

# Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

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*God's Work ~ Our Hands*



**Atonement Lutheran Church**

**Invite • Prepare • Go into the World**

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

# GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

*Earth and All Stars*

*-D. Johnson*

**\*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**

Gracious God,  
throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.  
Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to  
proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer  
and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

For the beginning of a new school year,  
**We praise you, O God.**

For opportunities to learn and discover,  
**We thank you, O God.**

Teach us your ways, O God, and guide us in your paths. **Amen.**

Blessing:

God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves and our backpacks to you. In our backpacks we carry notebooks, sharpened pencils and homework to be done. In our hearts we carry big feelings, unanswered questions and hopeful expectations of what this new year might bring.

Be with all who teach and all who learn as we walk, or ride the bus, or travel by car; gathering in classrooms. Help us to discover the different gifts you have given to each one of us - gifts to be used for your work in the world. We ask that you would bless these backpacks and those who wear them, reminding us that you are walking with us wherever we journey. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

### PSALM 146

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

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are**

**bowled down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord

sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### SECOND READING *James 2:1-17*

*A reading from the book of James*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"



**\*HOLY GOSPEL***Mark 7:24-37*

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

**SERMON****\*HYMN OF THE DAY***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

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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**

*Lift High the Cross*  
*Cecil Buchinger, piano*

-M. Hayes

*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

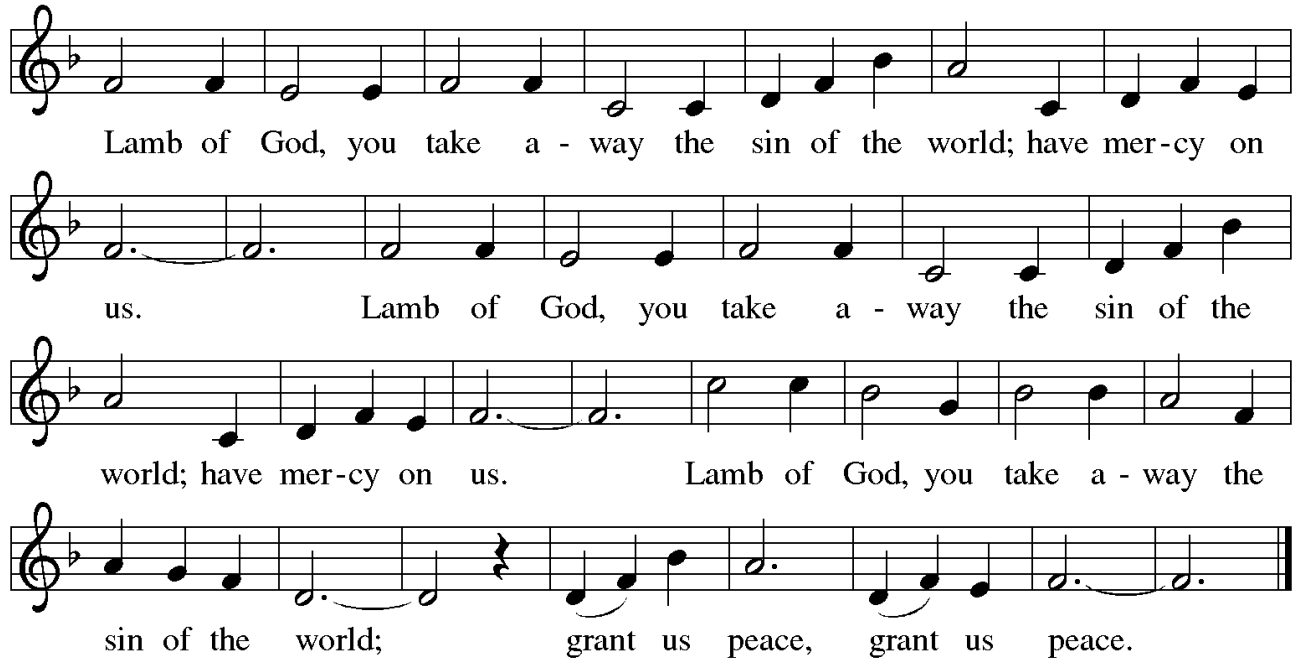
### \*LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Hear my  
**PRAYER**  
O Lord

## 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**

*Earth and All Stars!*

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### **\*DISMISSAL**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

