



Midweek Message

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or livestream via our Facebook page as we are invited to come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

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. 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*.



FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

Friday, July 5th from 10:00 a.m. until Noon in Reissig Hall



Mark your calendars and join us for our next 'First Friday Friends' event. Since we began back in March of this year, we have completed fleece blankets for Saint's place, and 8 pair of curtains for a cabin at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp.

Come and see what is planned for our next project, or you may bring anything you have in the works. We have really enjoyed spending these two hours together once a month, completing handiwork and chatting the morning away. Coffee and treats are provided. If you have any questions, contact Karen Goodyear or Barb Sanko. *All are welcome!*

MIDWEEK MESSAGE: SUMMER SCHEDULE

During the months of July and August, the Midweek Message will be Emailed/mailed only twice each month:

July 10th, July 24th, August 14th, and August 28th.



Faith

**Atonement
Lutheran
Church**

All Are Welcome

Join us for in-person worship in our Sanctuary, or Livestream via our Facebook page on Sunday mornings.

Livestream Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. by going to the Atonement Facebook page at [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)

A worship bulletin with hymns is also posted weekly on our web site at www.atonementrochester.org

July Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Patrick Kelly
- 2 Sharon Darder
- 4 Skip Waterstreet
Keith Condem
- 17 Sue Howe
- 18 David McGill
Laura Bell
- 20 Elizabeth Hanks
- 21 Dawson Brown
Savannah Brown
- 27 Jim Krapf
Lori Love

Anniversaries

- 22 Jim & Lois Rau
- 23 Bob & Kathy Heinig
- 24 Margy Peet & Rod Bailey

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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

LETTER FROM BISHOP EATON ON WAR IN GAZA

Dear church,

For eight horrific months war has raged in Gaza. Thousands of people have died, and thousands more are suffering. In recent days we have seen unspeakable images of violence in Rafah and escalating violence in the West Bank. Like the prophet Isaiah, we lament, "How long, O Lord?" (Isaiah 6:11).

At times a just peace for Palestinians and Israelis doesn't seem possible, yet as Christians we believe that it is. The psalmist assures us that God "makes wars cease to the end of the earth" (Psalm 46:9). At times it seems that there is nothing we can do, yet through baptism God calls us to be peacemakers. We live out this calling in many ways, including through prayer, advocacy and accompaniment.

As a church, we continue to:

Pray for all people who are suffering and grieving, and for this war to end diplomatically in a lasting peace, rooted in justice and human rights for Palestinians and Israelis.

Advocate for an immediate, bilateral cease-fire and a halt in U.S. arms transfers to Israel, to prevent further loss of life; the release of all hostages and uncharged prisoners; and unimpeded humanitarian aid for all in need. We will continue to advocate for these priorities with the Biden administration and the U.S. Congress.

Walk with all who long for a just peace, including especially our Palestinian siblings in the ELCA, as well as Christian, Muslim and Jewish partners here in the U.S. and in the Holy Land.

As Christ taught, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Let us continue to hope and to live our faith.

In peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

"Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise" -Martin Luther

[Lord of the Dance - arr. Larry L. Fleming | National Lutheran Choir \(audio track\)](#) The melody for this is "Simple Gifts," probably written by Joseph Brackett, a Shaker, in 1848. It became well known from Aaron Copland's ballet "Appalachian Spring" in 1944, and we often sing it with the original words at Thanksgiving. The text of "Lord of the Dance," though, was added by the English musician Sydney Carter in 1963. It's unusual in that it's from the point of view of Jesus himself.

[Nagoya Marimbas - Steve Reich - Arthur Dhuique-Mayer and Aurélien Gignoux](#) Steve Reich is one of the most famous composers alive, respected for his development of some of the core techniques of Minimalism. This piece is an easy introduction to his style, which usually focuses on slowly changing patterns.