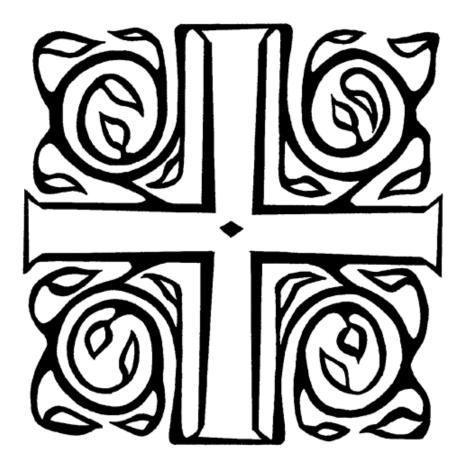
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 7th, 2024 9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship





GATHERING

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

-P. Manz

***WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the maker of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world. **Amen.**

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

God and Creator of all,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen.**

*PEACE

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

*GATHERING HYMN Lord of All Hopefulness

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* 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.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

<u>WORD</u>

FIRST READINGEzekiel 2:1-5A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

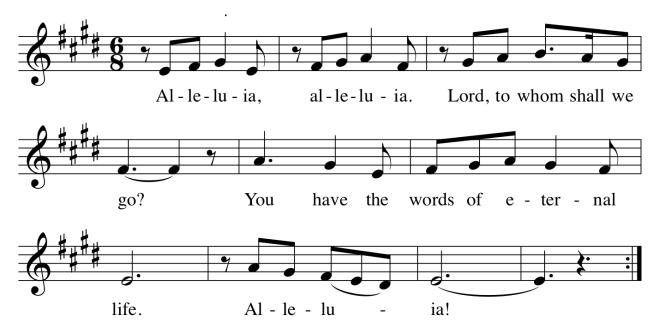
¹ [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 A reading from Second Corinthians

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 6:1-13

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

¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

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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

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

O Blessed Spring

-R. B. Farlee

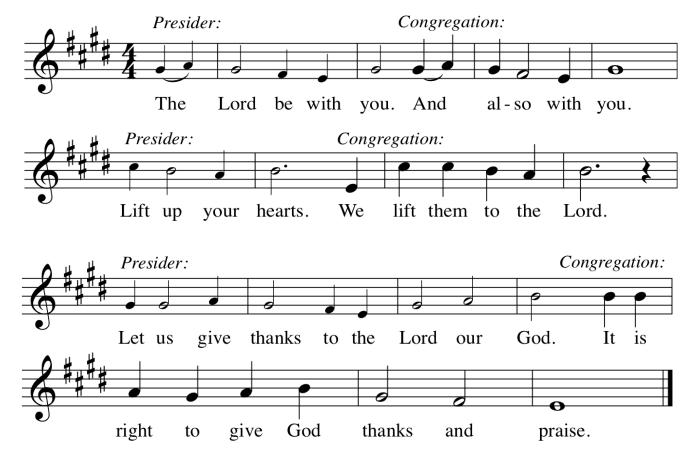
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

MEAL

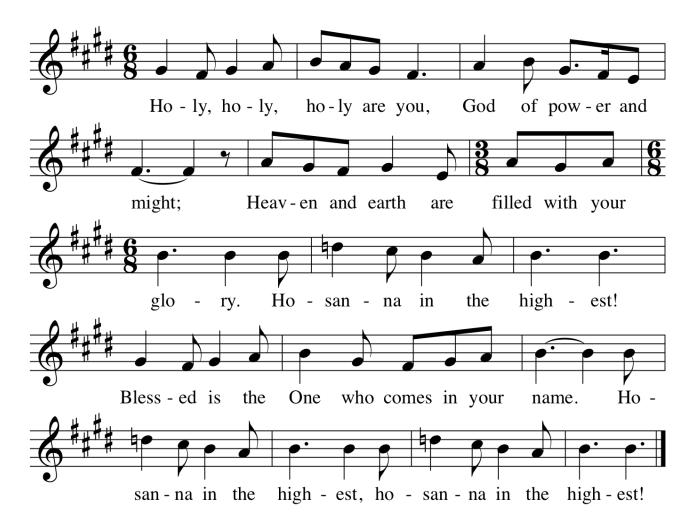


*GREAT THANKSGIVING

***PROPER PREFACE**

.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



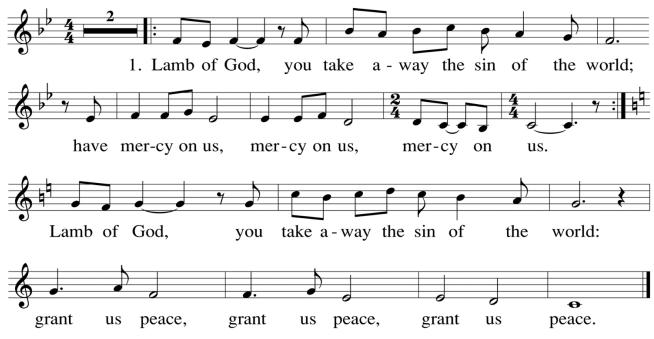
***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*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



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** Give to Our God Immortal Praise # 848

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Day Full of Grace

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Matt McGill
Livestream Recorder	Andrew Spillane
Usher	Karen Goodyear
Counters	Bryan How, Tom Thompson
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host	Bob & Susan Touhsaent

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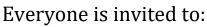
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

45 + 45 WORSHIP + SERVICE DAY Sunday, July 14th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us for a 45-minute worship service followed by 45 minutes of outdoor gardening/pruning in service to our church. Law refuse bags... and lemonade... will be provided!



- > Wear gardening clothes to worship
- > Bring gardening gloves/rakes/tools for weeding, hedge clippers, etc.

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 24th. 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 to reserve your tickets.



GREEN TIP

Opt for sustainable and eco-friendly building materials such as reclaimed wood, bamboo flooring, or recycled-content materials for your summer projects. These choices minimize environmental impact and promote resource conservation. To find local sources, search: *reclaimed materials rochester ny*



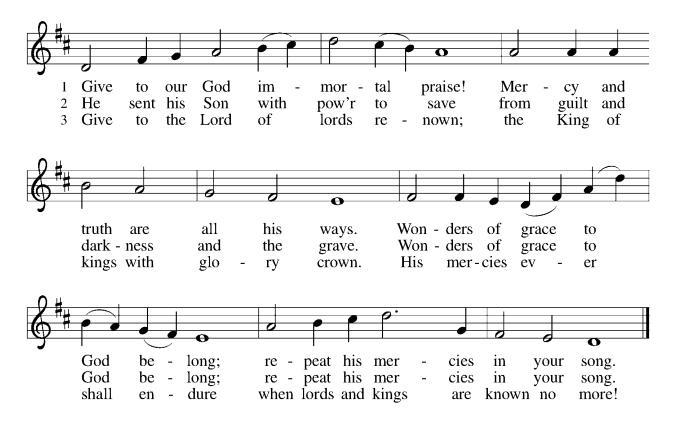
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Welcome to worship,

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!

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

-2 Corinthians 12:9



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