

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 14th, 2024

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

-P. Knapp

***WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now. In Jesus, † the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

**Please Stand As You Are Able*

***PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN** *Just As I Am*

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***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, be with you all.
And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORD

FIRST READING *Samuel 3:1-20*

A reading from Samuel

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

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



PSALM 72:1-7,18-19

*Read responsively. Congregation reads **bold** type.*

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

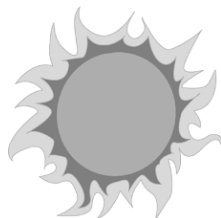
⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

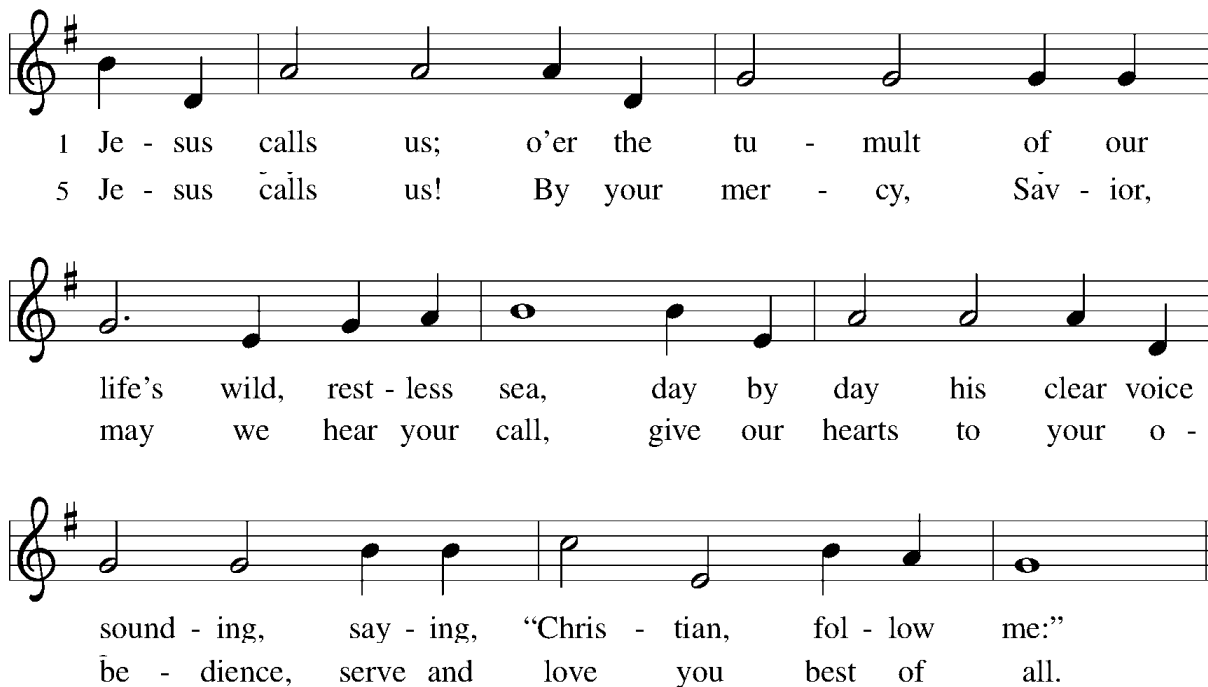
¹⁰**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.





1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,
life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -
sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

HOLY GOSPELJohn 1:43-51*

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Here I Am, Lord*

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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

Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

God, shining with grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, as we behold the light of Christ's presence, and rejoice in the brightness of his glory. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The Gift of Love

-H. Hopson

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **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 our thanks and praise.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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**

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you †
bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Jesus Shall Reign

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The Summons

-J. Bell

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister Joanne Scanlon
Livestream Recorder..... Dave Irish
Offering Counters Bryan Howe, Adam Darder
Usher(s) Bob Heinig
Altar Care Jean Seager
Fellowship Hosts Desiree Wolfe

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR/ADULT FORUM

****TODAY* at 10:45 a.m. in Reissig Hall***

“Opera and the Bible: Love, Sin, Redemption, and Drama” presented by Pastor Gail and David McCarthy.

JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN DAY

****TODAY* following worship in Founders Hall***

All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us directly after worship in Founders Hall. Join us for a Bible story, an art project, music, activities, and snacks. This month we'll talk about Mending God's World through prayer.

We ask that an adult stay with children under eight years of age to assist us.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS IN WORSHIP

During the winter months, our Children's Moments in worship will be scheduled on the second Sunday of each month (when there is Sunday Funday after worship); AND on Festival Days in the church year. *Jesus said, Let the little children come...*

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Please submit all 2023 Annual Reports to the church office ***by January 21st***.

THANK YOU, SHOVELERS!

Our thanks to our Atonement snow shovelers for keeping our sidewalks safe this winter! If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers for weekday or weekend shoveling, please contact the church office.

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Please help us by signing up to be a Fellowship Host for our coffee hour in the upcoming weeks/months. A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. See Barb Sanko for details.

PICK-A-PROJECT SIGNUP

Please be sure to take a look at our 'Share & Serve' bulletin board in the office hallway near Reissig Hall. You will find an updated signup sheet for some small but necessary projects that are looking for helping hands to complete, to maintain our building, equipment, and grounds in good working order. You can contact Tom Thompson with any questions.

GREEN TIP

For those times when you can't avoid using a plastic bag, retailers take for recycling most clean plastic bags and wrap, including bags from newspapers, dry cleaning, bread, produce. Also return plastic wrap from toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, snack and drink cases, diapers, and air pillows. Take off strings, rigid handles, closing mechanisms, no soil bags or bubble wrap. Also, your newspaper carrier has to buy those newspaper bags. Return them to your paper delivery person so he/she can reuse them.

Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



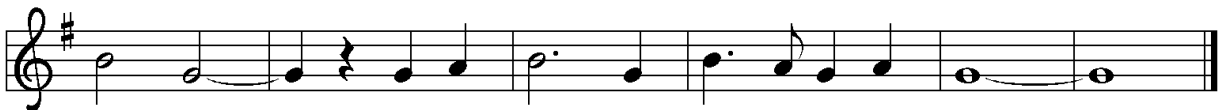
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

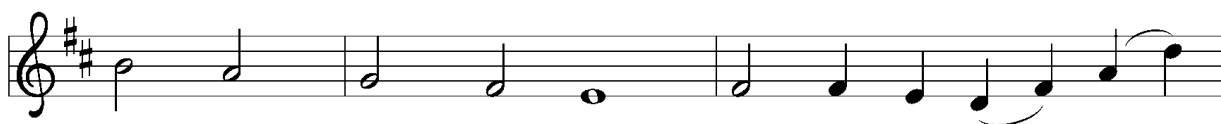


lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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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

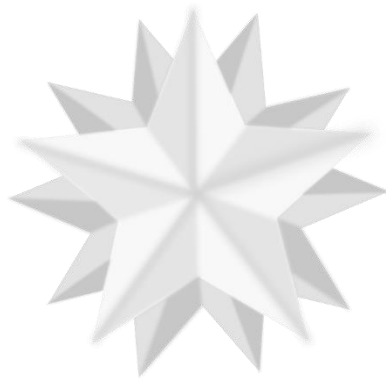
Go into the world as disciples

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

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

-Samuel 3:9a



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