

# **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

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**Atonement Lutheran Church**

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

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

# GATHERING

## **PRELUDE**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

## **\*WELCOME**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion and forgives our sin. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God,

**all hearts are open, as we come confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love. Show us your ways and lead us in your truth; for the sake of your Son, Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

In the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We live in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve him. **Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

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

## **\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Praise and Thanks and Adoration*

# 783

## **\*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.**

*\* Please Stand As You Are Able*

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God,

from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **PSALM 85:8-13**

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

- <sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**
- <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- <sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> **Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**



## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 6:14-29*

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

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>

She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Goodness is Stronger Than Evil (sung twice) # 721*

## **PRAYERS**

We pray for the Church and the world and all those in any kind of need.  
God of mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit into our hearts, until we yield all that we love and all that we need to your holy purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**      *The God of Abraham Praise*

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

## **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; for the sake of your Son, 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.**

### **\*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.**

this is what the

 **LORD**  
says:

I have heard

*your prayer*

AND I will

*heal you*

2 Kings 20:5

## LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, 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**

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come  
to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

May the God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

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### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation is invited to move outdoors to join us for  
yard work in service to our church.*

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister .....	Kathy Wilkinson
Livestream Recorder.....	Karen Goodyear
Usher .....	Tom Thompson
Counters .....	John Kruidenier, Jim Krapf
Altar Care .....	Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host .....	Pastor Gail

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **45 + 45 WORSHIP + SERVICE DAY**

**\*TODAY\***

Following today's service, join us for 45 minutes of outdoor gardening/pruning in service to our church.

Lawn refuse bags... and lemonade... will be provided!

### **MEAL TRAIN FOR PASTOR DEB JOHNSON**

As Pastor Debbie is recovering at home from a surgical procedure, it would be helpful if our congregation could provide meals during the next 2 weeks.

**Low fat and low carb meals can be dropped off at Pastor Debbie's home (222 Shaftsbury Road, Rochester, 14610) between 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

*You can review the available dates by visiting this link:*

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/vgr748>



Scroll down and click on 'volunteer' for the date you'd like to bring a meal and follow the instructions on the site. Thank you for helping to support Pastor Johnson during her recovery!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **RED, WHITE, & BLUE FOOD COLLECTION**

Through the month of July, we are asking for your help to stock the Pittsford Food Cupboard with some pantry staples. Suggested items are: ***beans, tuna, cereal, and peanut butter.***

In celebration of Independence Day, we invite you to consider red, white, and blue food items and/or food packaging. For example, foods could be ***canned tomatoes, rice, blueberry muffin mix, spaghetti sauce, pasta, blueberry jam,*** **OR** items could be packaged in ***red boxes, white cans, or blue bags.***

*A table will be set up in the Narthex to collect your donations.*

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR RED WINGS OUTING**

Atonement's annual Red Wings Outing is scheduled for ***Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.*** The Red Wings will take on the Lehigh Valley IronPigs. Game time is 6:05 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and everyone is welcome to join us! See Tom Thompson or Email [tommyth27@gmail.com](mailto:tommyth27@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets.



### **GREEN TIP**

Enjoy a Plastic-free July: Swap bottled soap for bars; avoid plastic food wrap; choose reusable utensils, plastic-free packaging, loose tea, and reusable safety razors; make homemade snacks and household cleaners.



## Praise and Thanks and Adoration



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,  
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.  
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day  
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!  
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

# Goodness Is Stronger than Evil



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.

# Praise the Lord! O Heavens



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;  
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom-ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam-ing stars and light.  
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might-y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro-claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid-ance he has made.  
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

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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!

*"I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;  
For you speak peace to your faithful people  
And to those who turn their hearts to you."*

-Psalm 85:8

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