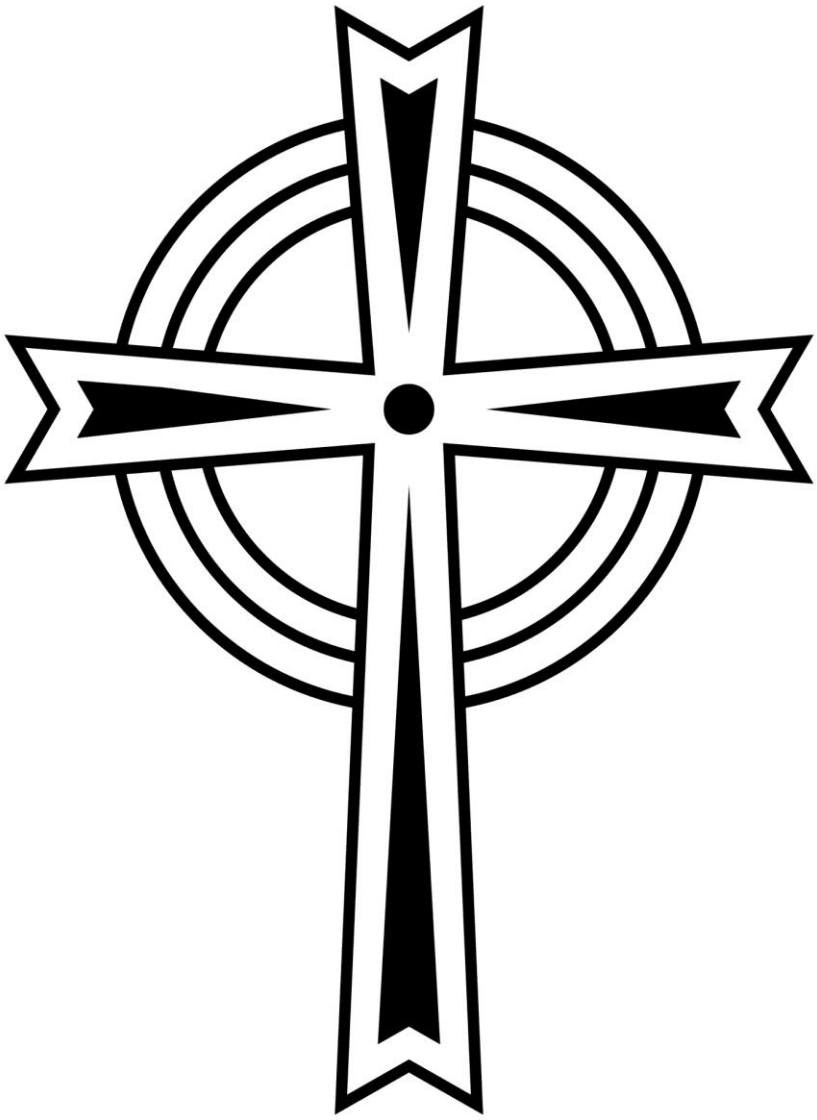
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30th, 2026

9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship



Atonement Lutheran Church

Invite • Prepare • Go into the World

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Chanson in G* *-M. Ellis*

***WELCOME**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

With humble and trusting hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all of our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says "come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

***PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN** *Will You Come and Follow Me* *# 798*

**Please Stand As You Are Able*

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**
O God,
we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 15:15-21*
A reading from Jeremiah

15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *Romans 12:9-21*
A reading from Romans