*Azmon*

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

*We offer special thanks to our guest pianist, Cecil Buchinger,  
for sharing his gift of music with us this morning.*



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Assisting Minister ..... | Kathy Wilkinson         |
| Livestream Recorder..... | Andrew Spillane         |
| Usher .....              | Karan Thompson          |
| Counters .....           | Amy Irish, Jim Krapf    |
| Altar Care .....         | Judy Lazenby            |
| Fellowship Host .....    | <i>Ice Cream Social</i> |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS \*TODAY\* *During Worship***

As we begin a new year of learning, all children, youth, college students, teachers, and educators are invited to bring a backpack to worship and receive a blessing for the year ahead. Whether you will be using your backpack in school, or using it other ways, we hope you can join us with your backpack in hand!



### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL \*TODAY\*!**

#### ***11:00 a.m. Following Worship***

Please join us for an Ice Cream Social to help us kick off the fall season. We'll have Netsin's Ice Cream truck here following worship. Rain or shine! In observance of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, we have invited our neighbors next door to Atonement, the residents of the Adult Group Home, to be our guests for ice cream and fellowship.

### **COFFEE HOUR SIGNUP**

#### ***Volunteers Needed***

We always enjoy spending some time for conversation and fellowship with beverages and snacks. If you can help, please sign up to be a Fellowship Host for a Sunday during the months of September or October. A signup sheet can be found on the table in the narthex.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RIT CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL**

***Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.***

Each Sunday evening during the school year, Lutheran and Episcopal students at Rochester Institute of Technology gather for worship followed by a home-cooked meal provided by local congregations. During these meals, students share in fellowship and discussion with Pastor Craig Swanson, Lutheran Campus Pastor at RIT.

Join us on September 15<sup>th</sup> in hosting 'Breakfast for Dinner' for the students by signing up on the narthex bulletin board to donate food/set-up/serve the meal.

### **CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES**

***Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.***

Our regular Thursday rehearsals resume September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please let David McCarthy know if you have any questions about what it's like, or speak with one of our current choir members.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES**

***Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 a.m. Following Worship***

All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us directly after worship on the second Sunday of each month. 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.

*We ask that an adult stay with children under eight years of age to assist us.*

### **ADULT FORUM RESUMES**

***Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 a.m. Following Worship***

Please join us in Reissig Hall following worship for coffee, tea, treats, and lively discussion. We plan to have a forum on the second and third Sundays of each month. 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.

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> topic: *Modern LGBTQIA+ Lingo presentation by Sahara Kruidenier.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LOOKING FOR UPDATES**

Through the month of September, we will be collecting updated information for addresses and phone numbers for Atonement's Directory. If you have moved, or have changed your phone number, 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](mailto:office@atonementrochester.org), or let Pastor Gail know.

### **GREEN TIP**

Monroe County has an EcoPark at 10 Avion Drive near the airport. They take a large number of items for recycling, such as appliances, tires, batteries, jewelry, electronics, lightbulbs, metals, cooking grease, syringes, sneakers, textiles, and so much more! For hours of operation and a complete list of where to recycle anything in Monroe County, go to <https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/>

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## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.



## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed;  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

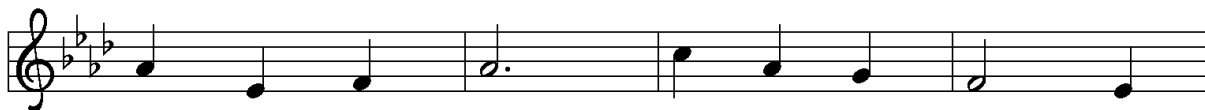


we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

# Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



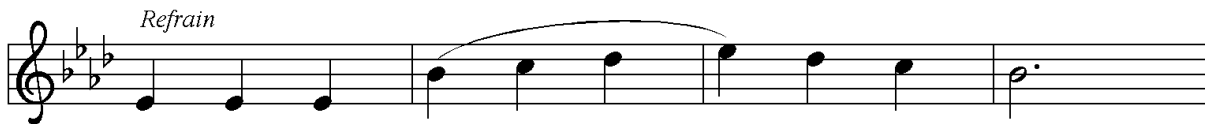
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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David McCarthy, Director of Music Ministry  
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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.

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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!

*"Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!"*

*-Psalm 146:1*

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