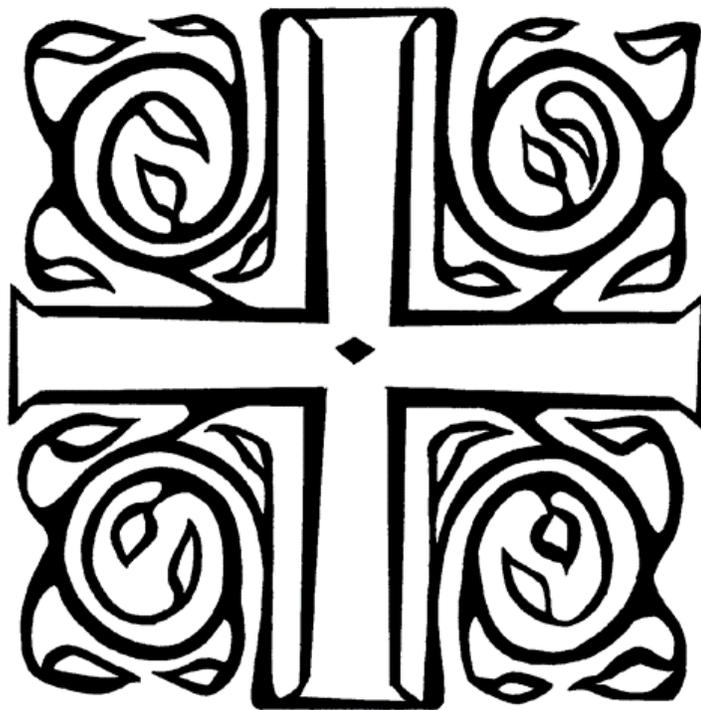




Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 11th, 2021

9:30 a.m.



In-Person and Livestream (via Facebook) Worship

Atonement Lutheran Church

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY, 14618

* *Please Stand As You Are Able*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

St. Thomas (Let Justice Flow Like Streams)

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world. **Amen.**

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

God and Father of all,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

Christ is our Peace, strangers and friends, old and young;
Christ has broken down the barriers to bind us to himself and to each other.
The peace of Christ with you all. **And also with you.**

***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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT**WORD****FIRST LESSON***Ephesians 1:3-14**A reading from Ephesians*

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 6:14-29

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Faith of Our Fathers*

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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

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.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

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.

***EUCHARISTIC 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 the baptized 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.

~Place your right hand over your left hand to receive the wafer of bread.

~Pick up a communion cup of wine at the small table.

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

~Dispose of the cup in the basket provided.

SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Merciful God, we give you thanks for the strength we have received at your table. By your Spirit, transform and renew our minds that we may do your good, acceptable, and perfect will, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

Bless us, send us, and bind yourself to us in love, O God; that we may walk in the life and peace of your Spirit, this day and always; through Jesus Christ †, our hope and our salvation. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

What God Ordains Is Good Indeed

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

What God Ordains

-P. Manz



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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	David Wilkinson
Livestream Recorder.....	Dave Irish
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby and Judy Karsten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B & B BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, July 14th 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Outdoors at Atonement

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."

ADOPT-A-SPOT

Gardening tasks are abundant around the four sides of our church building and other places on our property. Can you help out by 'adopting' one area for July and August? Some of the tasks include:

- Weeds to be pulled
- Edging to be done
- Bushes to be pruned
- Small beds of stones to re-do around the Enter/Exit signs
- Mulch to be replaced around the front church sign
- ...And more!

Grab your garden tools and head to Atonement! Contact the church office (office@atonementrochester.org) and let us know your 'adoption plans'. We are grateful for your help!

ATONEMENT VACATION PHOTOS

Traveling this summer? Taking a family vacation to the beach, to a lake, to a city, to the woods, to the mountains? Planning a day trip to a new place?

Enjoy your time away...and then send us a photo! We would like to feature photos in the Midweek Message of our church family on vacation during the summer months.

Watch over those who are traveling, Loving God, that they would be granted safe journeys, refreshing days away and a blessed homecoming. Amen.

SIGN UP: Sunday Morning 'Sweet Treat' Hosts

During the months of July and August we will be offering a time for fellowship and ice cream 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? Go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FA4AE2FA31-Sunday>

Thank you for your 'sweet' assistance!

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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*

NURSERY CARE

Is not available at this time.

YOUR GUIDE FOR SUNDAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Welcome!

Please feel free to enter the building through the East, West or North entrances.

Face Masks:

Are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. Face mask use is requested for those who are not yet vaccinated.

Hand Sanitizer:

Please observe good hygiene and hand sanitizing practices before entering the sanctuary.

Bulletins:

Bulletins and hymn packets are available in the narthex.

During Worship:

Windows will be open for fresh air

Congregational Singing is welcomed

Share the Peace with a gesture or words

Children's Moments: Kids are welcomed to come forward.

Nursery Care/Use of Nursery:

Will resume Labor Day Weekend

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Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
1 John 4:7*



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