

Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

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December 8, 2019
Second 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 8

Lay Assisting Minister	Lorna Schultz
Lector	Carol Uecker
Ushers	Bonnie & Paul Anderson
Greeters	Bea Lea, Judy Hill
Bread baking	Marilyn Nelson
Communion set up	Judy Hill
Sunday Servers	Carol Uecker, Bea Laubach, Bev Johnson, Helen Campeau
Coffee Fellowship	TBD

December 15

Steve Klaers
Andrea Weatherly
Cheryl Lunde, Nancy Jahnke
Carol Hoiby, Dave Landrus
Andrea Weatherly
Bev Johnson
Andrea & Isaac Weatherly,
Tony & Carreen Houfek
Bonnie Anderson

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: “Lord, Be Glorified” – Bob Kilpatrick

Led by Worship Team

Words of Welcome

Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father” – ELW #781, vs. 1 & 2

Baptism of Stella Grace Anderson

Those who are able are welcome to join us in gathering around the baptismal font in the narthex during the hymn. Please bring a hymnal so you can follow the baptismal rite.

Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father” – ELW #781, vs. 3 & 4

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.**

Lighting of Advent Candles:

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”, vs 1 & 2 – ELW #240

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

All: **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 11:1-10

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

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Romans 15:4-13

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation (Assembly stands)

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Gospel Reading

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 3:1-12

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: "He Came Down" - ELW #253

Apostles' Creed *(Assembly rises)*

**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 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: "Light the Advent Candle" – Mark Clark

Choir

(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

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Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

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

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People" – ELW #256

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" – ELW #249

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: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" - ELW #246

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE PARISH:

- Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27



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!



Join us for "Hanging of the Greens" Advent Worship – Wednesday at Cross of Glory, 6:30pm.
Cookies, coffee and fellowship after service.

Camp Wapo registration will begin in January. Seeds (grades 1-3) weekend is August 7-9, cost \$185. Week long camp (grades 4-8) is August 9-14, cost \$470. Scholarships are available if needed. (Please see Pastor Cassie.)



New Picture Directories Coming in 2020! Both Atonement and Cross of Glory will have a picture day with LifeTouch Photography in February for new photo directories. Watch for more information and volunteer sign-ups.

- **Atonement's** picture day is Monday, February 3, 2-9pm.
- **Cross of Glory's** picture day is Tuesday, February 4, 2-9pm.

ATONEMENT:



We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism today with Stella Grace Anderson. Stella is the daughter of Matthew and Kelly Anderson. Her sponsors are Kate and Andrew Valen. Please keep Stella in your prayers as she begins her life with Christ.

Prayer Ministers are available after service today.

Elizabeth Circle meets Wednesday at 1pm at church. Bev Johnson is the hostess.

Mary Circle meets Thursday, 9:30am at Pat Haselhorst's home. Kay Christianson is the hostess.



Holidale Boutique Shopping – For your convenience, through Christmas Eve, Fellowship Hall has a selection of gift items at reasonable prices. Checks can be placed in the envelope on the table.

Atonement – What a Blessing – Your special prayers, your thoughtful cards, your kind inspirational words of support, your special hugs and smiles and your delicious dinner served to Doug and myself by Bonnie Anderson has made this cancer journey so much easier to accept and tolerate, especially as a very healthy individual when first diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer. Your support is still needed to accept 2 more rounds of chemo. I have found a saying that is now part of my daily life: *Accept what is. Let go of what was. Have faith in what will be.* Love & hugs, Virginia Cahow.

CROSS OF GLORY:

Cookies for “Hanging of the Greens” – We’re having cookies and coffee after the mid-week Advent service, “Hanging of the Greens” this Wednesday. If you’d like to bring cookies to share, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you!

Council Meeting, Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Naomi Circle meets Thursday at 10:00am.

Snow Shoveling Help – If you’d be interested to rotate helping with snow shoveling this winter, please sign up in the narthex.



Sweet Roll Sundays – Parents and students, watch for information about signing up for Sweet Roll Sundays, our annual Camp Wapo fundraiser, sometime after the new year.



Thank you to Doug & Peg Lindner and Paula Reed and Linda Lemke for providing the beautiful Christmas pots and greens outside the doors of our church!