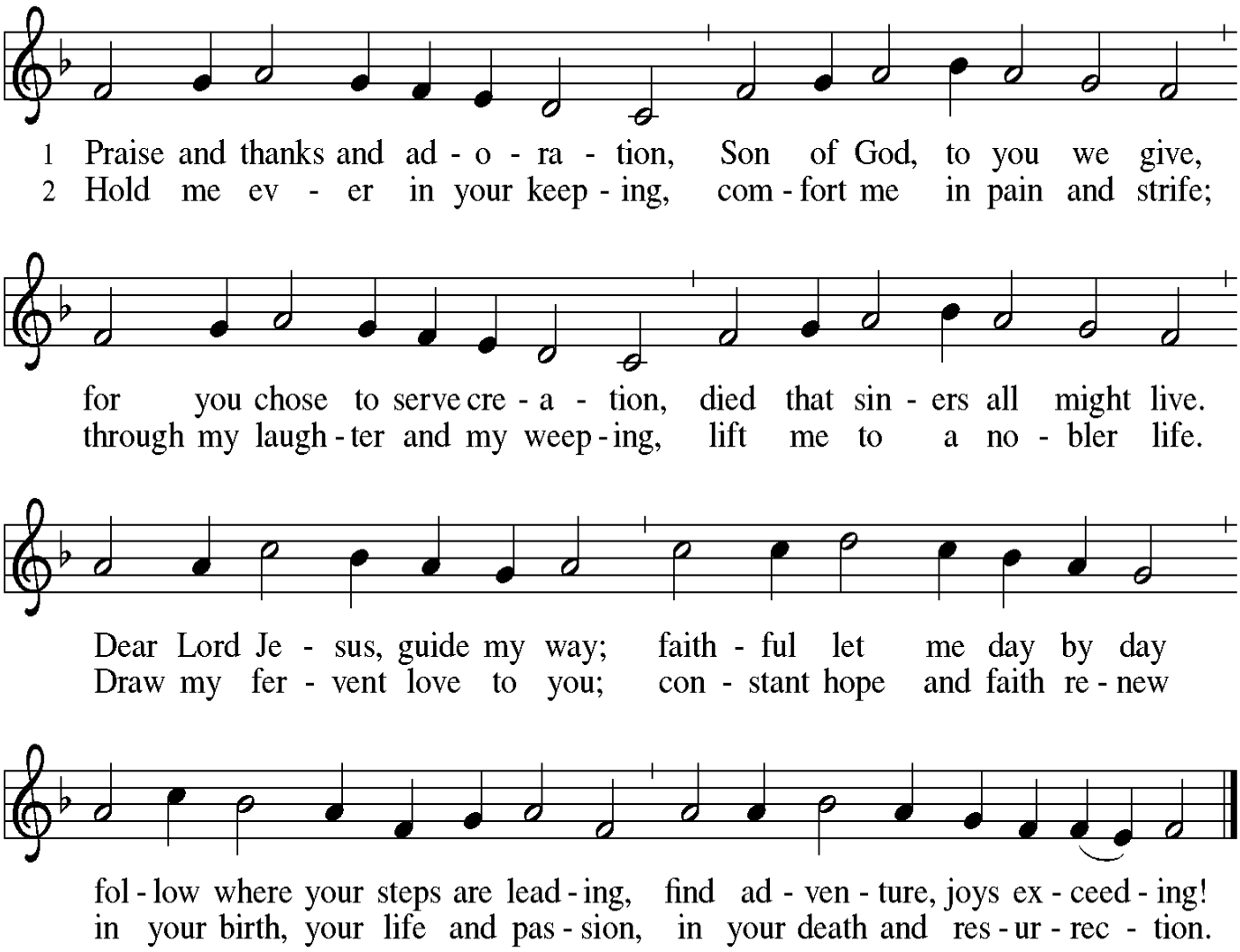
9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.”

20 Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them
something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their
heads.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Praise and Thanks and Adoration* *# 783*



***HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 16:21-28*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus
began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great
suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed
and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke
him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he
turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for
you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save
their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For
what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or
what will they give in return for their life?

27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father,
and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there
are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man
coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* *# 667*

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the Church, with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need. God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

Into your wide embrace, O God, we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting that you will receive them into your heart of mercy, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*
Vocal duet with Rob White and Cecil Buchinger

Offering gifts are gratefully received
in the plates located near the sanctuary doors as you exit.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**
Loving God,
we offer at your table the gift of our hearts. Help us to take heart in you, and to share your love freely, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us, now and forever.
Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

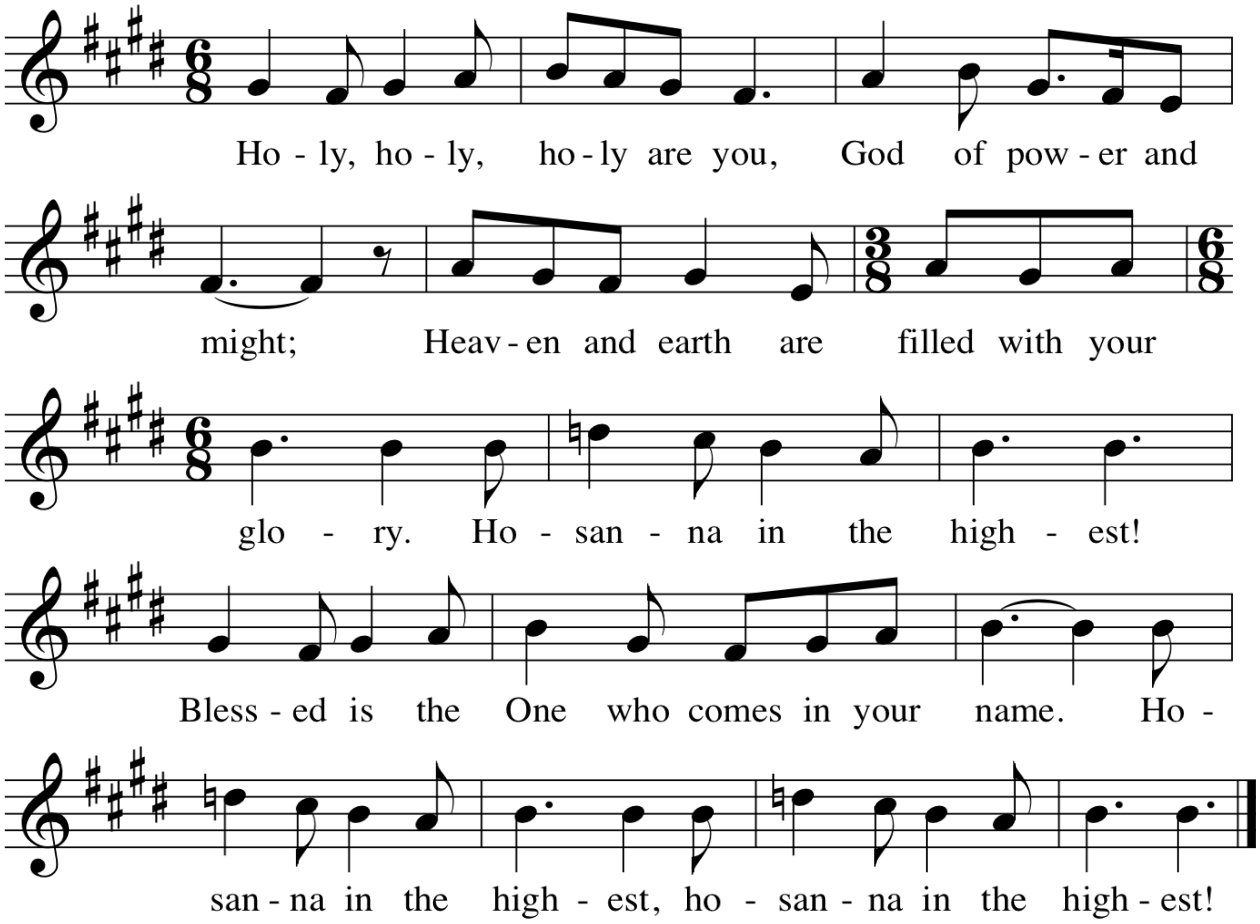
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



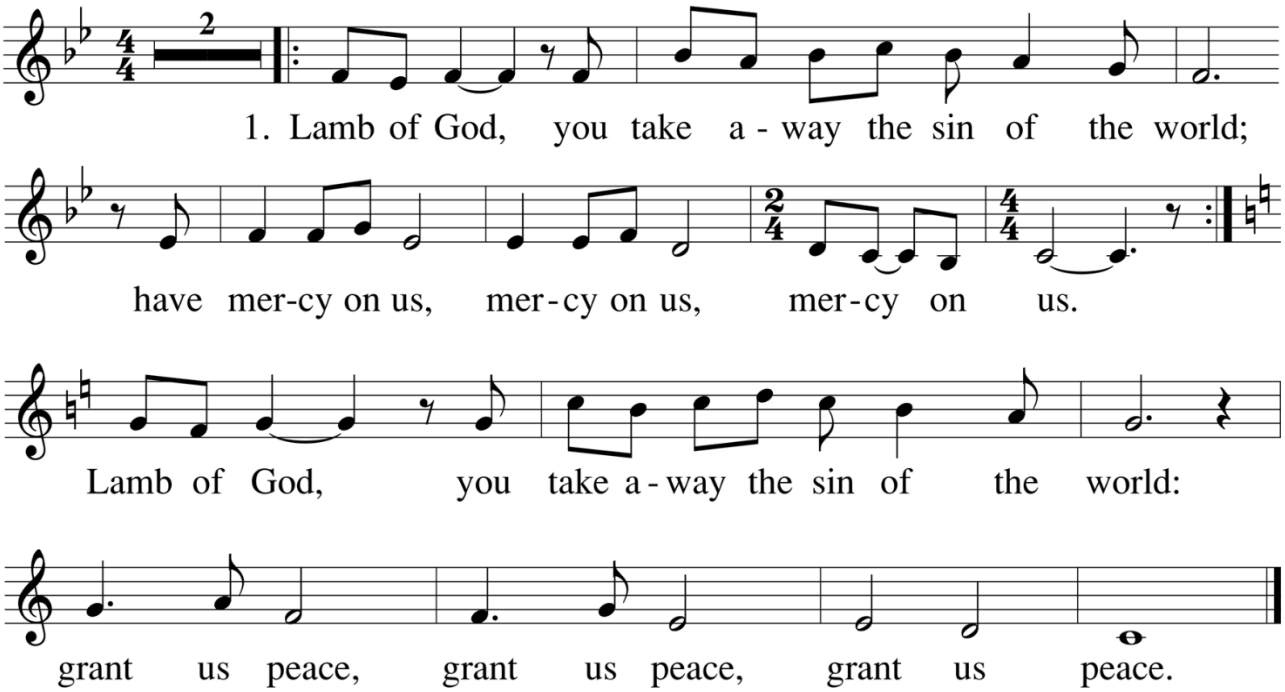
***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught;

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

All are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion; Christ's body and blood truly present in the bread and the wine.

~Come forward by the center aisle.

~Children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

~White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are also available.

~Dispose of the cup in the basket provided.

~Please tell an usher if you need communion elements brought to your pew.

SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us so that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** *For the Beauty of the Earth* *# 879*

***DISMISSAL**
Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress* *arr. -A. L. Page*

The congregation is invited to remain for the postlude;
and following it, to respond with "Amen!"

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister ……Kathy Wilkinson
Usher …….. Tom Thompson
Livestream Recorder…..... Andrew Spillane
Offering Counters …… John Kruidenier, Michelle Laraby
Altar Care …….. Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host ……..…..Joanne & Pat Scanlon

As a connected church, woven together, Rev. Keith Patterson, Episcopal priest, presides at God's table today with the thanks of, and authorization by, the bishop of the Upstate New York Synod.

COPYRIGHT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

· *Liturgical Text and Music* © Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted by Permission. © Augsburg Fortress Liturgies. Annual License # SAS006668. All rights reserved.
· *Hymn Text and Music, and additional Liturgical Text and Music* Reprinted by Permission. © OneLicense. Annual License with Podcasting, category B, #A-718995. All rights reserved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENT HOUR
Please join us in Reissig Hall following the worship service for simple refreshments and conversation. All are welcome!

ADULT FORUM RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER
Please see our Christian Education bulletin board in the main hallway for the schedule of topics for our Adult Forum in September. We'll meet in Reissig Hall following worship on Sunday mornings. We can't wait to see you all again!

CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES SEPT. 3RD
Our choir will resume practicing weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. Everyone is welcome to join us. You can speak with our Music Director, David McCarthy, or with any current choir member if you have any questions.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS
Friday, September 4th at 10:00 a.m.
Come join us in Reissig Hall for some crafting and companionship. We do have a project planned, or you can bring your own project to work on, or just come and enjoy some coffee and snacks. All are invited!

BMGLF GOLF CLASSIC SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
Register today to play, for dinner, or to become a sponsor at https://bmglegacyfund.org/registration-and-sponsorship

Gather your foursome and invite your friends and neighbors for a day of golf at the Sycamore Golf Club in Macedon, NY on September 12th.
(www.sycamoregolfclub.com)

We are accepting donations of lottery tickets for our basket raffle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATONEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: BEST OF ROCHESTER
Please contribute to *Atonement's Best Recommendations*. We are looking for your help in creating a list of local recommendations for Pastor Ken and Kevin to use as they settle into their new home in Rochester.

Add your ideas to one or more of the recommendation sheets in the Narthex or call the church office at (585) 442-1018 or Email your ideas to office@atonementrochester.org by Wednesday, September 9th.

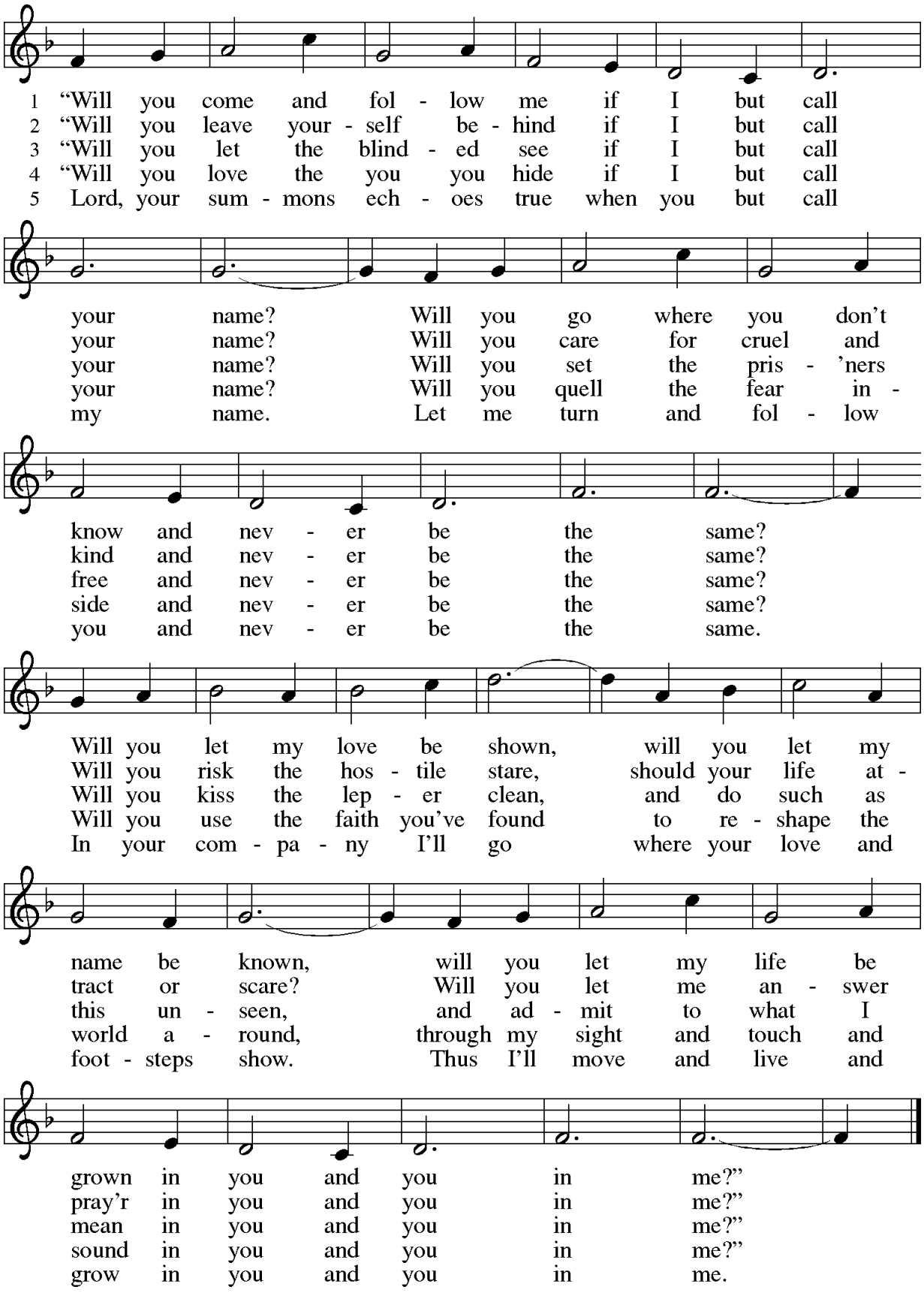
KITCHEN UPDATE: A WORK IN PROGRESS
Our church kitchen has been undergoing a much-needed repair and update. New cabinets, countertops, and a new sink are all slated for installation. Many thanks to the volunteers that have made this big project possible. They have helped clean out cupboards (you've probably seen the temporary storage tables and carts in the office hallway and Reissig Hall), wash walls, fill holes, and apply fresh coats of paint. Installation of our new-to-us cupboards has also begun, and work will continue over the next few weeks.

SEPTEMBER BBQ FUNDRAISER
Our next BBQ fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th from 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Watch for details in the coming weeks!

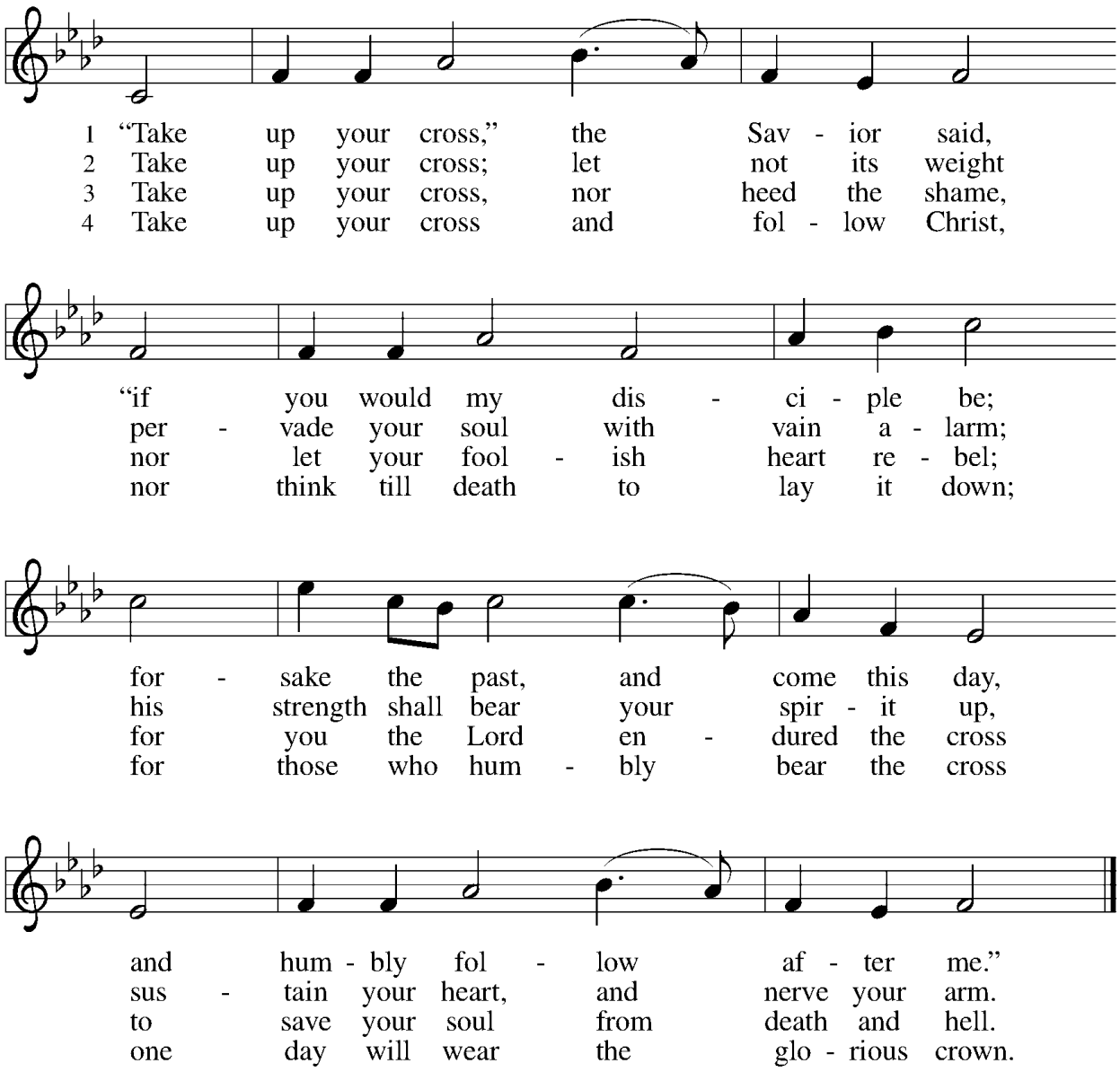
GREEN TIP
Seal hidden leaks before colder weather arrives. You can hold a candle near your window and door frames to see if the flame flickers. This may mean that you need to replace your weather stripping or caulk. You'll stay warmer and save on your energy use and cost for the upcoming cold season.

