



Midweek Message

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Worship with us Livestream on our Atonement Facebook page as we celebrate the deep truth of God’s love for us: marked as Christ’s own children through water and the Holy Spirit.

STORY TIME SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM

Sunday, January 10th at 10:45 a.m.

Join us for a NEW BOOK for the new year! We hope you will join us. The Zoom link will be Emailed to our Sunday School families every Saturday.

GOD OF GRACE AND PEACE:

Hear Our Prayer

For loved ones and friends in need of healing, especially Diane Christianson and Bob Touhsaent.

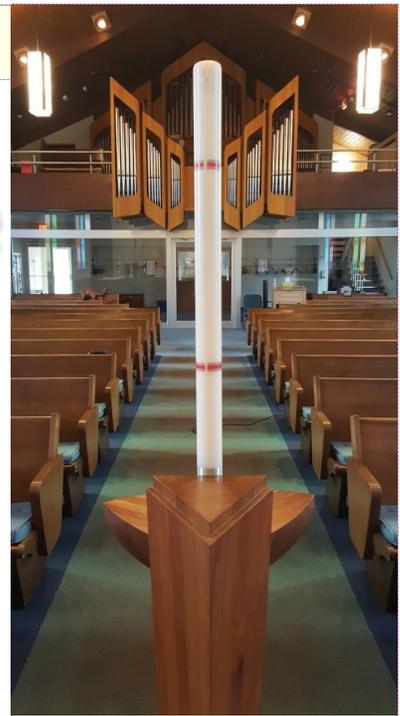
For an end to the virus and a fair and quick distribution of vaccines.

For all who have asked for our prayers.

For congregations awaiting a full return to gathered worship.

For lasting peace and true goodwill in this new year.

For each of us, that as if with a star, God will guide us on every journey. Amen.



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

Livestream Advent 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. by going to our Atonement Facebook page at fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/

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



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Please add Barbara Granger's
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WHO AM I?

By Pastor Gail Swanson

The entire human population (except my family) dies in a huge weather-related disaster. My boat was kind of big, but instead of adding extra passengers, I rounded up two of every koala, platypus and golden retriever. *WHO AM I?*

I ate a piece of fruit. Seriously, it was one piece of fruit. Now all of womankind has to bear the brunt of labor & delivery/social subordination/unequal pay/under-representation in the corridors of power. *WHO AM I?*

Went boating with some friends after a long day of running (away.) Took a nap and woke up to find the crew freaking out about inclement weather. Apparently there's some talk of me "walking the plank." *WHO AM I?*

Walking on a road when I spotted a guy in a ditch looking like roadkill. I was on my way to doing some serious business with the Lord (besides, my robes were ceremoniously clean) so I drifted over to the other side of the road, nice and subtle. *WHO AM I?*

I saw the most stunning woman in a hot tub on her roof. Unfortunately, she's married. I was soon shocked to learn that her husband died fighting in battle on the front lines. The details are a bit fuzzy, but I may or may not have sent him there. *WHO AM I?*

I showed up to a party that SEEMED like it was an open invite (after the host couldn't get any of his friends to come.) Thought I was doing him a favor until he literally throws me out because of some kind of a dress code violation. *WHO AM I?*

Jesus came to my house and I didn't cook or clean or offer him appetizers – but just chilled with him. Now my sister won't talk to me. *WHO AM I?*

It was a great night for star gazing and my friends and I saw a whopper in the sky! Mentioned it to this king who told us to check it out and report back. But we picked up some bad vibes from and ghosted him on the way home. *WHO AM I?*

All people long to be known; we are wired for relationship, identity and belonging. To call someone by their name is an affirmation that they are known and valued and loved.

"I have called you by name, you are mine," says Isaiah. (43:1) Here is a connection to our baptism as well as a reminder of why that event, which most of us don't remember, matters so much. Because each of us longs to be known "by name", believing we are God's own, called and named not because of who we are – but because of who God is. Beloved forever.

Who are we? Listen carefully ... for the how, when and where of God calling your name.

WHO AM I?

BONUS QUESTION FOR YOU BIBLE SCHOLARS: This guy was totally occupying our country. So I played nice, set up a date for cocktails, made sure he had a lot to drink - and cut off his head. WHO AM I?

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.

Happy New Year to everyone! Bach is always a good choice, even if I sometimes need a couple of listenings before I can figure out what's going on. I thought people might be interested in hearing the very first piece in the Bach catalog. His works are organized by BWV (Bach Werke-Verzeichnis = Bach work index) numbers, from 1 to about 1060, with the first 220 or so being cantatas. Today's piece ([J.S. Bach-Cantata BWV1 Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern](#)) is BWV 1, a setting of our hymn 308, “O Morning Star.” As is typical of his cantatas' first movements, he sets up a busy texture in the orchestra and lower voices of the choir, preparing for the entrance of the sopranos on the chorale tune in long notes, soaring above.

[Oh, Love, How Deep](#) Now that the magi have their star, we can turn to the Baptism of our Lord, celebrated on Sunday. Richard Williamson is a composer in South Carolina. In this setting of a well-known text, he makes some references to Gregorian chant in the lack of a strong sense of beat and mostly conjunct motion (moving up or down a step/letter between notes). Traditionally, church choirs do easier pieces like this for Epiphany, since we're all usually a little worn out after the extravaganza of Christmas!

Winter Song

-Sara Bareilles & Ingrid Michaelson

...They say that things just cannot grow

Beneath the winter snow,

Or so I have been told.

They say we're buried far, just like a distant star

I simply cannot hold.

Is love alive? Is love alive? Is love alive?

My love a beacon in the night.

My words will be your light...

Is love alive?

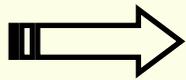
Annual Reports Due

By January 20th

Please submit 2020 Annual Reports to the church office by January 20th.

Kids' Decoder

Message Puzzle



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Mark 1:11

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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

Jesus Is Baptized

Help Jesus find the water.

