



# Midweek Message

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP

*May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.*

*Worship With Us In-Person in the Sanctuary OR Livestream*

Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches.....sent out to bear fruit for the world!

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP

*May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.*

*Worship With Us In-Person in the Sanctuary OR Livestream*

Our psalm for the day invites us to “sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things!”

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP

### **Affirmation of Baptism and Rite of Confirmation**

*May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.*

*Outdoor Worship in our church parking lot and lawn AND Livestream worship.*

Four of our young people have completed Confirmation instruction and will affirm the promises made at their baptism on this day. We invite your presence and prayers on this significant day in their lives and upon their journey of faith.

## STORY TIME SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### *Prayer For This Day*

*Lord God, mercy is in your hands;  
Pour me a little.  
And tenderness, too.  
My need is great...*

*-Mary Oliver*



*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.

## May Celebrations

### *Birthdays*

- 1 Pat Foucht
- 4 Avis Hooper
- 7 Margy Peet
- 9 Suzanne Stover
- 11 Carol Schmitt  
Cole Schmitt
- 12 Russell Miller  
Amelia Smith
- 14 Juliana Baker
- 20 Timothy Touhsaent
- 23 Reed Schmitt  
Vaughn Schmitt
- 24 Shannon Howe
- 25 Branwyn Wilkinson
- 26 Lindsay Baker  
Sue Boyle
- 27 Katelyn Krapf
- 30 Alex Bell
- 31 John Kruidenier

### *Anniversaries*

- 6 Tom & Karan Thompson
- 14 Barb Seils & Jim Yockel
- 16 Jack & Marty Teeter
- 24 Al & Margaret Kaminsky  
Ann Patterson & John Tokoli
- 29 Gail and Craig Swanson

### *Please Note*

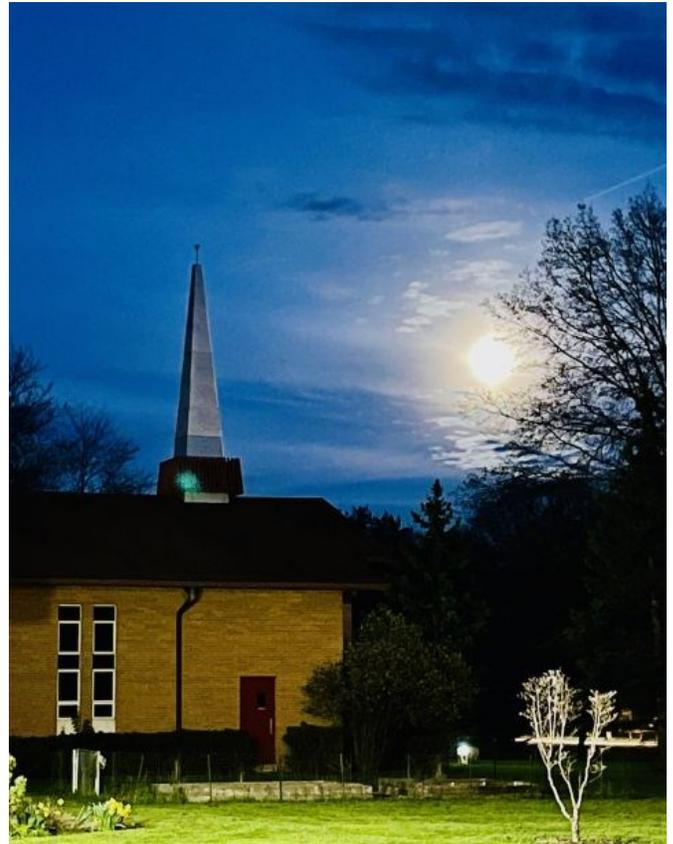
Please be sure to leave us a note to update our records if you have a special date we've missed!

## NECESSARY THINGS

It's a blessing to be able to return to in-person worship in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings for those who feel comfortable in doing so, but to continue, we need volunteers to serve as Greeters (taking temperatures and checking names on a roster as you welcome folks) and Ushers (lights...doors...windows...and a few other modified responsibilities).

Can you take a turn and help us with these "necessary things"? Please contact the church office today!

*A beautiful evening light.*



## **LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION**

By Pastor Gail Swanson

*Good Morning... this is God.  
I will be handling all of your problems.  
I will not need your help.  
Have a great day!*

As much as I would like to accept these cheerful words as truth, I believe God *does* need our help in handling all kinds of problems. Especially now, as we see a bit of light on the horizon of this pandemic struggle. What will our lives look like in a world returning to us? What will the post-COVID church look like?

Like a dislocated shoulder, these past fourteen months began with a sudden shock of pain, followed by the loss of our ability to move freely through the world. We've been *dislocated*. We've lost a sense of security, we've lost income, we've lost friends and relatives to death, and in some ways - we've lost a year of our lives. We've lost a lot. Which means we need to find ourselves again, to get back what has been mislaid, and to be relocated back into our place in the church and in the world.

Diana Butler Bass describes the dislocation caused by the pandemic in four ways:

1. *Temporal dislocation*: How many times in the past months have you thought; What day is it? What month is it? Did I miss an event, an appointment?
2. *Historical dislocation*: History has been disrupted. In many ways, we've lost our sense of where we are in the larger story of time and place.
3. *Physical dislocation*: From school to work to church to socializing, technology has moved us into cyber-space, causing us to feel disembodied with this virtual sense of location.
4. *Relational dislocation*: We've lost daily habits of interactions with others. How will it feel when we are in large crowds again, when the plexiglass comes down, the masks are off?

If nothing else, these past fourteen months have revealed that the task of the post-pandemic church is clear. We don't need to return to the exact same old routines; we need to find new ways that connect us back to a disrupted world... connect us back to Atonement... connect us back to one another. And at the very heart of connecting is relocating our hearts to be with God, in whatever the journey ahead looks like. Will we need one another to get there? Absolutely. And most certainly, God will need us - wherever our location may be.

## **Whom Shall I Send?**

***Isaiah 6:8***

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

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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”***

Wayfaring Stranger “Sacred Harp” singing was a tradition developed in the Northeastern US in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It was pretty quickly abandoned as the area industrialized, and children learned music-reading in school, rather than from itinerant singing teachers holding all-day hymn-singing events. That tradition luckily survived in the South, and in this video has been adopted in Ireland. Singers divide up by voice part, facing the center. They sing through the hymn on a modified solfège system (and most conduct with the simple pattern seen here), then they sing it again on the words. Both “Wondrous Love” and the melody (not the words) for “Amazing Grace” come from the tradition, as far as I know.

Wayfaring Stranger And here’s that song in Johnny Cash’s version.

## **CLOSED CAPTIONING AVAILABLE**

***You can turn on closed captioning for our livestream worship***

Closed captioning is available for those that would like to see it on our Facebook Livestream, but you will need to turn the option on.

It just takes a few simple mouse clicks to turn this option on during livestream worship on the Atonement Facebook page. This will not work on pre-recorded videos.

1. Click on the ‘settings’ icon on the lower right of the video. It looks like a small, circular gear.
2. A new window will appear.
3. Use the slider to turn captions ‘ON’.

## **MOTHER’S DAY COLLECTION**



We have planned a Mother’s Day collection to benefit Saint’s Place. We have come up with a list of kitchen basics that will be placed in the kitchens of apartments set up for newly-arrived refugees. Please drop off your donations on **Wednesdays and Sundays through May 9<sup>th</sup>**. A container will be placed outside the Sanctuary (East) entrance for your drop-off donations.

***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. Thank you for participating!