



Midweek Message



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in-person or livestream on our Facebook page as we are reminded of the gifts and talents given to us by a gracious God, to be used in service to the church and the world.



*May our THANKSGIVING be to GOD,
For we have been deeply and richly*



NOVEMBER 19TH ADULT FORUM

Sunday, November 19th at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a cup of coffee and some good conversation as we discuss *How To Talk With Family Members Across the Political Divide*. Please join us to learn about handling differences in family politics, presented by members of the organization *Braver Angels*.

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.



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

Join us for in-person worship in our Sanctuary, or Livestream via our Facebook page on Sunday mornings.

Livestream Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. by going to the Atonement Facebook page at [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)

A worship bulletin with hymns is also posted weekly on our web site at www.atonementrochester.org

Blessings and Congratulations!

...to David and Elizabeth Wilkinson upon the birth of their son, Everett David, on November 14th. Grandparents are Kathy and Bill Wilkinson.

SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK



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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.

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

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.



CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

“Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise” -Martin Luther

[Total Praise - Richard Smallwood](#) I haven't done a Gospel song in a while, and this is a nice one! The harmonies sometimes sound like Wagner to me, which makes sense because the composer (Richard Smallwood, in the video playing piano) did his undergraduate work at Howard in classical vocal and piano performance.

[Total Praise arr. by Bill John Newbrough](#) Those rich 19th-century harmonies work well even without the words, and here's an arrangement for piano by Penfield's own Bill John Newbrough. He teaches piano at Houghton College, where I did my MM in organ, and plays all over the world. I never worked with him, but he's a good player and a good person.

Choir Practice

The choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. All are welcome to join us and “make a joyful noise”!

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.

THANK YOU FOR THE WORLD SO SWEET

By Pastor Gail Swanson

*Thank you for the world so sweet
Thanks you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing.
Thank you, God, for everything.*

I learned this prayer as a young child in Sunday School, reciting it line by line along with my young classmates. So simple and sweet, yet it sums up the core truth about gratitude, God, and us. *Everything. Thank you, God, for everything.*

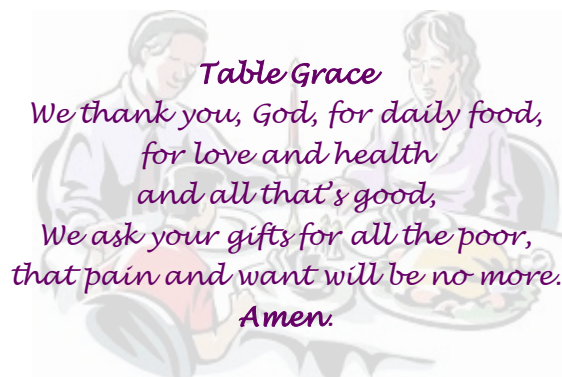
A century ago, Albert Schweitzer—physician, theologian, and Nobel Peace Prize winner—remarked: *“The greatest thing is to give thanks for everything. The one who has learned this knows what it means to live...penetrating the whole mystery of life: giving thanks for everything.”*

Of course, there are reasons *not* to feel grateful and *not* to practice gratitude. Terrible, awful, distressing, painful things happen all the time; should we be grateful for them? For our friend’s cancer diagnosis, for the poor who are trampled by need, for the death of a teenager caused by an overdose?

Writer and church historian Diana Butler Bass reminds us that gratitude never calls us to give thanks *for* anything that is evil or unjust. Don’t be thankful *for* violence, *for* lying, *for* hatred. Never these things.

But do be grateful *in* all things. In, within, throughout all situations, in all times, in all things. The goodness of God’s mercy, grace, and love still journeys with us in the face of winter darkness, accompanying our way. *In* all things, *with* all things, *through* all things.

This Sunday we will sing three of the Top Favorite Thanksgiving hymns: “*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*”; “*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*”, and of course “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*”. We sing *not for* the winning football team, *not for* a holiday off from work, *not for* the pumpkin pie soon on its way. We sing *with* grateful hearts to the One who gives us the blessings of life even in the face of cancer, need, and overdose. We sing to God in, with, and through Christ... in, with and through all things and anything. We sing because we are thankful people. Truly thankful. Grateful.



ELCA World Hunger

Collection

Atonement will be collecting donations through the month of November 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.*

KIDS' PAGE: DICE GAME

Thanksgiving Dice Game

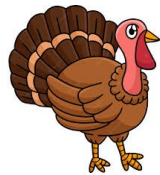
1. Go to <https://www.atonementrochester.org/youth--family-activities.html> and print out the 'Thanksgiving Dice Game' for kids or for teens/adults.
2. Color the background pictures if you'd like to.
3. Cut out all around the outside edges of the shape.
4. Fold along each dotted line.
5. Tape or glue tabs inside to make a dice shape. Let dry.
6. Take turns rolling the dice and follow the instructions on the side that lands facing up.

Please Note: There are versions of this game for children AND for teens & adults on our web page at the link noted above.

Have fun and
Happy Thanksgiving!



THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH



Can you find these words below?

FALL	PIE
FAMILY	THANKFUL
LEAVES	TURKEY



T	A	C	I	L	Y	R	D
T	H	Q	O	T	L	A	Y
D	S	A	O	U	I	J	H
F	E	Q	N	R	M	P	M
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Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays
in our Sanctuary

Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday