

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 7th, 2022

9:30 a.m.

45 + 45 Outdoor Worship and Service



Atonement Lutheran Church

Invite • Prepare • Go into the World

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Allemande

-J.S. Bach

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us;

Even as we hope in you.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive.

Trusting in the promises given at our baptism, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.**

You incite us to hope,

but we fall back into fear.

You urge us to give freely,

but we cling to what we have.

You call us to watch at all times for you,

but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

Forgive us.

Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,

and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.

For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**Please Stand As You Are Able*

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news:

By faith we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed clean.

Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit,

Live as people who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN** *Lord, Be Glorified*

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***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**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING *Genesis 15:1-6*

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

SECOND READING *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia!

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

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

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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***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

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying:
Increase our faith, O God of Hope; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, on you our hope is founded. Through the mercy of Jesus Christ, receive the prayers of your faithful people, for our hearts are gladdened as we trust in you.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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.

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

May the blessing of God in Christ † be with you this day and every day, and do not be afraid; for it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Lord of All Hopefulness

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace; keep your lamps lit; be ready to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Consolation

-F. Mendelssohn

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Livestream Recorder..... Andrew Spillane
Offering Counters Norm Karsten, Michelle Laraby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn today following worship
outside of Reissig Hall.*

45 + 45 OUTDOOR WORSHIP & SERVICE PROJECT

Today following worship

Join us today following worship for 45 minutes of outdoor gardening and service to our church! Lawn refuse bags will be provided. There will also be a project available for those unable to do outdoor work.

WORSHIP PLUS 2

This summer, consider worship plus 2 ministry opportunities! Please stop by our *Reimagine Atonement Ministry Opportunity* display and **sign up** for two ways to serve Atonement.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

We will continue to offer this time for fellowship and refreshments (a beverage and a light snack) served outdoors following worship through September 4th. ***You can help by signing up to be a host.*** A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex.

MIDWEEK MESSAGE: AUGUST SCHEDULE

During the month of August, the Midweek Message will continue our 'Summer Break' for the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. (***no*** *Midweek Message on August 10th or August 24th*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST OUTREACH: Snacks, Backpacks, and Coffee

For the month of August, we will be collecting healthy snacks for children going back to school in September. Individually wrapped items are requested; granola bars, pretzels, and popcorn are some suggestions. In consideration of the timing, we will also be accepting backpacks, which may be new or gently used (clean).

As a special treat for parents, we will be collecting 1-pound bags or cans of ground coffee (which has been in high demand but low supply at the food cupboard). All items will be distributed through the Pittsford Food Cupboard.

Our collection will end on September 4th, *God's Work, Our Hands* day, when we will pack the items for delivery to the food cupboard as part of our 45/45 Service Sunday.

PASTOR GAIL MEDICAL LEAVE UPDATE

Pastor Gail will be on Medical Leave following knee replacement surgery beginning August 9th through September 20th.

During her absence:

- Pastor Paul Shoop and Pastor Deb Johnson will serve as Atonement's Supply Preachers/Presiders for Sunday morning worship.
- Pastor Craig Swanson (614) 477-7699 and Pastor Deb Johnson (585) 230-6147 will be available for pastoral care/emergencies.
- Becky Wiesmore, our Office Administrative Assistant, and Karen Goodyear, our Board of Ministries President, will be handling administrative responsibilities as needed.

Many thanks to each member of this "Atonement Team" for their extra efforts during this time. Pastor Gail will be staying in touch with them – and with our congregation – via email/texts/phone calls.

GREEN TIP

Do you want to move your investments out of fossil fuels? Fossilfreefunds.org is a search platform that looks at the climate impact of popular mutual funds and shows you if your money is being invested in fossil fuels.

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Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the vocal line.

Have No Fear, Little Flock

1 Have no fear, lit-tle flock; have no fear, lit-tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit-tle flock; have good cheer, lit-tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a-bove; praise the Lord high a-
 4 Thank-ful hearts raise to God; thank-ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa-ther has cho-sen to
 flock, for the Fa-ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up-
 God, for he stays close be-side you, in

give you the king-dom; have no fear, lit-tle flock!
 his love for-ev-er; have good cheer, lit-tle flock!
 lift and re-store you; praise the Lord high a-bove!
 all things works with you; thank-ful hearts raise to God!

The musical score consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef). The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the vocal line.

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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WELCOME!

*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*

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

1 Peter: 4:10



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