

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22nd, 2024

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



"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me"



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

***WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

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

** Please Stand As You Are Able*

***APOSTOLIC 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,
our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

SECOND READING *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a*

A reading from the book of James

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

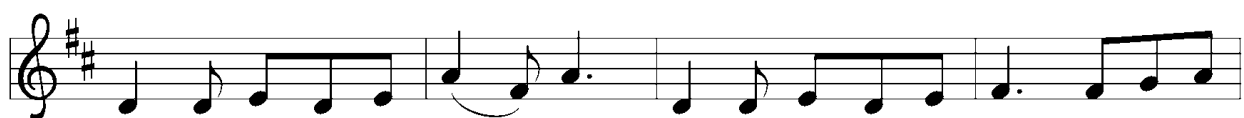
¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is
 ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 9:30-37

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

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

God of Grace and God of Glory

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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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

Merciful God; **hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

For the Autumn Sky

-R. E. Schram

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty; all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

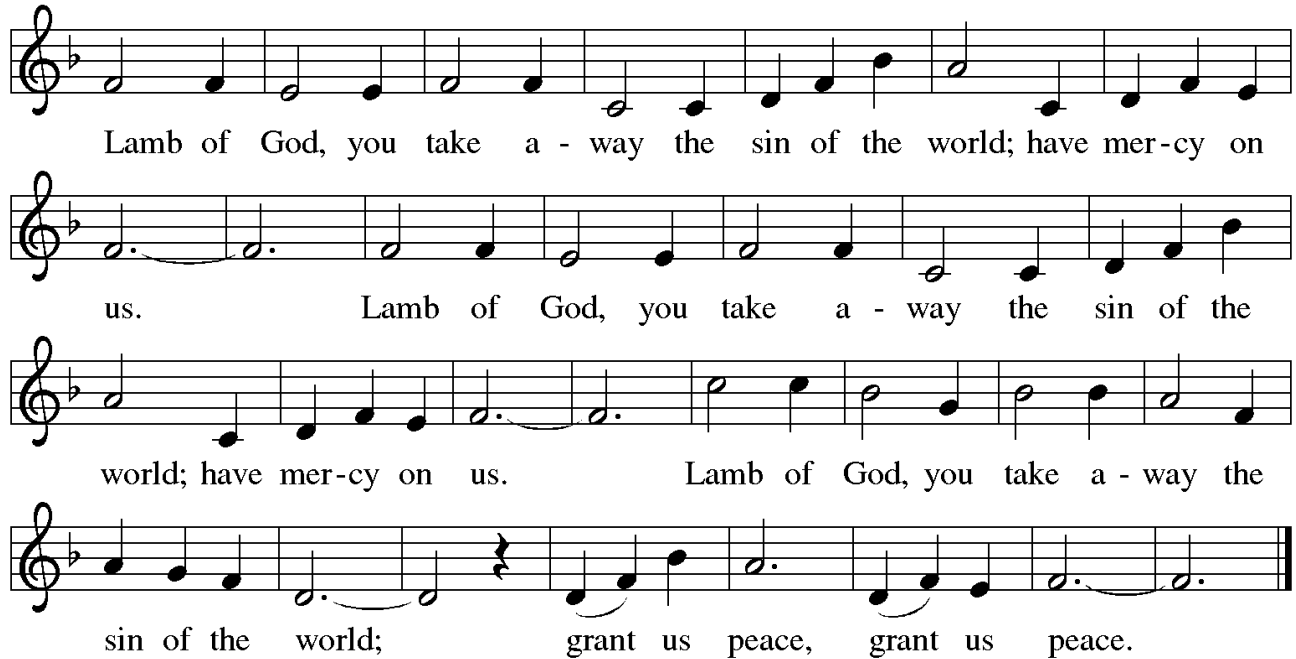
*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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**

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our
hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives
in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Our Father, by Whose Name

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Aria

-K. Kennan

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Jean Seager
Livestream Recorder.....	Dave Irish
Usher	Tom Thompson
Counters	John Kruidenier, Desiree Wolfe
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host	Barb Sanko

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORUM

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

Today's Topic: *Modern LGBTQIA+ Lingo presentation by Sahara Kruidenier.*

Please join us in Reissig Hall for coffee, tea, treats, and lively discussion. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers - or if you would like to present a topic - please contact Margy Peet or Susan Touhsaent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

****TODAY* 10:30 a.m. Following Worship***

All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us directly after worship in Founder's Hall. Classes will run from about 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. with a Bible story, an art project, music, activities, and snacks.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our BBQ PORK FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 5th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

You can skip cooking dinner! Come to our easy, drive-through Pulled Pork Barbecue and get a full, delicious meal for just \$15. You'll get pulled pork, corn, coleslaw, a roll, and a cookie for dessert! All proceeds will benefit the Brighton Habitat Coalition of Churches.

There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer to help with this event.

HELP YOURSELF TO A T-SHIRT

There are approximately a dozen, new 'Live Generously' t-shirts hanging on the coat rack across from the Pastor's office. They were given to us by Thrivent and there is a range of sizes, from Youth to Adult. Please feel free to take one (or two).

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LOOKING FOR UPDATES

Through the month of September, we will be collecting updated information for addresses and phone numbers for Atonement's Directory. Please be sure to let us know so that we can include it in our October Directory update. You can drop a note in the office, or Email office@atonementrochester.org, or let Pastor Gail know.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

The choir meets weekly and all are welcome! See David McCarthy if you have any questions.

GREEN TIP

Join the Rochester Climate March at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27th at Washington Square Park to mobilize residents to engage in climate action with local organizations.

RSVP to: actionnetwork.org/events/Rochester-climate-march-2024

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

God of Grace and God of Glory



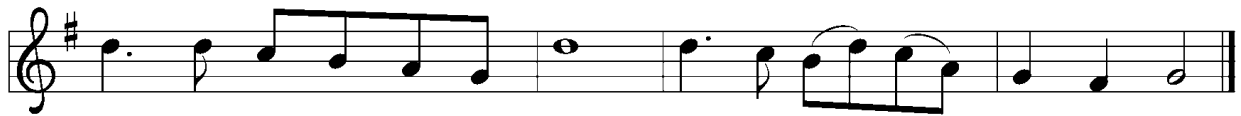
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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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 YOUR OFFERING



*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!

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

-Mark 30:37



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