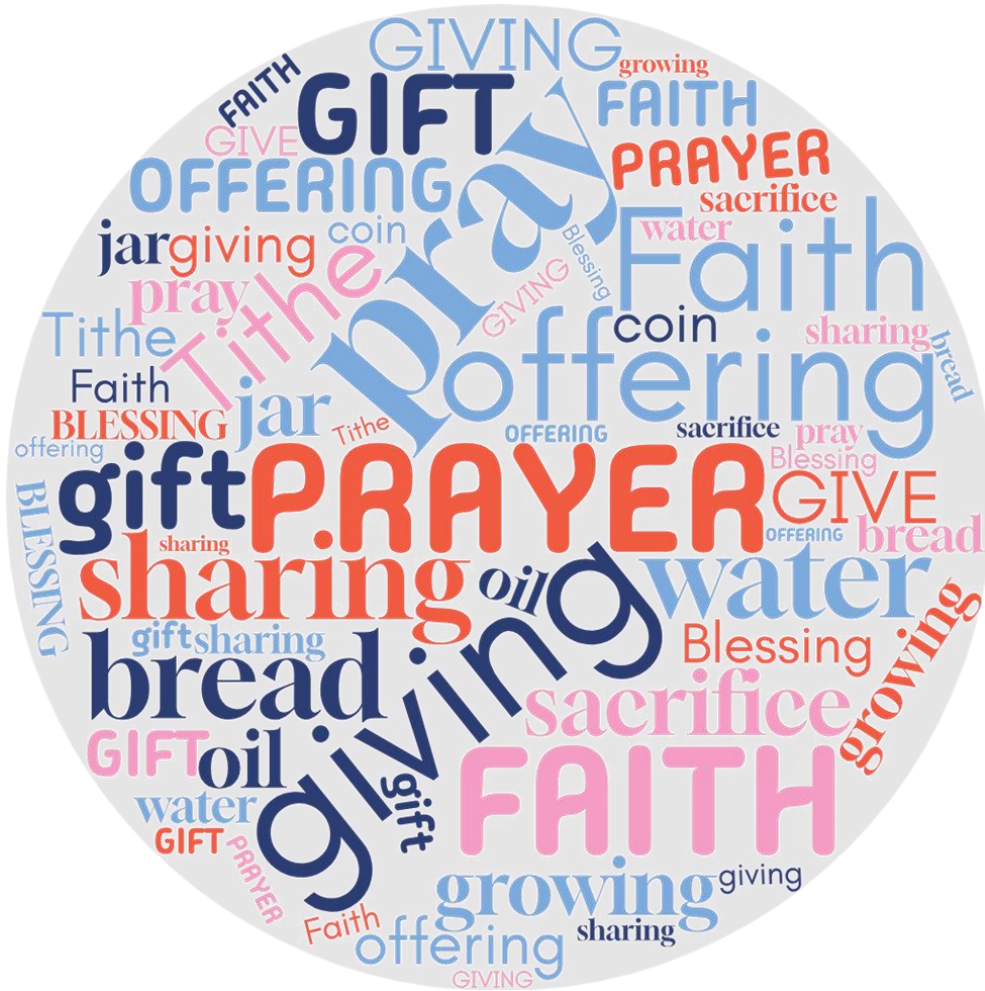


# Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

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**Atonement Lutheran Church**

**Invite • Prepare • Go into the World**

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

# **GATHERING**

## **PRELUDE**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

## **WELCOME**

### **\*LITANY**

In the name of our Triune God † we pray. **Amen.**

God of Abundance: You welcome us to taste and see your goodness, as we sing of your generosity and magnify your name.

**Bless us with hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

You have promised to spread a feast where all will be satisfied; you bid the thirsty come to your saving waters.

**Bless us with hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

In times of plenty, you call us to remember your saving deeds, and charge us to love the least among us.

**Bless us with hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

You have redeemed our life from the grave. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, that we may pour ourselves out for the hungry and those in need, until that day when all peoples are brought in glory to the banquet which has no end; in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

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

### **\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

# 800

*\* Please Stand As You Are Able*

## **\*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,

you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy.

Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

*1 Kings 17:8-16*

*A reading from the book of 1 Kings*

<sup>8</sup>The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.

<sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**SECOND READING**      *Hebrews 9:24-28*

*A reading from the book of Hebrews*

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*We Are An Offering*

# 692

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in treble clef, 7/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a triplet of eighth notes at the end. The second staff has a triplet of eighth notes at the end. The third staff has a triplet of eighth notes at the beginning. The fourth staff has a triplet of eighth notes at the beginning.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



## \***HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 12:38-44*

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

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

## **SERMON**

## \***HYMN OF THE DAY**

*As Saints of Old*

# 695

## **\*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**

God whose giving knows no ending, you invite the whole world to your table of mercy. Hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your welcome is wider than we can ever imagine. Receive our prayers for the hungers of this world and all else that is needed. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, Giver of all good gifts; teach us to be faithful stewards who give out of love and thankfulness; and help us to use all that you have given us in ways that please and serve you, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. **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.**

**\*PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right to give you thanks, most loving God, through Jesus Christ our Savior, crucified, risen, and ascended; who is one with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. Therefore with saints and evangelists, apostles and prophets, and all the redeemed, we praise your holy name and sing:

**\*SANCTUS**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name, verses 1 & 2*

# 414



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

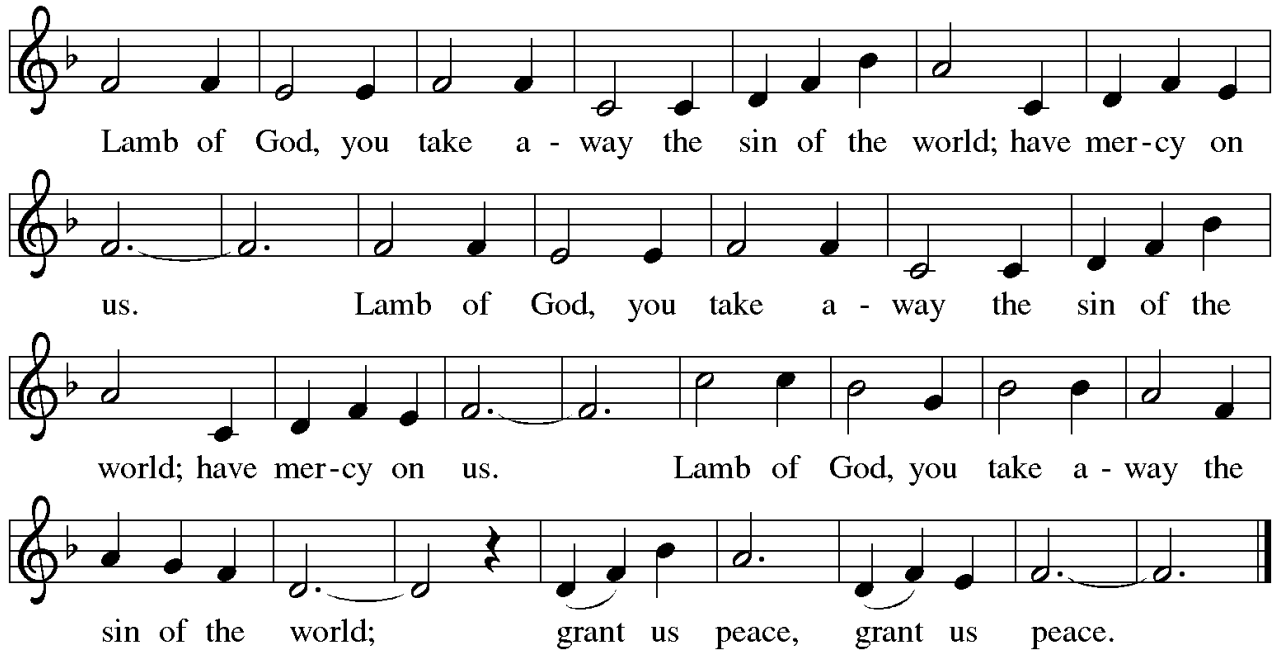
**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**



## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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;

We thank you, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of paradise. Inspire us to be your body in the world, serving all in want and need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

May the grace of God,  
the love of Christ †  
and the sending of the Spirit be with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

# 656

### **\*DISMISSAL**

With glad and generous hearts, go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Short Toccata and Fugue in A Minor*

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister .....	Jean Seager
Livestream Recorder.....	Andrew Spillane
Usher .....	Tom Thompson
Counters .....	Norm Karsten, Desiree Wolfe
Altar Care .....	Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host .....	Barb Sanko

*We welcome The Rev. Frank Hanrahan as our preacher  
and presider this morning and offer our  
gratitude and appreciation for his ministry with us.*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NOVEMBER ADULT FORUMS**

*Join us following worship on Sunday mornings in Reissig Hall*

**\*TODAY\*** our presenter will be Michele Quinn from Saint's Place.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** presenter will be Elizabeth Martinez from Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach, a recipient of the BMGLF Grant.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** presenters will be Matt & Jess McGill, who will be sharing their experiences from their trip to South Africa.

