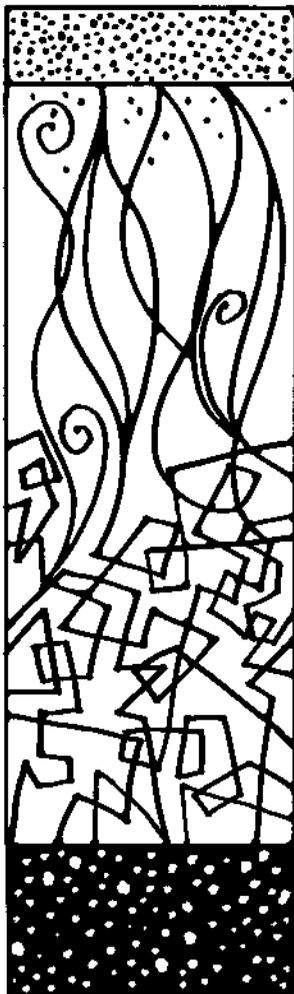


“This is the day the Lord has made. Let’s rejoice and be glad!”



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JEREMIAH 23:29

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 13-14, 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: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Hebrews 12:18-29; St. Luke 13:10-17



FAITH'S FIRE

August 13-14, 2022

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

***PRELUDE:** (8:15/10:15) *“A Gaelic Melody”*

arranged by Charles Callahan

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, Three Persons, Equal in Glory, Equal in Majesty.

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: God calls his children to be faithful, despite the hardship, despite the cost.

(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. We follow our own dreams and are misled by tempting voices. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: Look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the sake of the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. For his sake your sins are 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: Glory and majesty to you, O Lord.

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

***ENTRANCE HYMN: #676** (*stanzas 1-2*) “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

THE GREETING

P: Is not my Word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

C: Then, let whoever has God’s Word speak God’s Word faithfully.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together. Almighty and ever-living God,

C: you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ + + **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD** + + +

FIRST LESSON: (*please sit*)

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

***PSALMODY:**

Psalm 82

(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.)

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; in the midst of the gods he gives judgment.

**Arise, O God, and rule the world.
Let evil from its throne be hurled.**

“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked? Save the weak and the orphan, defend the humble and needy, rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the power of the wicked.”

**Arise, O God; your pow’r made known,
And claim the people for your own.**

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the nations of the earth are shaken.

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth.
Help the downtrodden know their worth.**

“Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you. Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’”

**Arise, O God; your pow’r made known,
And take the nations for your own.**

SECOND LESSON:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, 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, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE VERSE: *(please stand)*



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

St. Luke 12:49-56

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

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

Jesus said: ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against

her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: #812 *(stanzas 1-2; please sit)*

“Faith of Our Fathers”

SERMON

Pastor Mueller

HYMN OF THE DAY: #812 *(stanzas 3; please stand)*

“Faith of Our Fathers”

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS AND STAFF: *(10:15; please remain seated)*
Atonement Lutheran School

(The rite of installation concludes with this prayer; please stand).

Pastor: Let us ask God to bless our teachers.

(a brief silence)

Pastor: God our creator,

Congregation: **you surround us with the marvels of this world and give us the ability to explore the mysteries of creation.**

Teachers: You fill the earth with the Spirit of wisdom and inspire us to search for the truth.

Congregation: **You have sent us prophets and teachers as witnesses to your love for us.**

Pastor: You have come among us in Jesus Christ to teach us your saving truth by word and example.

Teachers: Help us enjoy our learning together and enable us to take delight in exploration.

Congregation: **Give them patience in their studies and strength to meet new challenges.**

Pastor: We make this prayer in the name of Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life, now and forever. Amen

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(please be seated)

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

HYMN, as the Altar is prepared: #676 *(stanzas 3-4)*

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(please stand)*

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father, your word, like fire, burns in our hearts.

C: Faith, like fire, is kindled in your world.

A: For the gift of your Word – printed in Bibles, shared among us, made human in Christ –

C: and for all your good and gracious gifts we thank you now.

A: Accept the gifts we bring this day.

C: They are products of our faith's burning fire.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.
He is your Word, inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot

and was shown forth as your Son,

born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will

and won for you a holy people;

he stretched out his hands in suffering

in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,

in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,

to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,

to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,

taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

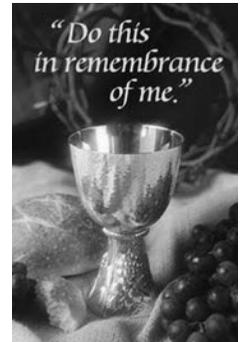
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we lift this bread and cup before you,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church both now and forever.

C: Amen

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 #460

Hymn #758

Hymn #517

“Now the Silence”

“You Are the Way”

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand)*

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:

Hymn #813 (*stanza 4*)

“Faith of Our Fathers”

**Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
bind us with all who follow you,
Sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Lord Jesus,

C: Seated at the right hand of the Father,

A: You have welcomed us to your festal table,

C: You have strengthened us with bread and wine.

A: Endow us also with your own perseverance,

C: Your own trust in the Father’s promise,

A: That we may finally join you

C: In the feast of resurrection joy,

A: Which knows no end.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMNS: (5:30) **#568** (*stanzas 1-2*) “Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow”
(8:15/10:15) **#556** “Morning Has Broken”

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Run the race. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: (8:15/10:15) “*Recessional in C*”

Douglas E. Wagner

*Let us run with endurance
the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith.*

Presiding Minister *Pastor Vern T. Skarstad*
Preacher.....*Pastor Richard E. Mueller*
Assisting Ministers.....(5:30) *Breanna Gaither*; (8:15) *Carol Meier*; (10:15) *Sara Ruprecht*
Organists.....(5:30) *Julie Binder*; (8:15/10:15) *Cindy Vantine*
Adult Choir.....*Dr. Bruce Vantine, Director*
Altar Guild.....(5:30) *Lisa Hackmeister, Breana Hackmeister*
.....(8:15) *Bonnie David, Jack David*; (10:15) *Verina Ruiz*
Greeters.....(8:15) *Claire Brown, Rick Brown*; (10:15) *Melanie White*
Counters.....*Paul Schroeder, Greg Viehman, Jeff Moravec*
Head Ushers.....(5:30) *Tom Beckermann*; (8:15) *Don Meier*; (10:15) *David Johnson*
Trustees.....(5:30) *Jodi Laffold*; (8:15) *Don Posey*; (10:15) *Carl Beck*

Mission Statement for Atonement Lutheran School

Teaching children of God the skills needed for a lifetime of learning, worshipping, and caring, so that the world sees Jesus in them.



**AUGUST 14, 2022
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Living a life of compassion for those in need.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division
Monday	Jeremiah 23:23-29	God's word is like fire
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Faith in God
Wednesday	Psalms 37:27-33	Trust the Lord
Thursday	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
Friday	Isaiah 30:18-22	God's promise to Zion
Saturday	Psalms 82	Justice to the weak
Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the sabbath

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 82:3-4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you who want compassion and justice to guide our lives, give us faith and courage to live and speak truth with love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest; let these gifts to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of justice and mercy give you peace and good courage.



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AUGUST 14, 2022 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HYMN OF THE WEEK
The People Walk

taking
faith
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WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When was there a time you felt you were treated unfairly?
- God demands a commitment to justice. What does this mean to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 12:49-56. There is a history of domestic and global violence. Today's news reminds us that there are still divisions and violence. In this reading, Jesus' call for fire and division represents God's demand—for justice. Biblical faith, both Old and New Testament, reveal a God who cares enough to judge, to condemn, to divide, yes, even to kill Egyptians in the Red Sea to protect God's people. Christianity stands for something. That means it stands against something, too. Jesus can be critical and outraged. He notes that people are able to read the signs of the weather, but what about the signs of discrimination around them? Everyone seems to have their own standards and their own causes. This can blind people who think they know God. Jesus will have none of it. Following Jesus does not permit a blind eye to violence and discrimination, whether it is in the first or twenty-first centuries. The good news is that God's kingdom promises to make all things new. *Discuss:* How have you or someone you know experienced discrimination?

Pray: **God of justice, help us to see the times we live in and pursue compassion and fairness for all through Christ Jesus, the one who died that we may live for others. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to show compassion for those who are weak and needy?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Hebrews 12:1 speaks of being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses and encourages us to get rid of everything that slows us down from following Jesus. On a sheet of paper write a list of things people do or say that do not show ways Jesus would like us to act towards others. Some examples: belittling or bullying others, lying about something, stealing, or cheating. Take a moment to read over your list and then crumble it up and throw it away. *Then pray:* **Dear Jesus, please forgive us for those times when we are unkind and thoughtless about the needs of others; help us to follow you in love. Amen.**



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool.
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Anniversary: Ray and Mary Knoll - 42 years

Atonement Lutheran School Teachers and Staff:

Kimberly Kern	Principal
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<i>Our Loved Ones/Friends:</i>	Norma Ruppard, sister-in-law of Don and Carol Ruppard		
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David Herman	Nadine Green	Glenda Warren	Beth Piette
Nancy Marxkors	Chris Becker	Eric Stegmann	Valerie Moore
Steve O'Hara			

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.

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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

- 8:15 a.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*
9:30 a.m. - Parent Meetings - Pre-K and Kindergarten
10:15 a.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion; Installation of Atonement Lutheran School Teachers and Staff*
11:30 a.m. - Parent Meetings - Grades 1-8
12:00 noon - Men's Club Barbecue
1:30 p.m. - Atonement Book Club

MONDAY

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. - **First Day of School - Grades 1-8**

Opening Chapel Worship



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. - Parish Nurse Office Open (until 11:00 a.m.)
9:45 a.m. - Bible and Breakfast

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
11:00 a.m. - Grief Support Group
5:30 p.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*



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