

Christ the King Sunday

November 26th, 2023

9:30 a.m.

In-person and Livestream Worship



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns -J. Clarke

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, † the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence for reflection

Almighty God,

you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth, privilege and self-importance, but have not loved our neighbors, followed Christ's gracious deeds, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Forgive us, Lord, and renew us. Amen.

God has rescued us from the power of darkness and made us citizens in his kingdom. Through Christ Jesus, we have received redemption and the forgiveness of sins, along with the promise to bring us soon to his glorious and peaceable kingdom, a kingdom that shall have no end. Come, Lord Jesus. Come. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

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

**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 of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT**WORD****FIRST READING***Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**A reading from Ezekiel*

¹¹Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

PSALM 95:1-7A

*Read responsively. Congregation reads **bold** type.*

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *All people That On Earth Do Dwell* # 883



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

HOLY GOSPELMatthew 25:31-46*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

SERMON***HYMN OF THE DAY***Soon and Very Soon*

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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

Let us pray in hope and confidence as we wait for Christ's coming, and for the coming of the kingdom of God. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust to you, O God, all for whom we pray and ask that you remain with us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Jubilate Deo

-D. Wood

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

***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.

***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

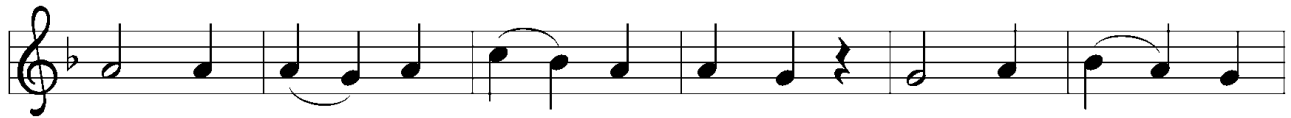
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1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -



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!"

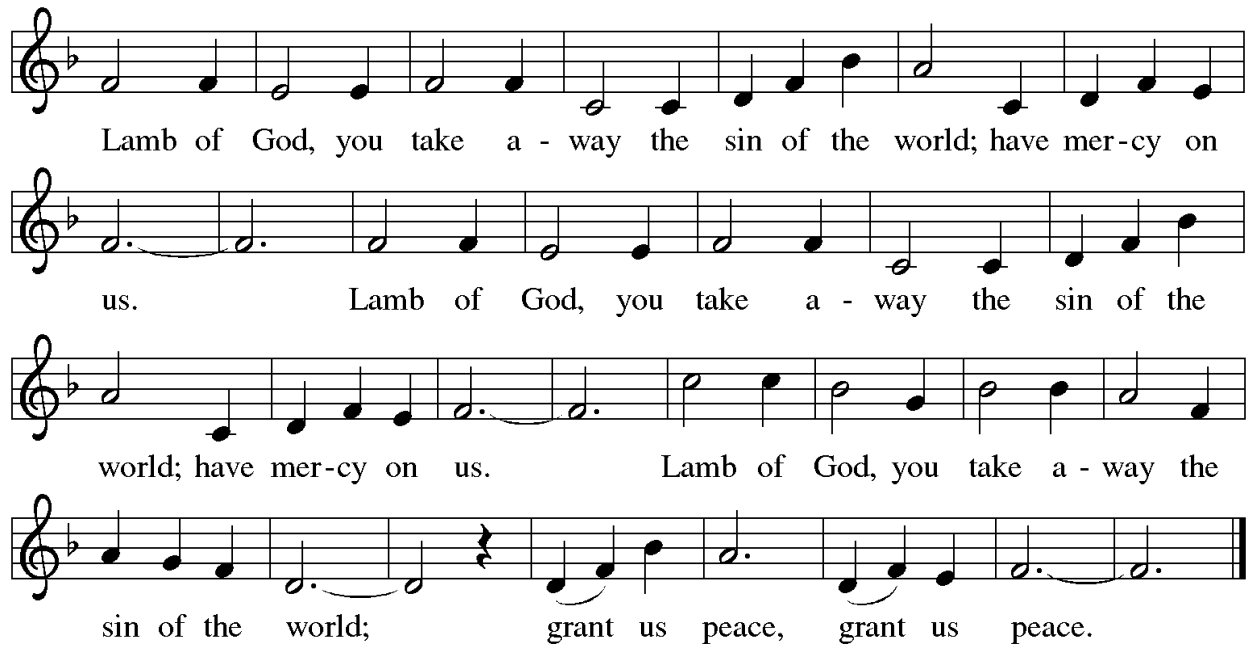
***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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;

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

***SENDING HYMN**

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

430

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

-S. Bender

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

We offer special thanks this morning to our guest musicians Paul Gaspar and Shoghi Hayes, trumpets, for sharing their time and talents with us. Their presence is made possible by the Condemi Gift of Music fund.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister Joanne Scanlon
Livestream Recorder..... Dave Irish
Offering Counters Norm Karsten, Tom Thompson
Usher(s) Skip Waterstreet
Altar Care Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host Desiree Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOURTODAY** following worship in Reissig Hall**

Join us for coffee, conversation, and good company.

FINAL DAY: ELCA WORLD HUNGER COLLECTION

Today is the final day Atonement will be collecting donations to benefit ELCA World Hunger. There is 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.*

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m. in Reissig Hall

Topic: 2024 Budget

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 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 y.o. boy or girl, baby wipes, etc.

Gift cards to Walmart

DIRECTORY UPDATES NEEDED

It's time for our yearly update of our Members & Friends church Directory.

If you have an address, phone, or Email update, or if you have a new family member to add, please let us know before Nov. 30th!

We will be printing new Directories in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Brunch 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.

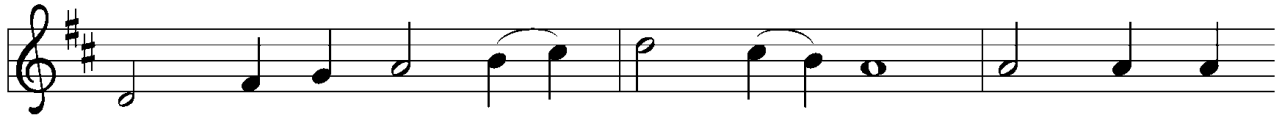
Thank you for remembering and caring for these outreach ministries and the people they serve.

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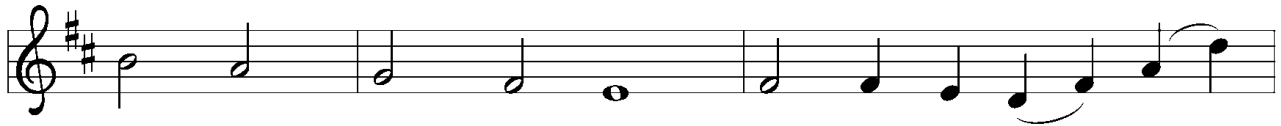
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Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

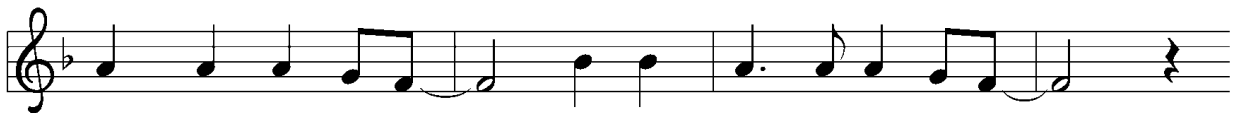
Soon and Very Soon



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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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



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.

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!

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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!

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me."

-Matthew 25:40b



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