



Midweek Message

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 17th at 9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship
We gather to hear God's Good Word for us, and to pray that it will shape us into willing servants for God's kingdom.

OCTOBER 17TH: COME JOIN US AT 4:00 P.M.

...for a concert of piano music, hymns, and stories in a blend of classical and jazz by church composer and pianist Tom Keesecker.

LISTEN WITH US TO
Thomas Keesecker

Performing music from his best-selling "Quiet Series" piano collections in an hour-long program of piano music, congregational song, and poetry.

Sunday, October 17, 2021
Atonement Lutheran Church
1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618



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All Are Welcome

In-person worship in our Sanctuary, or Livestream worship via our Atonement Facebook page.

Join us for music and hymns, scripture, a sermon, prayers, and a Children's Moment.

You can follow us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and for special services by going to our Atonement Facebook page at [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)

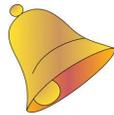
A worship bulletin and hymns will be Emailed to our Atonement families, and posted weekly on our web site.

Board of Ministries

Zoom Meeting

The Board of Ministries will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, October 19th at 6:00 p.m.

DONATE A BELL FOR OUR BELL BANNER



Our Bell Banner will be carried into worship on All Saint's Sunday (Nov. 7th) in remembrance of the life and witness of the saints who now live in everlasting glory.

If you would like to donate a small glass, ceramic, or metal bell (1-2 inches in size) in memory of a loved one, please bring it to the church office by Oct. 31st and fill out a Memorial Bell Form.

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!

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

Let Us Pray For Peace One last Tom Keesecker piece to encourage everyone to come out on Sunday afternoon at 4:00! A nice, earnest text, and a folklike tune (that reminds me a bit of the Shire theme from “Lord of the Rings,” which itself is borrowed from the hymn “This is my Father’s world”). I’m not sure I’ve done a men’s choir in these Midweek Messages before, but I like the sound.

Dances from Terpsichore You might recognize Michael Praetorius’s name from the Christmas song “Lo, How a Rose E'er-Blooming,” which he wrote. He was a German Lutheran who lived from 1571 to 1621, a transitional period between the Renaissance and the Baroque. He collected many dances into a publication he called “Terpsichore,” named after the muse (there were nine) of dancing. Even though the word “music” comes from “muse,” only one of them is actually the muse of music (Euterpe), though Polyhymnia seems to also have been a muse of divine hymns, along with geometry and meditation.

SHOP AMAZON SMILE TO SUPPORT ATONEMENT

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All you need to do is *start your online shopping at smile.amazon.com* and search for *Atonement Lutheran Church in Rochester, NY* to select us. The donation will be made directly to Atonement at *no extra cost* to you.



Called to Love

A faith community can form you in one of two directions. Some communities will seek to expand the scope of who you are called to love. Others will work to narrow the scope of who you are called to love. Either may call itself ‘Christian’, but only one is forming followers of Jesus.

-S. Jethani

MAINLINE AND MORE

By Pastor Gail Swanson

What do you think of when you hear the expression “mainline denominations”? Lutherans...Episcopalians...Presbyterians...and others like us? Middle of the road Christianity? Long established but fading in numbers? Solid, steady but not too exciting?

Here’s a definition:

*Mainline churchgoers are comfortably familiar with infant baptism, the flow of the seasons of the Church year, liturgies and lectionaries.

*They know by heart multiple verses of beloved hymns and enjoy classical music.

*Mainliners prefer private expressions of religion, generally don’t wear their faith on their sleeve, and know a lot about Fall stewardship campaigns, roof repairs, and Vacation Bible School.

*Mainliners like helping people. And showing up for funerals. Mainline churches do those well.

*In short, mainliners live inside a particular history, are shaped by historic words, remember the value of quiet faith and thoughtful reflection, reveal the grace of God through the work of one’s hands more than in words, and understand death and the promise of resurrection.¹

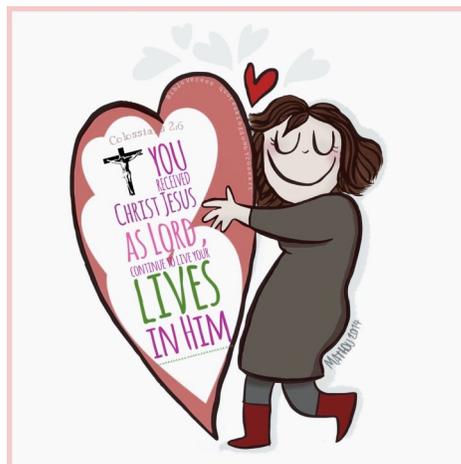
And believe it or not, for the first time in four decades, mainline Protestants now outnumber conservative evangelicals (2020 Census of American Religion/ Public Religion Research Institute) - who are leaving their churches for a variety of generational, political, social and theological issues.

Whether or not they walk into our doors is another question. But this may be a moment for our mainline church to do some self-reflection. When a major religious shift is underway, it’s important to tell our story. As Lutherans, we offer a wealth of tradition and faithful practices. Can we also learn to be adaptive, innovative, transformative, creative, in and for the world? Can we be an “old time religion” which finds new ways of sharing the Good News of Jesus with the spiritual wandering of today’s faith seekers?

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:1, 17).

And our church.

¹Diana Butler Bass, *Not Dead Yet*, 7/8/2021



Prayers

For Healing

Loving God, we ask for your tender care for your children who are sick and recovering, especially Florence Wright, Vi Price, and Mary Teter. Touch them with your renewing love; take from them all worry and weariness; and let their hope rest in you; through Jesus our Healer. Amen.

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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



Donations gratefully received!

*We will continue to collect donated items in Founders Hall for our
Afghan Refugee Outreach through the end of October:*

SPECIFIC CLOTHING NEEDS-Gently Used

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| Men's pants | sizes 28-32 |
| Men's winter boots | all sizes |
| Men's sneakers | sizes 8-10 |
| Men's belts and wallets | |
| Boy's pants and sweatpants | sizes 4-8 |
| Boy's toddler winter boots | size 12 |

Donate NEW Items

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| Cleaning sprays | Sponges |
| Disinfectant wipes | Garbage bags |
| Laundry detergent | Body wash |
| Paper towels | Toothbrushes and toothpaste |
| Toilet paper | Pillows |
| Hand soap | Dish soap |
| Baby wipes | Gift cards to Price Rite |
| Baby diapers (any size) | |

Donate NEW OR VERY GENTLY USED Items

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| Box fans | Blankets |
| Plates/bowls/cups | Hand towels and bath towels |
| Small trash cans | Pillow cases |
| Good quality pots & pans | Fitted & Regular sheet sets:
<i>Twin OR Double OR Queen</i> |