



# Midweek Message



## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship*

Storm! Wind! Waves! A boat about to capsize! On this day we are called to trust in the power of God in Jesus, a power greater than all that we fear. Worship with us In-Person in the Sanctuary, or Livestream with us via our Facebook page.

## **DRIVE-THRU FOOD COLLECTION SAT., JUNE 26**

Our friends and neighbors at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church (TCPC) are sponsoring a DRIVE-THRU FOOD COLLECTION on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The food collected will benefit the Brighton Food Cupboard (serving people who live in zip codes 14607, 14610, 14618, and 14620.)

TCPC has previously collected food items for the food cupboard, but this year they are asking for participation from the larger Brighton community, both with donations and volunteers. PLEASE HELP AS YOU ARE ABLE - THANK YOU!

They are requesting non-perishable food items, with an emphasis on HEALTHY SNACKS for children's backpacks. Donations will be collected on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> in front of the church and delivered to the food cupboard on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

There are multiple opportunities to VOLUNTEER:

- Sat., June 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00-11:00, set-up
  - 11:00-1:00, receive donations
  - 1:00-3:00, receive donations & clean-up
- Mon., June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:30-12:00 Noon, deliver to Brighton Food Cupboard



To volunteer or for more info., please contact Tom Upson, [tcusma@rit.edu](mailto:tcusma@rit.edu) or at (585) 244-3614.

## ***Atonement Lutheran Church***

### **All Are Welcome**

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

Join Pastor Gail and David McCarthy 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.

## Board of Ministries

### *Zoom Meeting*

The Board of Ministries will be meeting Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. A link will be Emailed to Board members.

## Christ in our Home

### *Now Available*

Christ in our Home devotionals for July/August/September are now available. You can pick one up in the church office or on the narthex table.

## **LET'S SING YOUR FAVORITE HYMN!**

**By David McCarthy**

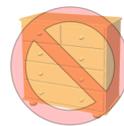
On Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, we're going to have a hymn-focused outdoor worship service at 9:30 a.m., so if you have a special hymn (or multiple hymns) from our hymnal that you'd like to sing, please send your *request* to [mccarthy95@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthy95@hotmail.com) by *Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>*. Hymns in harmony would be especially appreciated by basses and altos, though we'll do whatever the congregation wants!

## **RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE: SYS (Save Your Stuff!)**

Are you in the process of Spring cleaning? Please don't throw your items out - save them for an upcoming event at Atonement!

The Discipleship Committee is planning to hold a "New to You" Sale in September. A specific date will be decided soon and published in the weekly Newsletter and Bulletin.

We are asking for household items, books, toys, linens, small appliances, tools, etc. *Please, NO clothing, shoes, large pieces of furniture, or exercise equipment.* All proceeds from the sale will go toward our Benevolence Budget.



## **CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!**

***"Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise"***

**Precious Lord** I'd guess that most people know Mahalia Jackson's version of "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," originally by Thomas Dorsey (not the big band Tommy Dorsey). I like this choral version, arranged by Arnold Sevier, and sung by The Aeolians of Oakwood University, a choir that won the "Spirituals" category at the World Choir Games in 2017. I especially appreciated, as a choir director, how clean and together their final consonants were. Oakwood University is a historically Black college in Huntsville, associated with the Seventh-Day Adventists, and built on the plantation where Dred Scott was a slave.

**Gloria** Antonio Vivaldi is known for "The Four Seasons" (a set of violin concerti depicting the seasons of the year), and his hundreds of other rather similar concerti, but he also wrote some choral music for the women and girls he taught at the Ospedale della Pietà in Venice (an orphanage where the girls were trained for a career as musician-nuns). Since there were no men there, they just had female tenors and basses! The BBC in this video tried to recreate as accurately as possible what it would have looked like: they're performing in the original space, in costume, and behind the screens they used to keep the audience from ogling all the young women.

## **BLESSING**

**By Pastor Gail Swanson**

*Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.  
Psalm 146:5*

*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that  
you need, you will abound in every good work.  
2 Corinthians 9:8-10*

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; the  
Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.  
Numbers 6:24-26*

As a child in worship every Sunday morning, Johanna Harder followed the order of worship in the bulletin, mentally checking of each item, with her eyes on the Benediction. It was her favorite part of the service – because it meant that church was over and lunch time was near!

Now a pastor, she thinks about the Benediction in this way: “*These final, holy words are part prayer: asking God to be with each person; and part reminder: that God is, in fact, with us. They are also part longing: speaking aloud the reality we want to be true. God, please, bless us.*”

God does not bless us to the exclusion of others, but instead blesses us for the benefit of others. Which is why Christians should not spend their best energies counting their blessings. They give thanks for them...and share them. A word of caution: It can be easy to confuse happiness with blessing. Happiness is that sweet spot we feel when our circumstances fall together in a positive, pleasurable way. Blessing is that sweet spot with God that never ends.

Once a week you and I have the opportunity to receive these sacred words that provide just a bit of shelter from all the other words swirling around us. *The Lord bless you and keep you...*

It is a privilege to hear them and a deeper privilege to speak them over people we love. The benediction signals that worship has concluded and brunch or lunch is close at hand. It also signals that a deep gift is being given – and received - with holy gratitude.

*May the blessings of God be upon you and remain with you always; in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## **A Note of Thanks**

### *And Prayers*

Pastor Steve Hluchy shares his thanks to our congregation for the cards and notes he received in honor of his 62<sup>nd</sup> Ordination Anniversary. We lift up Pastor Hluchy in prayers for healing as he recuperates from a fractured leg at St. John's Home.

## **We Lift Up in Prayer**

### *Lin Macholz*

We pray for God's gifts of healing and wholeness for Lin Macholz, who will be having hip replacement surgery on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **BLESSING JAR FAMILY CRAFT**

You will need: a clean, recycled glass jar, beads/yarn/ribbon/buttons to decorate your jar, glue, an 18" piece of yarn, twine, or string, small slips of paper, and a pencil or pen.

1. Clean and dry your jar (you can use a mayonnaise jar, pickle jar, etc.)
2. Use craft items to decorate your jar. Glue on ribbon or buttons, or tie on beads-have fun and make it yours!
3. Tie one end of a piece of 18" yarn or twine around the top of your jar, and the other end around a pen or pencil.
4. Keep small slips of paper nearby, and make a note of your blessings. Put them in the jar.
5. Place small, special items or pictures in the jar to remind you of a way that you have blessed others.
6. At Thanksgiving time - or the end of the year - or on your birthday, see how your year has been filled with blessings!

*What does your blessing jar look like?*

*Send a photo to [office@atonementrochester.org](mailto:office@atonementrochester.org) to share!*



### *German Blessing*

*Where there is faith, there is love.  
Where there is love, there is peace.  
Where there is peace, there is blessing.  
Where there is blessing, there is God.  
Where God is present, there is no need.*

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### *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