



Midweek Message



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18th at 9:30 a.m. In-Person and Livestream Worship

Join us in-person in our church sanctuary for worship or Livestream with us via our Facebook page. “As Jesus advises his disciples to get away, and to rest, we are sent from Christ’s table to care for others as well as ourselves.”

B & B BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesday, July 21st
Outdoors at Atonement*

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.



Let’s re-connect with God’s Word, and each other! Bring a Bible, a beverage (and a lawn chair), and join Pastor Gail on the lawn for an informal Bible study on “Food, Meals, and God’s Hospitality.”

CHOIR SUNDAY

We’re getting the choir back together with the mighty Parsons organ again! This Sunday, July 18th, we’ll have the choir singing up in the loft. It is a lot of fun to sing in a great-sounding group, and if you’d like to join us for a rehearsal on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the loft, and/or Sunday at 9:00 a.m., there’d be no pressure to make a commitment for the Fall.

THE FRONT LINES

When it comes to removing barriers between people or between people and God, we as the body of Christ, should be on the very front lines. We should be leading the charge. We should be defining the movement of equality and justice, not bringing up the rear, and definitely not digging in our heels and fighting against it with all that we have. That simply doesn’t glorify God. And it isn’t making disciples either. The world is seeing this and rejecting it. The name Christian is no longer synonymous with Jesus; but with bigotry, with power, and with discrimination; a religion that seems to have become smaller than ever. This is the script that we who desire a bigger table, a more inclusive place for everyone-must flip.

-A Bigger Table, by John Pavlovitz

Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

*In-person worship in our Sanctuary,
or Livestream worship via our
Atonement Facebook page.*

Join us for music and hymns,
scripture, a sermon, prayers,
and a Children’s Moment.

*You can follow us on Sunday
mornings at 9:30 a.m. and for special
services by going to our Atonement
Facebook page at [fb.com/
atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)*

A worship bulletin and hymns
will be Emailed to our
Atonement families, and
posted weekly on our web site.

Prayers

For Healing

For Pastor Sharon Hanks, mother of Elizabeth Hanks, who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip.

SIGN UP: SWEET TREATS HOSTS NEEDED

We are still looking for Hosts during the months of July and August for our time of fellowship and ice cream treats served outdoors following each worship service (formerly known as Lemonade on the Lawn).



Can you help us by signing up to host on a Sunday? Check the “Sign Up” box by the date(s) of your choice, then scroll to the bottom of the page to click on “Submit and Sign Up”. Here’s the link to our signup page:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FA4AE2FA31-Sunday>

Thank you for your ‘sweet’ assistance!

SAVE THE DATE: OUTDOOR YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE

This service will take place on Sunday, August 1st at 9:30 a.m.

We will also be having a *dress rehearsal* on Saturday, July 31st (the time is still to be determined).

There are opportunities for children and youth of all ages to participate in-person or virtually. Please contact Ms. Janeen if you are interested in participating.

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.

You Say I haven’t done any “praise and worship” (contemporary Christian pop songs) in these Midweek Messages for a long time, but sometimes a repetitive chord progression and simple lyrics really hit the spot! Especially in the summer, when it’s too hot to think very hard about theology.

Voices of Ascension Speaking of simple lyrics, this well-known piece has only one word (plus an “amen” at the end). Randall Thompson wrote “Alleluia” in 1940 for the Tanglewood music festival. He had been expected to write a “vocal fanfare,” but decided instead to express a more muted appreciation of God, in light of the disaster in Europe at the time.

PRAY AS YOU SING

By Pastor Gail Swanson

For those who love hymns, I invite you to join a prayer practice I've been following:

- Select a favorite hymn
- Read each stanza, then sing each stanza
- Lift up a prayer related to a theme or concern identified in the hymn text.

Need some help? Here are some of mine:

ELW#710 God of Grace and God of Glory (*cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control*) God of peace, bring an end to the violence and hatred in our homes and neighborhoods, our cities, our world.

ELW#824 This is My Father's World (*I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.*) Teach us to protect our planet, O God, and to find ways to halt the destructive forces of climate change and global warming.

ELW#858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (*O my soul praise him, for he is your health and salvation!*) Lord, as you freely healed the sick, the leper, and the blind, help us to see that every child of God is deserving of healthcare and medical treatment.

ELW#650 In Christ There is No East or West (*Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*) Lead us from the sin of believing that whiteness is the baseline of humanity; teach us that human community is made better by the diversity you created.

ELW#887 This is My Song (*This is my home, the country where my heart is...but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*) Lord, help me to believe that indeed, you have the whole world in your hands.

ELW#652 Built on a Rock (*Built on a rock, the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling; crumbled have spires in every land, bells still are chiming and calling*) As congregations shrink and churches merge or close, we ask that you would grant us faith and trust in your call to discipleship, and in your promise to be with us always.

ELW#708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love (*These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love, all these are neighbors to us and you.*) God, remind us that there is enough in this world for everyone: enough food, enough money, enough care – if we would truly love our neighbor as ourselves.

And lastly, the words of ELW#742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus: because God invites to keep on singing – and praying!

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer.*

Dean's List

Congratulations!

...to Wynn (Rebecca) Thompson upon being named to the 2021 Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire.

Board of Ministries

Meeting In-Person

The Board of Ministries will be meeting in-person at Atonement on Tuesday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m.

SEEK AND FIND COLORING PAGE

Can you find eight † shapes in the picture below? What would a castle look like if you built one?

*Winter *Spring
*SUMMER *Fall



Give thanks to God,
He made them all!

“David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus).... The inhabitants of Jebus said to David “you will not come hither”. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion. And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called it the city of David”

I Chronicles, 11:4-5, 7

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Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays
in our Sanctuary

Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday