

“This is the day the Lord has made. Let’s rejoice and be glad!”

G E N E S I S 1 5 : 5

so shall your
descendants be



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

1285 North New Florissant Road, Florissant, Missouri 63031
(Area 314) Church: 837-1224 School/Child Care: 837-1252

WORSHIP: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

EDUCATION HOUR: Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (except in summer)

DATE: *August 6-7, 2022*

Welcome to Worship at Atonement

FOR OUR VISITORS: *Our hymns and liturgy are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).
The hymnals and Bibles are temporarily removed from the pews.*

Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing-impaired are available at services. Large print worship folders are also available. Please ask an usher prior to the service.

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers and refrain from flash photography.

We welcome to the Lord's Table all Baptized Christians, who commune in their home parish and who wish to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Those with questions about the meaning of Holy Communion or who wish a private confession and absolution should contact a pastor during the week prior to communing.

Both individual cups and the chalice (common cup) are now offered to communicants. The chalice is available only for intinction (dipping the host into the wine). The darker wine in the center of the tray is non-alcoholic. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests. Please also continue to practice social distancing. Please be assured that all reasonable precautions are being taken to assure health and safety.

Sunday Education at Atonement -- 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY YOUTH FORUM: Youth Forum will resume in the fall.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Class will resume, when appropriate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes for younger students will resume, when appropriate.

ADULT FORUM: Adult Forum will resume, when appropriate.

NEXT SUNDAY: Jeremiah 23:23-29; He brews 11:29-12.2; St. Luke 12:49-56



LOOK UP

August 6-7, 2022

*(*Seating may take place at these times.)*

PRELUDE: (8:15/10:15) “*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*’ from *A German Requiem*”

Johannes Brahms
arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

+ + + **THE ENTRANCE RITE** + + +

A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *(please stand)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: One God, now and forever.

P: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Today the Lord calls us to walk by faith, to trust God’s sure promises.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess our weakness and our sinfulness, our inability to seek your will or to follow in your ways. Faith is feeble, and doubt is strong. By ourselves we are unable to lay hold of your promises. For the sake of your Son Christ Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us and strengthen us. Set our feet upon the way that you would have us go, for your name’s sake.

P: Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. All God’s promises find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus, who was given to die for you that your sins might be forgiven. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God!

***ENTRANCE HYMN: #522** (*stanzas 1-2*)

“As We Gather at Your Table”

THE GREETING

P: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,...

C: ...on those who hope in God’s steadfast love.

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

C: And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #875**

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together. Almighty and everlasting God,

C: you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve.

P: Pour out upon us the abundance of your mercy,

C: forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,

P: and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask,

C: except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ + + THE SERVICE OF THE WORD + + +

FIRST LESSON: (*please sit*)

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD

came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

⁵[The LORD] brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

***PSALMODY:** (5:30)

Psalm 33:12-22

(The organist will play the conclusion to the familiar hymn tune “Old Hundredth;” a lector will read a line from the Psalm, and the congregation will sing two lines from the hymn stanza.)

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

**God is our helper and our shield.
Let gladsome songs his praises yield.**

The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned he watched all the inhabitants of the earth; he forms all their thoughts and sees all their deeds.

**The armies of the world must fall
Before the Lord, who rules them all.**

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

**God is our helper and our shield.
Let gladsome songs his praises yield.**

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

**Lord, bless us with your mercy true.
Behold, we place our hope in you!**

ANTHEM: (8:15/10:15) *“These Alone Are Enough”*

Dan Schutte



Our soul waits for
the Lord,
He is our help
and our shield.

SECOND LESSON:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah

herself was barren--because he considered himself faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

ALLELUIA VERSE *(please stand)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

St. Luke 12:32-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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



Jesus said: ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and

knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: #685 (*stanzas 1-2*)

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

SERMON (*please sit*)

Pastor Mueller

HYMN OF THE DAY: #685 (*stanzas 3-4*)

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*please stand*) *Each petition concludes:*

A: Let your steadfast love be upon us, O Lord;

C: **we put our trust in you.**

(please be seated)

+ + + **THE SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST** + + +

HYMN, as the Altar is prepared: #685 (*stanzas 5-6*)

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*please stand*)

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

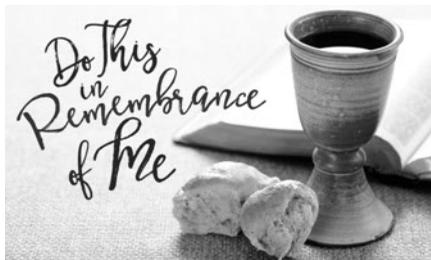
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to you, almighty God, eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who overcame sin and all manner of evil for us that we might be justified through faith in him and enabled to follow where he calls us. And so, with those who bear your name on earth and those who praise your name above, we join the everlasting hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.



