



Midweek Message

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP

April 25th at 9:30 a.m.

Worship With Us In-Person in the Sanctuary OR Livestream

Join us as we lift up our thanks to the Good Shepherd of the sheep, who seeks us when we are lost and guides us into the fold.

STORY TIME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for *Story Time Sunday School* with a new book on Sunday, April 25th at 10:45 a.m. via Zoom. A link will be Emailed to our Sunday School families on Saturday.

MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION



It's that time of year when we pause to honor mothers, grandmothers, motherhood, and the influence of mothers in society. How will you do that this year? As in previous years, we have planned a Mother's Day collection to benefit a local organization. This year, the organization is Saint's Place. When we contacted Saint's Place for suggestions, we were told that they could really use kitchen basics. These items will be placed in the kitchens of apartments being set-up for newly-arrived refugees .

We have come up with a list of kitchen basics that we will be collecting and donating to Saint's Place. **All items should be new: dish cloths/towels, sponges, disinfectant/surface cleaner, rubber gloves, measuring cups/spoons, whisks, plastic utensils, and hand-held can openers.** A Thrivent grant has been received for this project, and will be used to buy additional items .

We will begin collecting items this **Sunday, April 25th**, and continue collecting on **Wednesdays** and **Sundays through May 9th**. A container will be placed outside the Sanctuary (East) entrance for your drop-off donations. Thank you for participating!



He Is Risen, Indeed!

Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

*Livestream worship via our
Atonement Facebook page.*

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

*You can follow us on Sunday
mornings at 9:30 a.m. and for special
services by going to our Atonement
Facebook page at [fb.com/
atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)*

A worship bulletin with hymns will be Emailed to our Atonement families, and posted weekly on our web site.

Congratulations

And Blessings

...to Amy and Joe Loporcaro
upon the birth of their daughter,
Aurora Catherine, on April 7th.

RUTH, DEBORAH, AND MINNEAPOLIS

By Pastor Gail Swanson

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a legal icon of justice and moral clarity in protecting the rights of others in her years on the Supreme Court, was once asked who her role models were, as a young Jewish girl growing up in Brooklyn:

“One was real, one was made up, and one was biblical,” she replied.

Amelia Earhart – a hero.

Nancy Drew – she didn’t wait for boys to solve problems, she did it herself.

And Deborah, the judge from the Bible. I didn’t know what judges did when I was young, but I wanted to be like her.”

In the Book of Judges, Deborah is one of only four female judges mentioned, among hundreds of men who hold the title. Biblical judges were not what we think: it was a time of chaos in the land, a time that called for battle leadership. In answering the call, Deborah became a singular Biblical figure: a female military leader, commanding great armies of men with her strategic prowess. She also was a decider of justice for her people; sitting under a palm tree to deliver her brilliant opinions to the crowds. As scripture sums it up, Deborah’s job as judge was to do everything in her power to make sure that her people stayed true to the covenant they had made with God, the “constitution” that bound them, even when being true meant battle.

In a different way, a battle for justice is being waged in this nation. It was painfully earned through the measured judgement of a jury’s verdict yesterday in Minneapolis. One step made. Yet we continue to live in a time of chaos in our land, requiring moral, ethical, judicial leadership. Who are the Ruths, the Deborahs? If there ever was a day when people who proclaim to love Jesus should also proclaim love for neighbor, it’s today. Words of compassion and truth – a truth bigger than laws, bigger than our own lives. Words of judgement - that a justice system may render justice; that equity and peace may grow in our time. Most especially, that we may stay true to the love of Jesus, which binds us to each other.

In Accordance with Christ Jesus

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus,
so that together you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Romans 15:5-6.

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE: SYS (Save Your Stuff!)

Are you in the process of Spring cleaning? Please don't throw your items out - save them for an upcoming event at Atonement! The Discipleship Committee is planning to hold a "New to You" Sale in September. A specific date will be decided soon and published in the weekly Newsletter and Bulletin.



We are asking for household items, books, toys, linens, small appliances, tools, etc. Please.....NO clothing or shoes, no large pieces of furniture, and no exercise equipment. All proceeds from the sale will go toward our Benevolence Budget.

YOU CAN WATCH ATONEMENT WORSHIP ONLINE (Even if you don't have a Facebook account!)

Would you like to view Sunday morning worship from Atonement live on Facebook, but don't have a Facebook account? You can do that!

1. On your computer's browser, type in *www.facebook.com/watch*. A page will appear with a grey search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the words 'search videos' on the upper left side of the screen.
2. In that grey search bar, type *Atonement Lutheran Church* then press the Enter key on your keyboard. A list of Atonement videos will appear. Click on the video you'd like to watch!

OR

1. Go to *www.atonementrochester.org*
2. Under the 'Worship' menu tab, select 'Services'.
3. Click on the Facebook link on the top of the page.
4. Scroll down to click on the video you would like to view.



FROM ELIZABETH EATON, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

Duante Wright...
Another grieving mother...
People of color communities re-traumatized...
Another fatal traffic stop...
Is this who we are? Can we change?
Are we finally ready to do the hard work to bring about racial equity?
God give us the strength and will to work toward the beloved community.

The Church Is

Many Things

CHURCH is not an organization you join; it is a FAMILY where you belong, a HOME where you are loved, and a HOSPITAL where you find healing.

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Livestream Worship
9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!

“Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise”

The King of Love My Shepherd Is David Cherwien is a musical treasure of the American Lutheran church, and I’m going to let him do the work for this song, probably my favorite “Good Shepherd Sunday” hymn. He tells us a little about it, and then we hear the National Lutheran Choir perform it accompanied by some beautiful images.

The Lamb Most people are probably already familiar with the poetry of William Blake, and the naive, almost childish approach he sometimes uses to discuss his Christianity. I think John Ferguson captures that feeling with the music – I kept wanting him to do something fancy, with weird surprising chords or rhythms, but he sticks with E flat major and eighth notes, and creates a perfectly calm atmosphere for the text to shine through.

KIDS’ COLOR-BY-NUMBER

