



Midweek Message

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

SUMMERTIME OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE **AT ATONEMENT**

Sunday, July 5th, 9:30 a.m.

Join us as we gather together as a church family for worship in our church parking lot and on the lawn! Music, scripture, prayers, Children’s Moment, a sermon...and more!

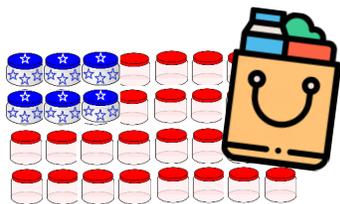
Helpful information:

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.

- Sit in your car for worship OR bring a lawn chair/blanket for socially distanced lawn seating.
- 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 to stay cool!
- A container will be available to drop off offering envelopes.
- In celebration of the July 4th weekend, we invite you to bring a RED or WHITE or BLUE non-perishable food item to donate to the Pittsford Food Cupboard.

If you are unable to join us in person this day, the service will also be livestreamed on our Atonement Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you on person!



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.

Christ in our Home

Daily Devotional

Copies of this daily devotional for the months of July-September are now available. Please contact the church office to arrange for a time to pick one up, or to have one mailed to your home.

"I must keep seeking God's face; because I know too well what life becomes when I neglect to do so."

-Kathleen Norris

EVERYTHING THAT'S SMALLER THAN YOU

Pastor Gail Swanson

At the end of the 1991 movie, *Hook*, the character of Peter Pan is preparing to leave Neverland and gives the Lost Boys an assignment, "Now I want you to take care of everything that's smaller than you," he tells them.

"Then who do I look after?" the smallest boy replies.

"Neverbugs. Little ones," Peter replies.

Though it may be difficult for us to admit, if Jesus were here today, he probably wouldn't be living comfortably in the suburbs. He'd likely be with those living in the margins: hurting ones, those with tired feet and tired bodies, people with no place to find safety, no paycheck, no meal on the table. With people tired of being sick and afraid to be alone when they die. Jesus would likely be standing with those who still wait for clean water and better schools. With those who stand up to unjust laws, unjust justice, unanswered calls for love of neighbor. After all, didn't Jesus show up throughout the Gospels for ones such as these?

We know we are called to join Jesus in these margins, but sometimes it's easy to make excuses. After all, we're not required. We didn't sign a binding document when we heard the voice of Jesus say "Follow me." And yet, a clear, resounding truth: the world needs to be loved. And Jesus gives us his love in order to enter one another's lives in this often unloving world. Which is something each of us can do, should do, must do – especially for everything and everyone that's smaller, more vulnerable than we are. Little ones. Neverbugs.

The ones we are meant to look after.

NOTES OF THANKS

Our benevolence donations were gratefully received this spring by two of our area outreach ministries:

From Camp Joy:

Thank you for the generous consideration and benevolent support you have provided to Camp Joy. May Christ's love continue to shine through your endeavors and servant attitudes!

From Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center:

We appreciate your ongoing support in these difficult times and are grateful for the ways your congregation blesses LCLC and nurtures the spirit of our guests and campers. Thank you for making such a difference!

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

- We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Myron (Mike) Dox upon his death on June 18th at the age of 93. Myron died at Crest Manor following a long struggle with illness. He and his wife Marty had been married 72 years. A private graveside service was held on June 22nd. Please keep Myron's family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- We offer our prayers and sympathy to Margaret Bogumil upon the death of her father, Joe Benenati, on June 18th in Florida.

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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.

[Let Us Build a House](#) Marty Haugen is a member of the United Church of Christ, though he was raised as a Lutheran, but his music is popular across all denominations, and especially in the Catholic church. Our congregation is probably familiar with "Holden Evening Prayer" and "Now the Feast and Celebration," which he wrote. "All Are Welcome" is in our hymnal at 641, and has a pretty straightforward melody and text. If you're not too busy, maybe try singing through with the other choral parts, so we're ready for whenever choir starts up again!

[Veni Creator Spiritus](#) & [Veni Creator Spiritus \(Durufle\)](#) We're in the season of Pentecost now, and the traditional plainchant for the season is the "Veni Creator Spiritus" ("Come, Creator Spirit"), written in the 800s. It's always been popular with musicians, and Luther liked this tune enough to give it German words, and it's in our hymnal at 578 ("Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove"). The first recording is the plainchant version, with some added drone chords. The second is an organ work based on the chant, written by the French composer Maurice Durufle in the mid-20th century. The tune is clearest in the third section, starting around 16:00, but the whole thing is a great example of the modern French school of organ composition.

GUESS WHO?

Can you name the owner of these sneakers?
(Hint: the color should give you a clue.)

(Answer on page 4 sidebar)



Re-Entry Planning Committee

Zoom Meeting

Our Re-Entry Planning Committee will meet online via Zoom on **Thursday, June 25th** at 10:30 a.m.

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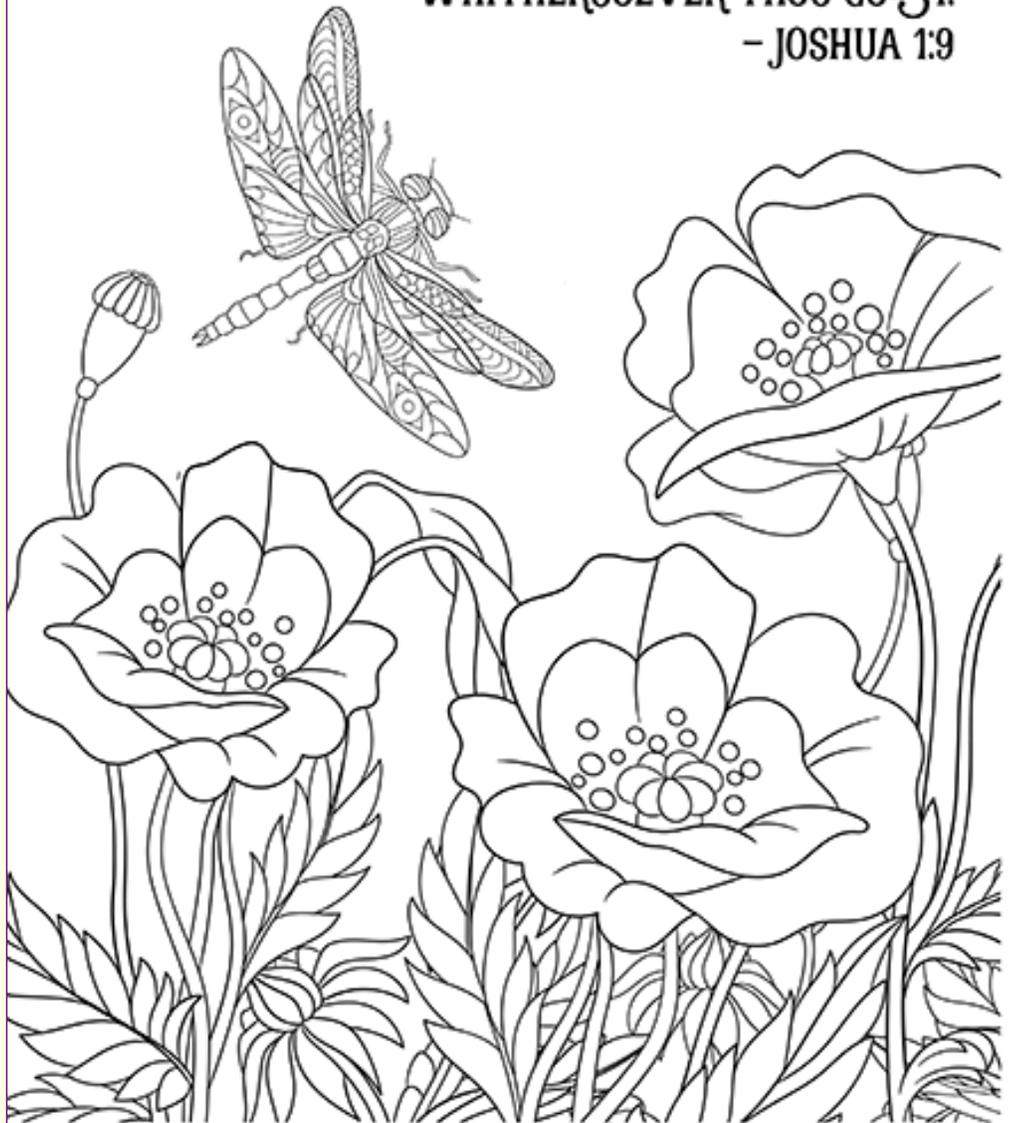
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BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE;
BE NOT AFRAID, NEITHER BE THOU DISMAYED:
FOR THE LORD THY GOD IS WITH THEE
WHITHERSOEVER THOU GOEST.
- JOSHUA 1:9



*Whose purple sneakers?
Bishop John Macholz
(Bishops wear the color
purple as a sign
of their office, but not
always in footwear!)*