P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
 In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him
 should not perish, but have eternal life.
 We give thanks to you
 for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
 Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

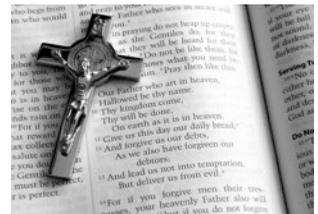
C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**



THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE *(sit; Continuous/Pilgrim Communion)*
(Please follow the guidance of the ushers. The chalice is offered currently only for Intinction [dipping].)

Hymn #764

Hymn #781

Hymn #695

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

“As Saints of Old”

COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand)*

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Hymn #522 *(stanza 3)*

“As We Gather at Your Table”

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son,

C: uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Spirit.

A: As you have raised up among us faithful servants for ministry of Word and Sacrament, grant that we may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory;

C: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMNS: *(5:30) #571*

(8:15/10:15; stanzas 1, 2, and 4) #557

“O Trinity, O Blessed Light”

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

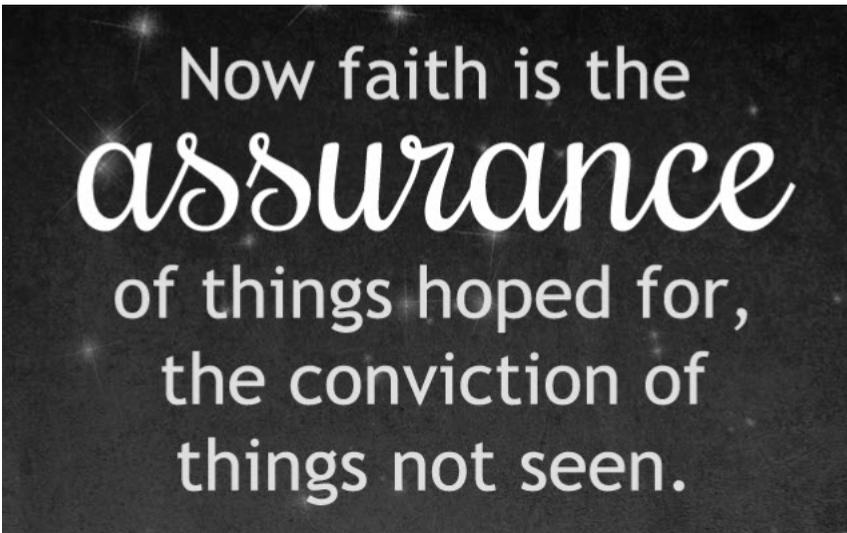
DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Discover your treasure. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *(8:15/10:15) “ProceSSIONal”*

Daniel Gawthrop



Presiding Minister.....*Pastor Vern T. Skarstad*
Preacher.....*Pastor Richard E. Mueller*
Assisting Ministers.....(5:30) *Mike Thompson*; (8:15) *Brenda Blight*; (10:15) *Greg Viehman*
Organists.....(5:30) *Julie Binder*; (8:15/10:15) *Cindy Vantine*
Vocalist.....*Patricia Scanlon*
Adult Choir.....*Dr. Bruce Vantine, Director*
Altar Guild.....(5:30) *Jodi Laffold*
.....(8:15) *Bonnie David, Jack David*; (10:15) *Verina Ruiz*
Greeters.....(8:15) *Bonnie David, Jack David*; (10:15) *Gwen Westbrooks*
Counters.....*Doris Hagen, Gene Hagen, Patrick Walker, Joycelyn Pugh-Walker*
Head Ushers.....(5:30) *Ruth Blundell*; (8:15) *Ron Behrens*; (10:15) *Bill Meyerkord*
Trustees.....(5:30) *Larry Erickson*; (8:15) *Jim Bunzel*; (10:15) *David Johnson*

Mission Statement for the Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Responding to God's grace, the members of the Lutheran Church of the Atonement serve north St. Louis County with programs of worship, nurture, service, and pastoral care. Our highest priorities are:

- (1) Providing opportunities for Christ-centered worship, focused on Word and Sacrament
- (2) Offering Christian Education opportunities for people of all ages
- (3) Developing opportunities for the expression of love and faith through fellowship and service to our congregation community and to the community at large.



