

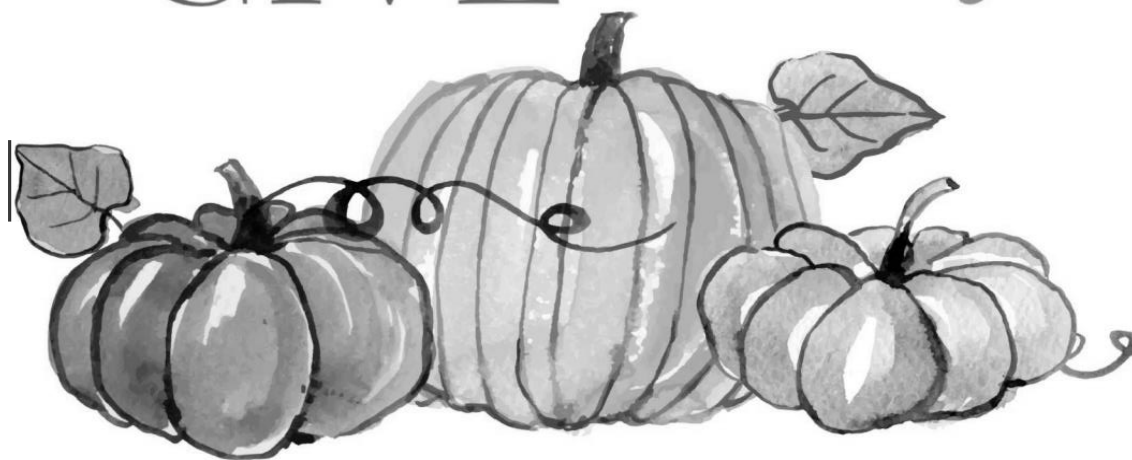
Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 19th, 2023

9:30 a.m.

In-person and Livestream Worship

In all things
GIVE *thanks!*



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Thankful

-D. Sullivan

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**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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**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**

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORD

FIRST READING *Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

A reading from Zephaniah

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from First Thessalonians

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *We Give Thee But Thine Own stanzas 1 & 4* # 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

HOLY GOSPELMatthew 25:14-30*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

SERMON

***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.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

I Will Give Joyful Thanks

-D. Nolan

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy God, Giver of all good gifts; gather now our gifts as you nourish us with this sacrament, sending us to those who hunger and thirst; for the sake of your Son, our Savior. **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

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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!"

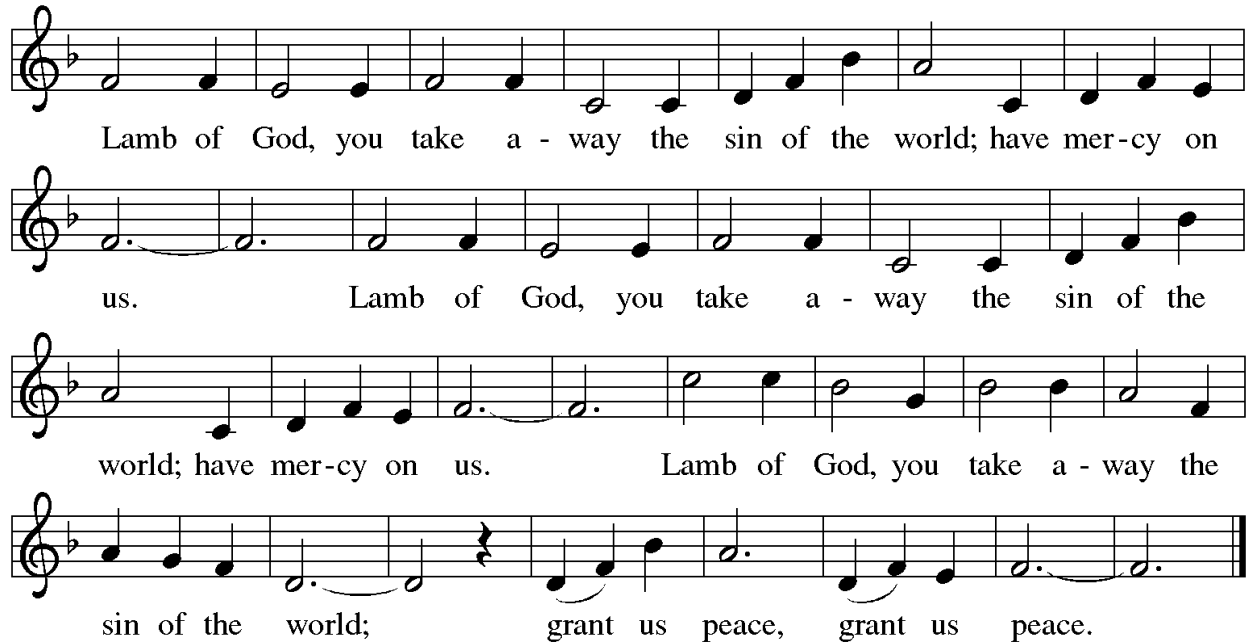
***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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**

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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***DISMISSAL**

With glad and generous hearts, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thanksgiving

-G. Winston

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Matt McGill
Livestream Recorder	Andrew Spillane
Offering Counters	Bryan Howe, Jim Krapf
Usher(s)	John Macholz
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host	Karen Goodyear

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR/ADULT FORUM

***TODAY* following worship in Reissig Hall**

Today's Topic is *How To Talk With Family Members Across the Political Divide*. Please join us to learn about handling differences in family politics.

