lives  
which we never considered  
a blessing, forgive us.*

*For the ability to turn off  
the worst in televised un-  
truths and fear-mongering,  
strengthen us.*

*For the grace to allow  
ourselves and others to be  
less productive, shower us.*

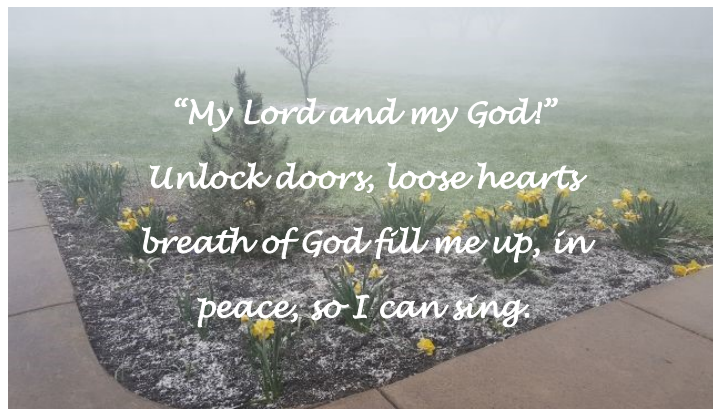
*From our own selfish  
inclinations, deliver us.*

*For just being your  
children, none of whom  
have made this journey  
through a global  
pandemic, accompany us.*

*For the days ahead which  
are each unknown, love us.*

*And help us to know that  
you are already present in  
the future we may be  
fearing. Reminds us, we  
are not alone. Amen.*

## Haiku Reflection



### MISSION STATEMENT

*Atonement Lutheran Church  
is a gathering of God's  
people in Christ called to:  
**Invite** all people into the  
presence of the living God,  
**Prepare** for ministry in daily life,  
**Go** into the world as disciples.*

Atonement Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

We are a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) congregation.



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### *Livestream Worship*

Sunday morning worship  
at 9:30 a.m. via the Atonement Facebook page.

### *Until Further Notice*

All worship services and  
activities are cancelled.

[www.atonementrochester.org](http://www.atonementrochester.org)

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

