

# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT**

1285 North New Florissant Road, Florissant, Missouri 63031 (Area 314) Church: 837-1224 School: 837-1252 Childcare: 837-2802

**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: July 24-25, 2021

# 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.

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:** Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; St. John 6:24-35



### July 24-25, 2021

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

\*PRELUDE: (8:15/10:15) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Robert Ladue

### 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: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal.
- P: "I am the Bread of Life," says Jesus Christ. "Whoever eats of this bread will never die."
- C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Prepare to be invited to the banquet of the Lord.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: despite the kindness of your generosity, we live in the futility of greed. Darkened by sin and deluded by Satan, we seek what only you can give: we hunger and thirst for righteousness. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P: The Bread of Life was given for the life of the world. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given "as a ransom for many," and for his sake your sins are forgiven. Whoever comes to him will never hunger; whoever believes in him will never thirst.
- C: Thanks be to God!

### + + + THE ENTRANCE RITE + + +

\*ENTRANCE HYMN: #843 (stanzas 1-2; printed at page 9; please stand)

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

### THE GREETING

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: Let us pray together. Faithful God,

C: your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants.

P: Open our hearts and minds to you,

C: that we may live in harmony with your will

P: and receive the gifts of your Spirit;

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

**ANTHEM:** (8:15/10:15; sit) "When Peace Like a River"

Philip P. Bliss

### + + + THE SERVICE OF THE WORD + + +

FIRST LESSON:

Second Kings 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup> But his servant said, "How can I set this

before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left.' " <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

\***PSALMODY:** Psalm 145:10-18

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

The LORD is faithful to his promises, and merciful in all his acts.

I will praise you, God my King; Ev'ry day my thanks I'll raise.

All living things look hopefully to you, and you give them food when they need it.

Let the whole world join to sing Song of your exalted praise.

You give them enough and satisfy the needs of all.

### Let all creatures, great and small, Praise the Lord, who cares for all!

The LORD is righteous in all he does, and merciful in all his acts.

# I will praise you, God my King; Ev'ry day my thanks I'll raise.

God is near to those who call to him, who call to him with sincerity. God supplies the needs of those who honor him; he hears their cries and saves them..

# Let the whole church join to sing Songs of your amazing grace.

God sustains everyone who loves him. I will always praise the LORD..

### Let all creatures, great and small, Praise the Lord, who cares for all!

### **SECOND LESSON:**

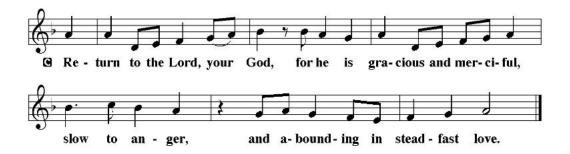
Ephesians 3:14-21

St. Paul writes: <sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the

breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

# THE VERSE: (please stand)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: #542 (stanzas 1-2; printed at page 10; please sit)

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

SERMON Pastor Skarstad

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #542 (stanzas 3-4; printed at page 10; please stand)

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

(Dr. Martin Luther's Explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.)

I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Each petition ends

A: You, LORD, are faithful to your promises,

C: and merciful in all your acts.

(please be seated)

### + + + THE SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST + + +

HYMN, as the Altar is prepared: #462 (stanzas 1 and 3; printed at page 11)

"Now We Join in Celebration"

# **OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (please stand)

A: Let us pray. Gracious Father,

C: your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, 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 it is right to give you thanks and praise, Almighty Father, giver of every good and perfect gift. Like a grain of wheat, your Son was buried in the earth that, rising once again, he might bring forth your gift of life in full abundance. Nourished by such sustenance, we join the praises of your faithful servants offered always and everywhere.

(Tune: "Schmücke Dich")

Hosts before the altar flying,
"Holy, holy, holy!" crying,
Join to tell the wondrous story
Of your all-things-filling glory.
We, who taste of heav'nly manna,
Join the welcoming hosanna:
Bread of Life, you bless us ever;
Those who eat shall hunger never!

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 #461 (printed at page 12)

Hymn #632 (printed at page 13)

Hymn #777 (printed at page 14)

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

# **COMMUNION BLESSING** (please stand)

# POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Hymn #488 (stanza 3)

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless; With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given. Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: You provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen

## **BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** #843 (stanza 3; printed at page 9)

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

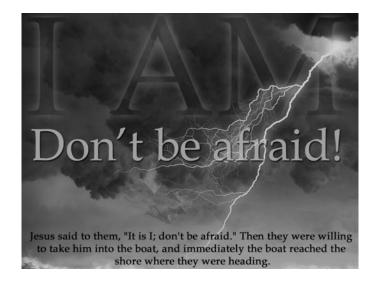
### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share your bread. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Douglas Wagner



Presiding Minister and Preacher	Pastor Vern T. Skarstad
Assisting Ministers	(5:30) Mike Thompson, Breanna Gaither
	(8:15) Carol Meier, Bonnie David, Jack David
	(10:15) Ruth Blundell, David Fellwock
Organists	(5:30) <i>Julie Binder;</i> (8:15) <i>Cindy Vantine</i>
Vocalists	Darlene Johnson, Paula Viehman
Adult Choir	Dr. Bruce Vantine, Director
Altar Guild(5:30) Jodi Laffold; (8	:15) Bonnie David, Jack David; (10:15) Verina Ruiz
Counters	Paul Schroeder, Greg Viehman, Jeff Moravec
Head Ushers(5:30) <i>Ruth B</i>	lundell; (8:15) Ron Behrens; (10:15) David Johnson
Trustees(5:30	)) Jodi Laffold; (8:15) Don Meier; (10:15) Carl Beck

# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 843



Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813
Text © 1987 Hope Publishing Company

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# 542

# O Living Bread from Heaven



Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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# Now We Join in Celebration

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Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text O Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Portress SCHMÜCKE DICH LMD

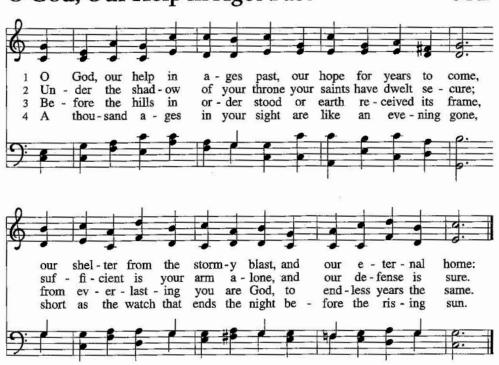
# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993 Music: W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825; arr. hymnal version Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. Arr. © 2003 Augsburg Fortress HOLY MANNA 8787D



632



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

ST. ANNE

# Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

### 777



- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." Refrain
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam. Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." Refrain

# JULY 25, 2021 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Jesus feeds the five thousand Sunday John 6:1-21 2 Kings 4:42-44 Flisha feeds one hundred Monday Tuesday Ephesians 3:14-21 Christ's love for us Maintain good deeds Wednesday Titus 3:1-11 Suffering for doing right Thursday 1 Peter 1:8-17 Ephesians 2:1-10 From death to life Friday

Saturday Psalm 145:10-18 The Lord is kind and merciful Sunday John 6:24-35 Christ, the bread of life

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. John 6:2 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

## A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you for the way you feed us, heal us, and care for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Mealtime Prayer:

Just as you fed the five thousand on a hillside, we thank you for feeding us and caring for us today. Amen.

## A Blessing to Give:

May the God of abundance bless you with more than you can imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)



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# JULY 25, 2021 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HYMN OF THE WEEK
There is a Wideness in God's Mercy



### **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:

- Tell or think about a time you have been glad to be part of a crowd.
- Have you ever been afraid when you were part of a large crowd? Explain.
- What are some reasons you like being part of the crowd that follows Jesus?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Read: John 6:1-21.

By the beginning of John 6, Jesus had taught, turned water into wine, healed, and challenged Jewish authorities. The throngs are growing and five thousand have followed him to a hillside. Jesus looks at them, sits them down on a large grassy area, and feeds them like a shepherd tending his flock. His actions remind people of what Elisha (2 Kings 4:42-44) did when he fed large crowds. Jesus being on a mountain side and having powers over the waters of the Sea of Galilee (v.19) reminds others of a role like Moses. It is clear that people are attracted to Jesus and he cares for them with a power that people long to see, long to touch, long to be with. That is the power that has been given to the church to speak and work for people today in Christ's name. Christ's power continues to be present today so that others may follow in the footsteps of the one who brings us healing, hope, and salvation. What have you experienced that makes you want to be a follower of Jesus? *Pray:* Dear Jesus, we thank you for coming into our world and our lives to care for us and to feed us with your love. Amen.

## SERVICE

Jesus fed the five thousand from just five small loaves and two fish. We know that today in the world many people live with limited food and constant hunger. Give money or volunteer time at your local food bank or other organizations that help those in need of food. Make a list of ways you can support people who do not have enough food.

# RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul prays for the people, "I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name" (Ephesians 3:14-15). Prayer is a way to practice our faith. Think or talk about different ways to pray (standing, sitting, folded hands, kneeling). This week practice kneeling for prayer. *Pray:* **Dear God, I** ask to be filled with your presence and to know the love of Christ that he may dwell in my heart forever and ever. Amen.



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:

The Rev. Ellory W. Glenn, ordained and installed today as Specific Ministry Pastor at Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran.

### Hospitalized and Ill:

Iye SesayJohn MeyerBen EatonJacki BickelCathy SelfCarol PeacheeDebbie HinkebeinFaith Brown

Robert Wall Diane Riley Vickie Minter

Our Loved Ones/Friends: Dale Brinkley, friend of David and Darlene Johnson

Lorraine Haddock Amy Ruprecht Kathy Zeuschel Missy Taylor Jerry and Teresa Cuddy Shirley Rheuma Roger Limback Edith Duke

Marla Harms Mike Prinzi

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 66th academic year.

#### **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).

### **OUR STAFF**

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#### **OUR CALENDAR**

TODAY Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

8:15 a.m. - Worship - Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. - Blood Pressure Screenings 10:15 a.m. - Worship - Holy Communion

MONDAY

1:30 p.m. - Seniors Alive

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

5:15 p.m. - Seniors Alive - The Muny

**THURSDAY** 

9:00 a.m. - Parish Nurse Office Open (until 11:00 a.m.)

9:30 a.m. - Bible and Breakfast

FRIDAY Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY** 

9:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study

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



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