

*December 7, 2022*

*Second Wednesday in Advent*

*7:00 PM*



*Do Not Be Afraid!*

## **Atonement Lutheran Church**



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing  
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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### Pastor's Greeting:



### Hymn: *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates*..... CW<sub>93</sub> 4 (NCW 305) Stz 1 & 2

1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of  
2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, His char - iot is hu -  
glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; The  
mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His  
Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion  
scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our  
he will bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To  
woe he brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. To  
God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.

### Confession and Absolution:

**L:** Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,

**C:** the light no darkness can over come.

**L:** We pray. Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**C:** and the day is almost over,

**L:** Be our light and scatter the darkness,

**C:** and hear our evening hymn of praise.

**L:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**All:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**L:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the † Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN!**

**We Sing The Evening Hymn of Praise:**

*O Gracious Light*

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1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through



blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.  
Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

**Prayer of the Day:** Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN!**

**Advent Psalm: 78:1-7 NIV**

**L:** O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old <sup>3</sup> what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.

**C:** <sup>4</sup> **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.**

**L:** <sup>5</sup> He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,

**C:** <sup>6</sup> **so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.**

**L:** <sup>7</sup> Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**C: AMEN**

**Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates ..... CW<sub>93</sub> 4 (NCW 305) Stz 3 & 4**

3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the rul - er  
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple

is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes To  
set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -

whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of  
dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - 'reign

joy is he Who comes to set his peo - ple free. To  
en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin. To

God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

*Sermon:*

*1 Peter 3:14–15*

*Do Not Be Afraid!*

“Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

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**Evening Prayer:** *(together, we read)*

**All:** Dearest Jesus, too often, I put my own concerns and my own priorities above your work, word, and will. Forgive me for Jesus sake, rid me of my selfishness, and fill me with the zeal to keep my mind, body, and spirit focused on you. **AMEN!**

**L:** We pray as Jesus taught us...

**Lord’s Prayer:** *(traditional)*

***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!***

**L:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn:** *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates* ..... **CW<sub>93</sub> 4 (NCW 305) Stz 5**

Hymn: *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates* ..... CW<sub>93</sub> 4 (NCW 305) Stz 5



Re - dee - mer, co-me! I o - pen wide My heart to you; here,  
Lord, a - bide! Oh, en - ter with your sa - ving grace; Show  
me your kind and fr-i-en-dly face. Your Ho - ly Spi - rit  
guide us on un - ti - l our glo - rio - us goal is won. E -  
ter - nal praise and fame we of - fer to your name.

**Keep God's People in your prayers:**

**B Dize** had surgery on Monday to implant a defibrillator in her chest. She is recovering at her son's home. Let us ask the Lord heal her body and adjust to her new normal. Here is her cell number. 410.387.5083

**Bob Baur's** daughter, Leslie, is recovering at home and is eagerly awaiting the results of her medical tests. We ask the Lord to comfort her soul and calm her mind.

**Audrey Gerlach** is doing better and is thankful for all your prayers. She is waiting for additional medical results before other decisions can be made. We ask the Lord to shine his light on her and give patience to her as she waits.

**Nancy Witzel** continues to suffer the effects of COPD and congestive heart failure. Nancy is back living in her apartment. She has been enrolled with Hospice Care. Send correspondences to:

Mrs. Nancy Witzel, Apt 10H  
6811 Campfield Road  
Baltimore, MD 21207

**Christmas Hand Bell Practice each Sunday at 10:30am**



**👁️👁️ Looking Ahead**

| Date           |    | Time    | Streaming       | Music      | Usher #1 | Comm.  |
|----------------|----|---------|-----------------|------------|----------|--------|
| December       |    |         |                 |            |          |        |
| Wed Adv 2      | 7  | 7:00 PM | Carol/Jessica   | Paul T.    | Bob B.   |        |
| Sun Adv 3      | 11 | 9:30 AM | Dan M.          | Jessica O. | Mark F.  | Gil P. |
| Wed Adv 3      | 14 | 7:00 PM | Carol/Jessica   | Paul T.    | Gil P.   |        |
| Sun Adv 4      | 18 | 9:30 AM | Mark F          | Jessica O. | Scott. S |        |
| Wed Adv 4      | 21 | 7:00 PM | Audrey/Jessica  | Paul T.    | Bob B.   |        |
| Sat Christ Eve | 24 | 7:00 PM | Audrey/Jessica. | Sam M.     | Scott S. |        |
| Su Christ Day  | 25 | 9:30 AM | Megan K.        | Jessica O. | Mark F   | Dan M. |

**Friday, Dec. 9 7–10 PM The Atonement Family Christmas Party**

Bring: your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share

Bring: the beverages of your choosing.

Bring: a \$20 Wrapped gender neutral gift for the “exchange.”

**Sign up, if you are interested in attending the party.**



**Mark and Karen Fostervold** used some of Wilma Wolf’s memorial money to purchase a new Advent stand, candles, and wreath for our church. We thank them for this beautiful gift.

**December Birthdays:**

- 2 Elias Backes
- 7 Tiffany Williams
- 11 Jessica Orth
- 13 Pastor Newton Trimmer
- 20 John Wittmershaus
- 29 Nate Potter
- 31 Larry Galbreath

**2022 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall**  
**Cleaning may be done any day and time during the week preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.**

- December 17 K Kellner, C Rogers, P Taylor
- January 7 Pieper & Schweitzer Families