### **NOVEMBER ELCA WORLD HUNGER COLLECTION**

Thanksgiving is coming! A time to celebrate our blessings and join together to share our food and resources. Sadly, more than 820 million people in our world (about 11%) are hungry. Atonement will be collecting donations through the month of November to benefit ELCA World Hunger.

There will be a collection jar on the table in the Narthex. *Checks should be made payable to Atonement Lutheran Church; write 'ELCA World Hunger' on the memo line. "Lord, pour out the Spirit of your love, that we may pour ourselves out for the hungry."*

### **OUTREACH MINISTRY: Barbara Macholz Grimaldi Legacy Grants**

Atonement Lutheran Church has been blessed with a unique opportunity to remember the life and legacy of Barbara Macholz Grimaldi through a Legacy Fund established in her memory. Grants of \$550 are available for distribution for congregational and community outreach projects, programs and ministries throughout the Upstate New York Synod (and beyond) addressing the following issues:

- Biblical Justice
- Social Justice
- Food Insecurity, Hunger, Community Gardening
- Criminal Justice
- Racial Justice

Grant Request Forms can be found online at the web site [bmglegacyfund.org](http://bmglegacyfund.org)  
*Deadline for applications is November 15<sup>th</sup>.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR PLEDGE CARD?**

As we conclude this Stewardship season, please consider **making a financial commitment** to the mission and ministry of Atonement by **filling out a pledge card for 2025** and returning it to the church office. Additional pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex, on the Outreach bulletin board, and in the church office.

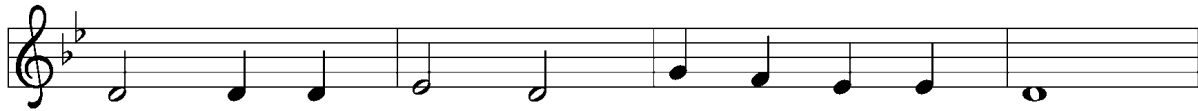
### **GREEN TIP**

A study published in *Nature Food* estimates global food transportation at 3 billion tons of CO2 equivalent emissions annually, 3.5-7.5 times larger than previous estimates. Eat local this Thanksgiving! Grass-fed turkeys can be ordered from meat sellers at local farmers' markets. Pumpkins or butternut squash can be boiled down to make delicious pumpkin pie. Also available locally are fresh apples, pears, grapes, potatoes, carrots, onions, tomatoes, cranberries, and many green vegetables.

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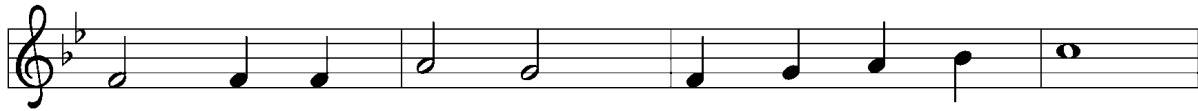
# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



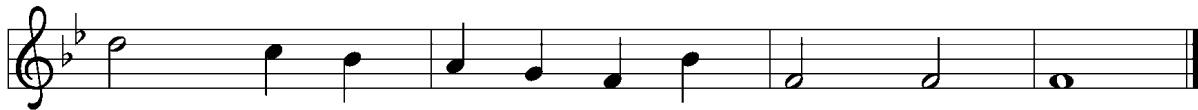
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

## As Saints of Old



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.



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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.

### AN EASY WAY TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING



*Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera, -->  
tap on the link that pops up, and you will be taken directly to Atonement's  
giving website. If your phone doesn't automatically scan the code, you may  
need to download a QR code reader app. Many are available for free in the  
Google Play or Apple App store. Please contact Lindee Krapf if you have any questions.*

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail,  
according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah."*

-1 Kings 17:16

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