Will You Come and Follow Me

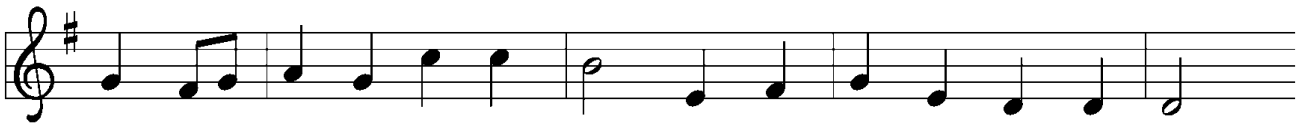
The Summons



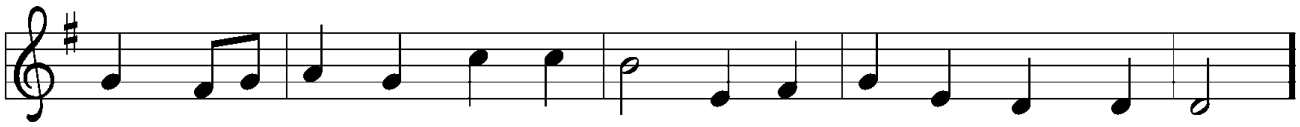
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



For the Beauty of the Earth

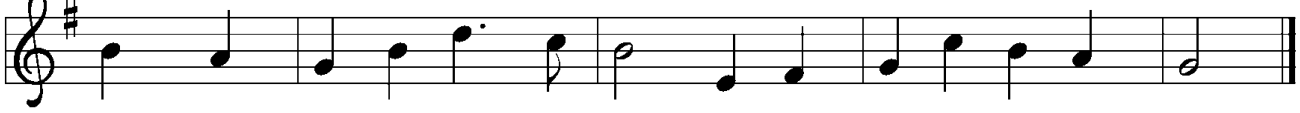


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Atonement Lutheran Church

Transitional Pastor Doug Stewart
Email: dougstewart@incarnatewordelca.org
Office: (585) 442-1018
Cell : (585) 319-8848

David McCarthy, Director of Music Ministry
Becky R. Wiesmore, Administrative Assistant

Welcome to worship,

…and a special welcome to those who are visiting with us today.
If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation
or learning more about our ministries, please speak to our Pastor.

MISSION STATEMENT

Atonement Lutheran Church is a gathering of God's people in Christ called to:
***Invite** all people into the presence of the living God,*
***Prepare** for ministry in daily life and*
***Go** into the world as disciples*

Our Church Nursery is available for parents
to use with their children.

AN EASY WAY TO GIVE ~ SCAN HERE ➔

Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera, tap on the link that pops up, and you will be taken directly to Atonement's giving website. If your phone doesn't automatically scan the code, you may need to download a QR code reader app. Many are available for free in the Google Play or Apple App store. *Please contact Lindee Krapf if you have any questions.*

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

"For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you."

-Psalm 26:3

Visit our web site at: **www.atonementrochester.org**
Follow us on Facebook: **fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/**
Contact us via Email: **office@atonementrochester.org**
Call us via phone at: **(585) 442-1018**
Church Office hours: **Tues~Wed~Thurs 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**