

# **Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA**

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**September 8, 2019**  
**Time After Pentecost**

**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**

	<b>September 8</b>	<b>September 15</b>
<b>Lay Assisting Minister</b>	Scott Carlson	Wayne Haselhorst
<b>Lector</b>	Royce King	Andrea Weatherly
<b>Ushers</b>	Virginia Cahow, Dick Larson	Cheryl Lunde, Nancy Jahnke
<b>Greeters</b>	Helen Campeau, Bea Lea	Jan & Jim Zastrow
<b>Bread baking</b>	Andrea Weatherly	Andrea Weatherly
<b>Communion set up</b>	Bev Johnson	Judy Hill
<b>Sunday Servers</b>	Royce King Sally Kline Tony Houfek Carreen Houfek	Andrea Weatherly Isaac Weatherly Helen Campeau Bea Laubach
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	TBD	Congregation Potluck

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

## Preparing for Worship

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

**Gathering Song** “My Soul is Satisfied” - Kerr  
“Gather Us In”

Led by Worship Team  
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### Words of Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**All: Amen.**

L: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence for reflection.*

L: God our helper,

**All: we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**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.**

**Kyrie**                    “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

## **Prayer of the Day**

L: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Assembly is seated)*

## **Hearing God’s Word**

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

### **Scripture Reading**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Scripture Reading (read responsively)**

Psalm 1

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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### **Gospel Reading**

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Luke 14:25-33

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Sermon**

Pastor Cassie Nault

*Silence for reflection*

**Hymn of the Day** “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult” – vs. 1, 3 & 4 # 696 ELW

**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** (sung response) “Hear our Prayer”

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## **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** "Let the Praise Go Round" – arr. Hal Hopson

Choir

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

## **Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray.

**All: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

## **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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast. Come not because I invite you, but because Christ invites you.

### **Songs during Communion**

"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

# 722 ELW

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

# 818 ELW

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We pray for parents, grandparents, teachers, preachers, political and community leaders that we will be a help and not a hindrance for children we call our own and for all the children God created who are part of our family too.*

### ***Gods Work, Our Hands***

We are participating in the ELCA's Day of Service today. Following worship, we will head out into the neighborhood for a clean-up, picking up litter in our community; we will have trash bags and gloves for you to use. Others will gather in the Fellowship Hall to make cards to be sent to our homebound members, soldiers, and others who are in need of a greeting. Please join us!

### ***Blessing of the Backpacks, Students, and Teachers***

Today, we invite all students, teachers, and school workers for a blessing. Kids are welcome to bring their backpacks.

### ***Faith Formation for Kids:***

Families! We will be beginning our fall schedule on Sunday, September 15th. This year we will have Children's Church during the sermon on Sunday, where children will be dismissed for about 20 minutes, so they return to their families in worship for communion. It is very helpful for us to know a little about your kids before they attend; please fill out a registration form in the narthex. In addition to this, there will be intergenerational faith formation activities throughout the year.

***Holidale Boutique*** – Join us tomorrow at 9am for a Rhubarb Pie Workshop! Please see Virginia Cahow with any questions.



***Fall Church Clean-Up Day*** is next Saturday, September 14 from 8:30 - 12:30. Lunch will be provided.

***Repurposing Tablecloths*** - Some of our old tablecloths are available in Fellowship Hall to take home and find a new use for them. Please feel free to take what you can use.

**Prayer Ministers** are available after service today.

***ABCD meets Monday, September 9***

The Atonement Book Club Daytime will meet **tomorrow at 1 p.m.** in the home of **Nancy Jahnke**. We will discuss the book ***Still Life*** by Louise Penny. **Nancy Jahnke** will furnish the treats. In October we will discuss ***Educated: A Memoir*** by Tara Westover. 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.

***Elizabeth Circle*** will meet at church this Tuesday, September 10 at 1:00pm.

***Mary's Circle*** will meet at church this Thursday, September 12 at 9:30am. Carol Tilden will be hosting.

***File Cabinet Needs a New Home***

There is a two-drawer black file cabinet at King's Kids Preschool that needs a new home. It is sturdy, but the lock no longer works. See Bonnie Anderson if you are interested.

***Bright View Blessing of the Animals*** – We invite you to come and celebrate the animal companions in your life on Sunday, September 29th at 1:00pm in the parking lot of Atonement. Bring any creatures that have a special place in your heart. All animals—whether furry, winged, scaled or finned—are welcome! You can also bring photos of beloved pets who cannot make the journey or who have passed on to receive a blessing.

**Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, September 15**

**Pot luck at 11:30 am**

**Meeting at 12:15**

**We will get Committee updates and new Council members will be elected.**

**All members are encouraged to attend.**