



Midweek Message



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HELEN PEARSON

A service of Prayer and Remembrance for Helen Pearson will be held *Friday, May 6th at 4:00 p.m.* at Atonement.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 8th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person in our sanctuary or livestream via our Facebook page as we worship in the presence of the Christ our Shepherd, who still guides us to quiet waters and restful pastures, where we are restored to abundant life.

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS: MAY 8TH, 15TH

Join us immediately following worship for a cup of coffee, a sweet treat, and conversation in Reissig Hall.

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!

“Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise”

Our Director of Music, David McCarthy, provides weekly music links of sacred music to offer inspiration, solace, and peace. Click on a title below to hear the song.

[The 23rd Psalm](#) This week, our Psalm is 23, the one that begins “Adonai ro-ee, loh eksar.” Or “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,” if that’s easier! The psalm has been set frequently by musicians. Here’s a version Bobby McFerrin wrote for his mother, changing the text a little here and there, most obviously in changing the pronouns to make the shepherd into a woman.



[Organ Sonata No. 2 Allegro maestoso e vivace](#) Here’s a movement from one of Mendelssohn’s organ sonatas. In the nineteenth century, although many composers played organ at some point, very few wrote much for the instrument. Felix Mendelssohn was an exception, possibly inspired by his love of Bach’s music, and his six sonatas are core repertoire. Apparently, the standards of organ-playing had declined so much that most organists at the time couldn’t play the pedal parts of Bach’s music (and a lot of music from the time reflects that lack of technique). But Mendelssohn must have been an exception – especially on an organ with a stiff action and heavy wind pressure like this, those fast scales would be very hard to pull off.



He Is Risen, Indeed!

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/

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

Calling All

Graduates!

Is your child graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this Spring? If so, please send an Email to the church at office@atonementrochester.org with:

- Their name
- The name of their school
- Their future plans



HOLY COW!

The 'udder' joy of giving to ELCA World Hunger

The Upstate NY Synod is encouraging each congregation to offer support for world hunger efforts by meeting a challenge goal of \$500. These gifts will go toward the purchase of a **HOLY COW**. Your gifts help sustain the livelihood of farmers across the globe, where ELCA dollars are at work. Experience the **UDDER JOY** of giving by helping us reach our goal. One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of milk each day. Milk provides nutrition for growing children, and a family can generate income by selling extra milk, cheese, yogurt, butter, and more. Please consider making a donation by cash or by check made payable to Atonement Lutheran Church with Holy Cow Project written on the memo line between now and May 15th.

NEW-TO-YOU SALE:

MAY 13TH (9:00-4:00) & 14TH (9:00-2:00)



We will begin accepting donations in Founders Hall from this Sunday, May 8th following worship through 12:00 Noon on Thursday, May 12th.

Items we are accepting this year include: toys, puzzles, linens, household and kitchen items, small appliances, books, garden supplies, frames, baskets, jewelry, and vintage items.

Please NO clothing, shoes, electronics, computers, exercise equipment, or furniture.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We will need lots of volunteers to organize items, price items, assist & checkout customers, and clean up following the sale. There will be a sign up sheet at church, or you may contact the church office to let Becky know when you'd like to volunteer. **Proceeds will go to the Brighton Churches Habitat Coalition** to be used toward the building of a new house this Spring!

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

This workshop is designed for children in Grades 1 – 3 who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Join us for communion instruction, a craft and an opportunity to make communion bread! Parents are invited to join us for the last half hour of the workshop.

Children who attend will be invited to receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 8th at our 9:30am worship service.

NOTHING CAN SNATCH US AWAY

By Pastor Gail Swanson

My friend died last week. A sudden, completely unexpected death for one who was only 51. A life instantly snatched away.

An engineer by profession, Chris was also a stained glass artisan...a master gardener...a lover of nature and the great outdoors...and a great chef! From his childhood when we first met, through adulthood, Chris was so likeable, with a warmth and an intuitiveness for caring. The keeper of a compassionate heart. His friendship was strong and loyal; a gift spread over a wide, wide circle of friends, family and acquaintances. He loved us unconditionally ...and we loved him.

Like most people, Chris had been hurt by life. Hurt by the death of his mother when he was a child. Hurt by the death of his father while he was a young man. Hurt by dreams that hadn't come to fruition. Now, his unexpected death tragically occurring three weeks before his marriage ceremony, has left shattered dreams in its wake.

In several significant ways, Chris had been hurt by life. Yet his life of faith was anchored on a rock solid belief and joyous confidence that God was with him and for him – no matter what. Not only did he believe God's care was always present – he rejoiced in it.

This Sunday we will sing these words from the hymn "Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us": "*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.*" We will hear Jesus the Good Shepherd give us this promise: "*My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.*" (John: 10:27 – 29)

No one. Nothing. Not hurt, not shattered dreams, not even death.

As I rejoice in Jesus' resurrection, I now rejoice in this promised life for Chris. And for the assurance that no matter what life holds, God's hand is holding us and nothing can snatch us away.



Board of Ministries

Meeting

The Board of Ministries will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m.

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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

MOTHERS' DAY CRAFT



You can make a fun and easy whirligig for your Mom, Aunt, Grandma, neighbor, teacher, or friend!

You will need:

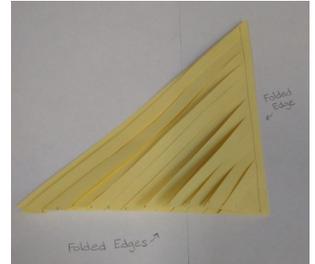
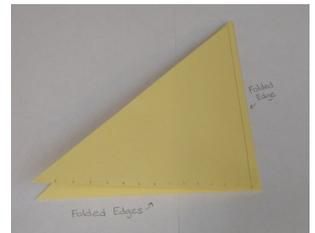
- Two pieces of paper, cut into squares. *Different colors are fun, but you can use all one color if you'd like!*
- A few pieces of scrap paper
- A pipe cleaner (chenille stem)
- A pencil
- Scissors
- Craft glue

Directions: whirligig

- Cut 2 1/2" off of one short end of your paper. This will make squares.
- Fold your paper so that opposite corners meet, making a triangle. Fold your triangle in half again.
- Lightly mark a line with a pencil 1/4" in on the folded edge. Cut straight lines across from the open, folded sides of the triangle up to the line.
- Carefully open up your square so no strips are ripped and lay it flat.
- Pull the corners of every other strip in to meet with the same strip on the opposite side of the square and use a dot of glue to hold them together.
- Now turn your project over, and attach the corners of every other strip that's left on the opposite side. This will make your whirligig!

Directions: flower

- Take your second square piece of paper and cut it into 8 strips, about 1" wide.
- Lay all of the strips on top of each other, and wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the center to hold them together.
- Fold the end of each strip into the center and glue. Do this with every strip. This will make a flower!
- Cut two circles, about 1" wide, out of scrap paper and glue them on the middle front and back of your flower.
- Glue the other end of the pipe cleaner to one corner of your whirligig.



*I love when spring has come;
that expectant breath of beginnings.
The bud is wakened by the rain,
the birds upheld by the breeze,
the blade and leaf stirred by sunbeams.
Each day is something new,
another life rekindled.*

-Becky Wiesmore