



Midweek Message

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

ATONEMENT OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

Join us for worship in our church parking lot and on the lawn! Music, scripture, prayers, Children’s Moment...and more.

Helpful information:

Enter the church parking lot on the Sanctuary (East) side of the building and stop at the table to pick up a bulletin through your car window. Updated church directories will also be available for pickup this day.

- Sit in your car for worship OR bring a lawn chair/blanket for socially distanced lawn seating, a sun hat, or shade umbrella.
- Please wear a face mask if you leave your car.
- Out of consideration for the environment, we ask that you keep your car engine off during worship. Bring a hand-held fan and your water bottle to stay cool!
- A container will be available to drop off offering envelopes.

We look forward to seeing you in person! *This service will also be livestreamed on our Atonement Facebook page.*

Please Note:

1. For those with lawn chairs/blankets on the grass; please park your car in a ‘sunny spot’-allowing ‘shady spots’ for those who choose to stay in their cars.
2. In case of cancellation due to rain, we will activate our Atonement Phone Tree and post the information on our website.

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 2	Outdoor Worship Service & Livestream	9:30 a.m.
August 9	Outdoor Worship at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Geneseo. <i>Livestreamed at www.facebook.com/sttimothygeneseo/</i>	9:30 a.m.
August 16	Outdoor Worship Service & Livestream	9:30 a.m.
August 23	Livestream Worship	9:30 a.m.
August 30	Outdoor Worship Service & Livestream	9:30 a.m.



Join us Online

Online worship from our Atonement sanctuary!

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

Follow us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. by going to our Atonement Facebook page [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.

August Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 Miguel Ovando
- 4 Birthday blessings to Phyllis Fleming on her 90th birthday!
- 4 Timothy Bell
- 8 Samantha Hauck
- 17 Margaret Bogumil
- 21 Joanne Scanlon
- 22 Bob Heinig

Anniversaries

- 5 David & Sherry
McCarthy
- 6 Bob & Susan Touhsaent
- 6 Eric Domroes & Sue
Boyle
- 16 Sarah & Alex Bell
- 18 Bill & Kathy Wilkinson
- 21 John & Linda Macholz
- 22 John & Elaine
Vangellow
- 22 Lindsay & Tim Baker
- 27 Dan & Nan Westervelt
- 31 Andra & Joe Smith

THERE IS A TIME **Pastor Gail Swanson**

*For everything there is a season,
And a time and purpose under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die...
A time to weep, and a time to laugh...
A time to return to in-person worship, and a time to pause...*

We are taking time to pause. That is the recommendation of the Board of Ministries and the Re-Entry Committee regarding a return to in-person worship at Atonement. We will continue to offer livestream Sunday morning worship services and Outdoor Worship (as weather permits) through August and into the beginning of Fall. But out of caution for the health and well-being of our church family, in-person worship will be a future consideration as we move forward.

This decision was not arrived at lightly. It will be re-evaluated over the course of upcoming weeks as the trajectory of this health crisis in our area, our state and country changes. In the meantime, we remain God's people called to worship, at least for now, in care-filled ways.

Please know that we are prepared to return to in-person worship when that time comes. Our Re-Entry Committee has been meeting via Zoom regularly over the past two months and have created guidelines and protocols for the church building and for worship based on best practice health and safety recommendations. Diligent work has been done, and I would like to offer my deep thanks to our Re-entry Committee members for their efforts in this endeavor: Avis Hooper, Wally Short, Karen Goodyear, David McCarthy, Joanne Scanlon, Margy Peet, Karan Thompson, Stew Stover and Jean Seager.

There is a season for all things and everything. And by God's grace, it is waiting ahead.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Pat Foucht as she continues with medical treatment...

Parents, teachers, children, college students struggling with school decisions...

People seeking employment and financial security...

Victims of racial injustice and hatred...

All who are ill from COVID-19 and the families of those who have died from this virus...

Lord, hear our prayers...

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Good News!

Along with many other Lutheran congregations in our Synod, Atonement has been approved for, and received, a Payroll Protection Plan loan for a total of \$27,595 through the ELCA Federal Credit Union. These funds will be used for the designated purpose of payroll, benefits, and utilities. Through proper documentation of the specific use of these funds, this loan in its entirety will be forgiven at the end of the year. Many thanks to Karan Thompson for her time, effort, and diligence in making this possible.

RECYCLING AT ATONEMENT

We are grateful for the many ways our congregation cares for God's creation through recycling. During this time of health concerns and building safety restrictions, our recycling area in the back of Founders Hall remains closed. Please practice recycling through other sites in our community.

WAYS TO HELP THIS MONTH AT ATONEMENT

Sunday Morning Assistants!

Our live streamed services and outdoor worship are a team effort, and we are in need of additional team players:

- ◇ Readers
- ◇ Greeters at our check-in table
- ◇ Children's Moment Leaders
- ◇ Parking Lot Assistants

Let us know how you can help!

De-cluttering Needed!

Summer is a great time to sort, box up, and de-clutter...at home AND at church. We're looking for a few volunteers to help with this in different rooms in the church building. Please call the church office for more details.



New Directories

Now Available

Updated Church Directories are now available! Call or Email the church office to set up a time to pick one up.

Directories will also be available to pick up at our Outdoor Worship Services.

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

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.

[Pelás Dores Deste Mundo](#) This song was written in the 1990s by a Brazilian Lutheran pastor, Rodolfo Gaede Neto. There are a bunch of recordings online of it (it was used across Brazil to celebrate 500 years of Reformation), but this one seemed to me the most powerful – watch for an appearance from Luther himself. The words are in Portuguese, but here’s a singing translation (meaning it tracks the rhythms pretty closely):

1. For the troubles and the sufferings of the world, God, we call upon your mercy: the whole creation’s laboring in pain!
2. Lend an ear to the rising cry for help from oppressed and hopeless people. Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love! Refrain: We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice, to cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord! We pray for power, the power that will sustain your people’s witness: until your kingdom comes, Kyrie eleison!

[Josquin des Prez, Ave Maria](#) Speaking of Luther, Josquin Desprez was his favorite composer. Here’s a setting Josquin did of an “Ave Maria” text (not exactly the one that’s still prayed today). It’s a motet, meaning each phrase of the text gets its own little tune, which is passed around the voices in imitation.

RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE

Avis Hooper

You can learn about and help create effective social justice habits, particularly those dealing with issues of power, privilege, supremacy and leadership by joining Atonement members and friends in the **21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge** ©

The **Challenge** website has a comprehensive list of resources that includes suggestions for readings, podcasts, videos, observations and ways to form and deepen community connections. For 21 days, select one action each day to further your understanding and record your progress on the printable tracking chart also on the website. It can easily be done individually, as well as to generate thoughtful conversation with friends and family.

Find out more about the **Challenge** at:

<https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge>

Please let Becky Wiesmore in the church office know **if you** decide to participate in the Challenge as well as when you have completed the 21 steps. We’ll give you a “shout out” in the newsletter! Let Avis Hooper know if you would like to join our readers/discussion group as we meet periodically under the trees on the church front lawn. (avishooper@gmail.com)