



Service of Lessons, Hymns, and Thanksgiving

November 21st, 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 MUSIC

WELCOME

***THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

**Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with a song.**

Know that the LORD is God.

Our maker to whom we belong;

we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,
and the courts with praise.

Give thanks and bless God's holy name.

God indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

***PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

Come, Ye Thankful People

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***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**

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORD

READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

A reading from 2 Corinthians

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

READING

A Thanksgiving Prayer by Diana Butler Bass

HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

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READING

Matthew 6:25-33

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

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

READING

Psalm 95:1-7

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
⁶O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

REFLECTION

***HYMN**

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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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.**

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.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Wonder-full World

-James Thiem

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

***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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Thanksgiving Song -Mary Chapin Carpenter*

SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray;

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

May the God of love given, returned, and shared, † bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

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***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts

-Joseph Brackett



We offer special thanks to our guest musicians for sharing their time and talents with us this morning; Bill Chandler, bass, voice; Vern Lindberg, guitar, voice; Niki Roosa, guitar, voice; Timothy Rybinski, banjo, tin whistle, voice; and Judy Sallmen, voice.

Their presence with us today is made possible by the Carol and John Condemi Gift of Music Fund.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	David Wilkinson
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PLEDGE CARD REMINDER!

Please return your pledge card to the church office this week.
Extra pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED For Thanksgiving

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Atonement church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th.

SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE *Volunteer Needed*

We are seeking a person to fill an opening in our Sunshine Ministry group. For two months out of the year, you would send greeting cards to Atonement members. Occasions to send cards include birthdays, get well, thinking of you, congratulations, sympathy, etc. Greeting cards and postage are provided on a limited basis. *If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact **Barb Sanko**.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT COLLECTION

We will be coordinating this year with Center for Youth/Crisis Nursery for an Advent season collection of needed items from *November 28th through December 19th*. **A list of items we will be collecting can be found on the narthex table.**

CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECIPE EXCHANGE

Do you have one or two favorite recipes for Christmas cookies? Please share them with us for our *Atonement Christmas Cookie Recipe Booklet!* Traditional favorites as well as brand new cookie recipes are welcome.

Submit your recipes to the church office by December 1st. Recipe booklets will be available online and as paper copies in time for your holiday baking.

COLLEGE CONNECTION Items Needed Today

Perhaps you remember being at college, away from home, pulling “all-nighters” during exam time, and having a serious case of the “munchies.” It’s something that all college students experience! Atonement has 7 students attending college, and we also have a connection with the RIT Lutheran Campus Ministry program directed by Pastor Craig Swanson. In previous years, we prepared and shared a Sunday evening meal with the RIT students; however that activity is ‘on hold’ due to the pandemic, so what can we do?

Let’s remind all these students that we are thinking about them by sending some goodies to help get them through those long study sessions. Here are some ideas of items we’d like to collect (all items must be **individually packaged/wrapped**): fruit cups, applesauce, protein bars, nuts, trail mix, peanut butter or cheese-filled crackers, granola bars, snack-size bags of popcorn, cheez-its, pretzels, etc., packets of hot chocolate mix, leftover Halloween candy. ***Today is the last day for collections!***

Thank you for your participation and donations. There is a box outside the Sanctuary (East) entrance where you can leave donations.

GREEN TIP

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the local harvest. A dinner of 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, and other locally available fruits and vegetables abound.

THE SOUND OF SAFETY IN CHURCH

As we enter into the holiday season of this second year of the pandemic, we continue to request mask wearing in worship. Numbers of Covid-19 cases are increasing in Monroe County this month – with sharply rising positivity rates and hospitalizations.

THANK YOU for continuing to care for your neighbor and yourself by wearing a mask in worship and whenever you are in the church building. THANK YOU for your patience as we attempt to improve sound clarity in the sanctuary. Several worshipers have expressed some difficulty in hearing Pastor Gail preach while wearing a mask; and we will be looking into our microphone system to address this. In the meantime, let's stay as safe as possible. The pandemic lingers, but "let us not grow weary in doing what is right" (Galatians 6:9).

YOUR GUIDE FOR SUNDAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Welcome!

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

Face Masks:

Monroe County is now designated as a 'substantial' transmission area for COVID-19, with the CDC recommending that fully vaccinated people wear masks in public, indoor settings. In light of this information, and out of our care and concern for others, we are again requiring face masks to be worn during in-person worship, and for meetings and gatherings in the church building.

Hand Sanitizer:

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

Bulletins:

Bulletins and hymn packets are available in the narthex.

Offering Plates:

Are located near the sanctuary doors to receive your gifts.

Prayer Intentions Book: *(located near the entrance to the sanctuary)*

We invite you to write the names of people you would like included in our prayers during worship.

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.

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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 Today.

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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