NOVEMBER ELCA WORLD HUNGER COLLECTION

Atonement will be collecting donations through the month of November to benefit ELCA World Hunger. There will be a collection bin on the table in the Narthex. *Checks should be made payable to Atonement Lutheran Church; write 'ELCA World Hunger' on the memo line.*

ANGEL TREE UPDATE

THANK YOU for the enthusiastic response to our Angel Tree! The ornaments have all been taken and we will be adding a few more with the following items, or you can just use this list:

Hygiene items: shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

Household items: towels, laundry soap, light bulbs, extension cord

Baby items: diapers for 1 year old (boy or girl), baby wipes, etc.

Gift cards: to Walmart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

The Board of Ministries will be meeting in person on *Tuesday, November 21st* at *6:00 p.m.* in *Reissig Hall*.

SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK

Midweek Message

There will be *NO Midweek Message* for the week of Nov 20th-24th.

Church Office

The church office will be open Monday, November 20th. The office will be CLOSED from November 21st through 25th.

PLEDGE CARDS NEEDED!

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 2024** and returning it to the church office. Additional pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex and in the church office.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

It's time for our yearly update of our Members & Friends church Directory. If you have an address, phone number, or Email update, or if you have a new family member to add, please let us know before November 30th!

We will be printing new Directories in December.

SIDEWALK SNOW SHOVELING & SALTING

We are looking for a few hardy souls to assist with sidewalk snow shoveling and salting before Sunday services and during the week beginning in December. See Tom Thompson for details.

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ADVENT GIVING

In the spirit of the season, during Advent, we offer the following opportunities to bring gifts to benefit others in our community:

December 3rd - St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center

Donations of personal-sized hygiene items: toothbrushes (individually packaged), toothpaste, razors, shampoo, lotion, Chapstick, body wash, and 2024 calendars.

December 10th - Pittsford Food Cupboard

Brush items; corned beef hash (canned), coffee, special jams (no grape, please)

December 17th - Asbury Warehouse

They are requesting men's and women's new underwear; all sizes.

December 24th - Catholic Family Charity's Refugee Resettlement

Diapers are need, with a focus on larger sizes.

Thank you for remembering and caring for these outreach ministries and the people they serve.

GREEN TIP

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the local harvest. A dinner of all local ingredients is easy this time of year. 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, and many green vegetables.

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



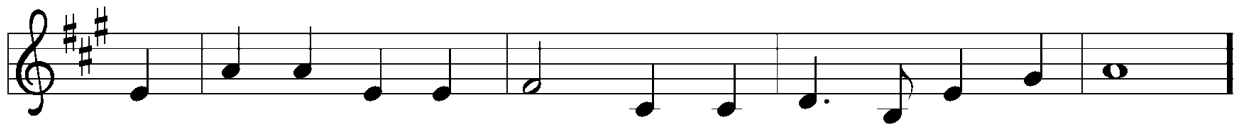
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

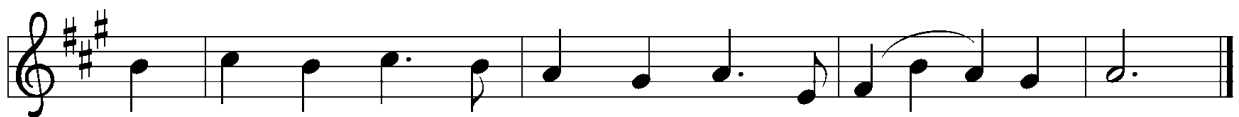


the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

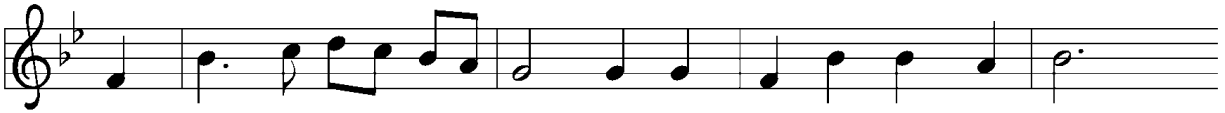


All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Sing to the Lord of Harvest



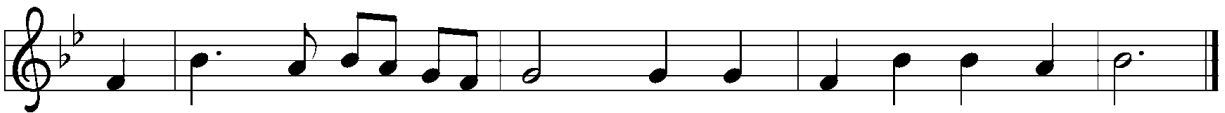
- 1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
- 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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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.

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

"For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have abundance...."

-Matthew 25:29a



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