

# Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

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**December 1, 2019**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

***Welcome to Atonement!***

We gather weekly to hear scripture, apply God’s Word to our lives, pray together as a community, and eat at Christ’s table. We are strengthened for lives of love and service throughout the week. God invites everyone to participate fully in praise. If you have questions, we would love to get to know you more. If you are interested in joining Atonement, please contact the church office or ask an usher for a membership form.

Children are welcome at our worship services. Activity bags are available in the narthex and children’s bulletins are available from the usher. The Nursery is located in the Narthex and is open to parents to use during the worship service. Ability to hear the service is available in both the Narthex and the Nursery.

***Thank you to all who serve:***

***Cassie Nault, Pastor***  
***Shannon Rosas, Music Director***  
***Diane Lightbody, Accompanist***

**December 1**

**December 8**

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| <b>Lay Assisting Minister</b> | Royce King   | Lorna Schultz   |
| <b>Lector</b>                 | Eric Woods   | Carol Uecker  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                 | Gwen & Kevin Blomseth                              | Bonnie & Paul Anderson                                  |
| <b>Greeters</b>               | Grace & Ray Lucas                                  | Bea Lea, Judy Hill                                      |
| <b>Bread baking</b>           | Marilyn Nelson                                     | Marilyn Nelson  |
| <b>Communion set up</b>       | Judy Hill  | Judy Hill   |
| <b>Sunday Servers</b>         | Nancy Jahnke, Sally Kline,<br>Eric Woods, Fong Lee | Carol Uecker, Bea Laubach<br>Bev Johnson, Helen Campeau |
| <b>Coffee Fellowship</b>      | TBD  | TBD   |

***2019 Coffee Fellowship sign-up sheet available in the narthex.***

*“Remember the Sabbath day,” -Exodus 20:* Pastor Cassie generally takes Friday as her Sabbath day, meaning she is out of the office that day. Sabbath time is time off for rest. God calls all of us to take at least one day of rest each week.

## Preparing for Worship

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Gathering Song:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” – ELW #254

### **Lighting of Advent Candles:**

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”, vs 1 – ELW #240

### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness (Assembly stands)**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

**All: Amen.**

L: Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence for reflection.*

L: As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

**All: we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

L: Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, † Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## **Greeting**

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Hymn:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - ELW #257

## **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray,

**All: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Assembly is seated)*

## **Hearing God's Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

## **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 2:1-5

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 122

## **Scripture Reading**

Roman 13:11-14

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Alleluia" (Assembly stands)

ELW #174

## **Gospel Reading**

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 24:36-44

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Assembly is seated)*

## **Children's Sermon**

## **Sermon**

Pastor Cassie Nault

*Silence for reflection*

*(Assembly stands)*

**Hymn of the Day:** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" - ELW #242

**We are Not Alone** *(Assembly rises)*

**We are not alone,**

**we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others**

**by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Assembly is seated)*

### **Sharing the Lord's Supper**

*God feeds us with the real presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **Offering**

*(Please sign the Welcome to Worship Pad during the Offering)*

*(Assembly stands)*

### **Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray.

**All: Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.**

**Holy Communion** – *Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request*

L: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**Words of Institution**

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food and join all the world over in the prayer our Son taught us:

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

L: Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.  
Come not because I invite you, but because Christ invites you.

### **Songs during Communion**

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" – ELW #488

"He Came Down" – ELW #253

### **Communion Blessing** (*Assembly remains seated*)

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

L: God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

### **Going into God's World**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Announcements for the Good of the Whole Community**



## **Blessing** (*Assembly stands*)

L: May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**All: Amen.**

**Sending Song:** “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” - ELW #244

## **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE PARISH:**

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16*



### **December 4 - 6:30pm at Abiding Savior**

Join us for a short, informal service with the Confirmation youth.

### **December 11 - 6:30pm at Cross of Glory**

"Hanging of the Greens"

Cookies & Coffee following service.

### **December 18 - 6:30pm Caroling**

Fellowship immediately following caroling at Atonement.

Details to come.

### **Sunday, December 22 during worship**

Special Program

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

**4pm at Cross of Glory**

**8pm at Atonement**

Come to either service!



**Stewardship letters and pledge cards** were recently mailed. If you didn't receive one, there are extras available in the narthex of both churches. Please return pledge cards today.

**King's Kids Preschool Gift Card Fundraiser** - The **deadline** to order gift cards is **December 4**. Complete a form and attach a check payable to "King's Kids Preschool" for the total purchase. Completed forms can be given to Bonnie Anderson or to Dawn Saros-Kirk (office) directly or put them in their mail boxes.

**Birds and Climate Change** - Monday, December 9, 7pm at the Shoreview Library. Don Arnosti, former Director of Izaak Walton League and Audubon Society, will talk about challenges of both migratory and non-migratory birds from climate change. Free event.

**Bible Land Exploration** – October 19-28, 2020. Join Bob Willbanks from Ambassadors for Business for the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land. Interested or have questions? Please contact Steve Klaers (ALC) at 612-599-8103. Fliers posted at both churches.

**ATONEMENT:**



**Will you help us decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas?** On Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30pm, the Worship Committee will be putting up the Christmas tree and wreaths. The committee members are no longer able to climb ladders and we would appreciate some help from some of you who are more agile. If you are able to help, please let our chairperson, Carol Hoiby, know at 763-572-9169(H) or 763-438-1184(C). Thank you in advance.

**ABCD meets Monday, December 2.** The Atonement Book Club Daytime will meet tomorrow at 1pm in the home of Nancy Jahnke. We will discuss books by **Agatha Christie** and **plan our 2020 book discussion schedule**. All those who are able can bring a treat to share. You are invited to attend all of the discussions, or only those that interest you. Please let Nancy know if you are able to attend.



**Worship Team and Choir** meet Wednesdays at 6:30 and 7:00pm respectively.

**Worship Committee** meets Wednesday at 6:30pm.

**Hunger During the Holidays** – Christmas may mean joyful, grateful family gatherings around a table of sumptuous foods. But many families are hungry during the holidays. Right in our neighborhoods. Please consider bringing non-perishable foods to church or give a check to the food shelves. You can mail a check to the food shelves or place them in the offering and we'll deliver it.

**SACA**, 627 38<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421

**Ralph Reeder Food Shelf**, 2544 Mounds View Blvd, Mounds View, MN 55112

**CROSS OF GLORY:**

**The Mitten Tree – Today** is the **deadline** to decorate the Mitten Tree with winter wear for Pinewood Elementary. Thanks to everyone who donated!

**No Education Hour** this week due to the holiday weekend. We'll see you all next Sunday!

**Prayer Shawls Plus** meets Thursday at 10am.

**We Are In Need of a Sign Changer** - If you would be interested in changing our outside signs (one of Adams St and one on County Rd I), please contact Dawn at [Dawn@CrossOfGloryMV.org](mailto:Dawn@CrossOfGloryMV.org).

**Cookies for “Hanging of the Greens”** - We’d like to have cookies and coffee after the mid-week Advent service, “Hanging of the Greens” here at Cross of Glory. If you’d like to bring some cookies to share, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you!



**Snow Shoveling Help** – If you’d be interested to rotate helping with snow shoveling this winter, please sign up in the narthex or contact Dawn at [Dawn@CrossOfGloryMV.org](mailto:Dawn@CrossOfGloryMV.org).