**AUGUST 7, 2022
NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

We are strangers and foreigners on earth.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	The meaning of faith
Wednesday	Psalms 33:1-11	Sing praises to the Lord
Thursday	1 Chronicles 29:10-22	David's praises to the Lord
Friday	Isaiah 40:27-31	The Lord gives strength
Saturday	Psalms 33:12-22	Trust only in God
Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

They [Abraham's descendants] confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **Hebrews 11:13b-14 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, direct us to long for what you long for and to thirst for what you promise, that we may treasure what you want for us through Jesus, the Son of Man. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of steadfast love, fill our hearts with trust in you, as you fill our bodies with the riches of this meal. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love and faithfulness give you peace.



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AUGUST 7, 2022 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HYMN OF THE WEEK *Blessed Assurance*

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you have longed for and desired for some time?
- What is something you desire for the benefit of humanity?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16. Hebrews 11 is a famous chapter focusing explicitly on the Christian faith: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (v. 1). The focus is on the future; faith involves a God-given longing filled with God’s promises, assurances that lead us not to sit down and rest as though satisfied. Faith longs for something more, a “homeland,” a country of heavenly peace that is not yet fully experienced. Therefore, in this life we are foreigners and strangers. We are people on the move, looking ahead, and often not satisfied with things as they are. It is very tempting to settle down and be content with the way things are, but that is not the mindset of the Christian faith. We want God’s promises to be fulfilled for all. Until that happens, we join others as travelers on earth longing for something more, something better, nothing less than the perfect peace and mercy of God. *Discuss:* What is missing in your life that only God can fulfill? *Pray:* **God of promise, help us to be restless for the comfort and security only you can bring, not only for ourselves, but for all your people through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you reach out to a friend or a new neighbor who might feel like a stranger in a group of people?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them. Hebrews 11 lists people from the Bible who showed faith in God. Who have been examples of faith to you and your family? Write a thank you card to these people thanking them for their example. One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is deep and meaningful connections with other witnesses to the faith. Ask adults who are friends and family to share their own faith stories with children and youth.



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool.
Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Anniversaries: Pastor Vern and Elaine Skarstad - 61 years
Scott and Jill Floyd - 56 years
Chuck and Debbie Graham - 50 years

Death: Brad Mandrell, father of Lee Mandrell

Hospitalized and Ill:

Ginny Groves	Vivian Meyer	Cathy Self	Doris Hagen
Ron Wolf	Martha Fellwock	Marie Miller	Rob Biesendorfer
Angie Kemper			

Our Loved Ones/Friends:

Joe Casey	Winnie Marks	Robin Johnson	Anita Linsin
David Herman	Nadine Green	Glenda Warren	Beth Piette
Nancy Marxkors	Chris Becker	Eric Stegmann	Valerie Moore
Steve O'Hara			

Please remember in prayer our chronically-ill and homebound loved ones and friends:

Bob Siegel	Jane Marshall	Steve Trawford	Diana Dannemann
Johnny Davis	Leonard Harris	Gloria Phillips	The Rev. Kenneth Rupp
Roger Limback	Carol Xenos	Gail Mueller	Jerry and Teresa Cuddy
April Collier	Randy Roth	Cindy Neuhaus	Michael Maslo

To continue your loved one in the prayers, please notify the church office by Tuesday Noon.

Due to Federal privacy laws, please obtain explicit permission to list friends or loved ones in the prayers.

OUR WELCOME

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your worship. Visitors are asked to sign the attendance form in the bulletin. Please introduce yourself to one of the pastors.

OUR CONGREGATION

Atonement is a family of professing Christians who are in ministry to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been in ministry since September 30, 1951.

Atonement School has completed its 67th academic year, with the mission statement: "Teaching children of God the skills needed for a lifetime of learning, worshipping, and caring, so that the world sees Jesus in them."

OUR AFFILIATIONS

We are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and support local ministries including Lutheran Family and Children's Services, Humanitri, Lutheran High Schools, PAKT, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

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OUR CALENDAR

TODAY *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*

10:15 a.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. - School Board Meeting

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

9:45 a.m. - Bible and Breakfast

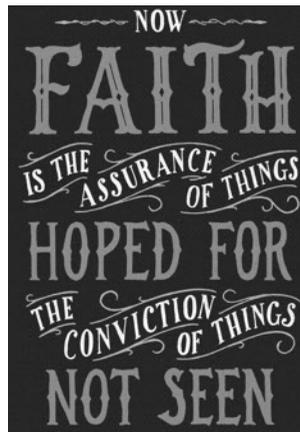
7:00 p.m. - Health Cabinet Meeting

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

12:00 noon - Men's Club Barbecue

5:30 p.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*



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