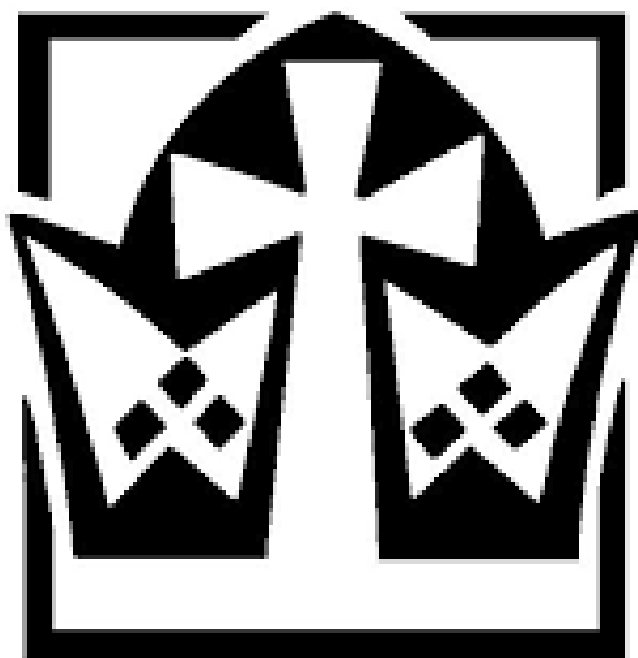


Christ the King Sunday

November 24th, 2024

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Laus Regis

-W. Fischer

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God, the Holy Trinity,+ our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

With the promise of assurance of forgiveness, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Holy God,

You have brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from you. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege, power and gain, but have not loved our neighbors with our whole heart. Forgive us and inspire us to live as your faithful people. Amen.

God has rescued us from the power of sin and death and welcomes us into the glorious, peaceable kingdom of Christ and his gracious rule, in whom we have redemption and the forgiveness of our sins. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

This Is My Father's World

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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**

Almighty and ever-living God,
you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

A reading from the book of Daniel

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

SECOND READING *Revelation 1:4b-8*
A reading from the book of Revelation

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the
earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a
kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion
forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty.

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



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 18:33-37

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

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Rejoice, for Christ is King

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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

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

Psalm of Thanksgiving

-M. McDonald

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy and generosity. As we offer our gifts for your hurting and broken world, may they be multiplied to do your work in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. **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:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *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**

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.

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;

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world and your beloved people, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

The God of Peace bless you,

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you,

and the blessing of the Holy Spirit strengthen you

† now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

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***DISMISSAL**

Go into the world, declaring Christ the Savior and king of all creation.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

-J. Hatton

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister Matt McGill
Livestream Recorder..... Dave Irish
Usher Karen Goodyear
Counters Bryan Howe, Michelle Laraby
Altar Care Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host Matt & Jess McGill

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER ADULT FORUM AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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

Our presenters today will be Matt & Jess McGill, who will be sharing their experiences from their trip to South Africa.

NOVEMBER ELCA WORLD HUNGER COLLECTION

This is the last day we will be collecting donations to benefit ELCA World Hunger.

There is 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."*

ANGEL TREE GIVING

The tree in the narthex entrance holds ornaments with gift ideas for children from five refugee families. The children range in age from 1 to 13; both boys and girls. Please choose a tag from the tree, shop for the requested gift, and return the gift, along with the tag, unwrapped, and place them under the tree. Gifts will be delivered Dec. 9th, so the ***last day to return items will be Sunday, Dec. 8th***. We are happy to be coordinating this outreach with Meghan Domroes and World Relief. Questions? ...see Barb Sanko.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

Sunday, December 8th following worship in Reissig Hall

Topic: 2025 Budget

ADVENT GIVING IN DECEMBER

In the spirit of the season, during Advent, we offer the opportunities below for you to bring gifts to benefit others in the community. Thank you for remembering and caring for these outreach ministries and the people they serve. A table will be set up in the Narthex for your donations.

Dec. 1 - CENTER FOR YOUTH - chunky soups, ramen noodles, mac 'n cheese

Dec. 8 - PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD - brunch items: corned beef hash (canned), coffee, special jams (no grape, please)

Dec. 15 - ASBURY WAREHOUSE - men's and women's new underwear, all sizes

Dec. 24 - CATHOLIC FAMILY CHARITIES Refugee Resettlement - diapers are needed, especially larger sizes

GREEN TIP

How to buy green gifts for the holidays? Some plastic-free gifts that prevent waste include reusable metal water bottles or straws, bamboo utensils or toothbrushes, beeswax food wrap. Also consider supporting a local farmer, a local book store, or a zero-waste service or store. Choose plastic-free clothing, a charity donation, or gift an experience. Consider regifting, home-made gifts, and reusing gift wrap.

SAVE THE DATE!



ADVENT LESSONS, CAROLS, and ORGAN RESPONSES

Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 p.m.

at Atonement Lutheran Church

Sponsored by the Rochester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Please join us for familiar Advent carols and readings paired with selected organ works performed by several area organists and Eastman students.

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This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

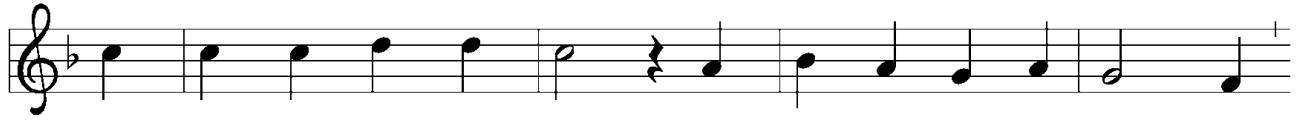


Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

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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 ~ SCAN HERE →

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!

*"You say that I am a king. For this I was born,
and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."*

-John 18:37



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