

# **Atonement Lutheran Church**



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



# Pastor's Greeting:

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Hymn: Jesus Sinners Does Receive ...... CW93 304 (CW21 654) Stz 1-4



- 1 Je sus sin-ners does re-ceive; Oh, may all this say-ing pon der
- 2 We de-serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace re-veal ing,
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the Lord for-sak en;
- 4 Come, O sin ners, one and all, Come, ac-cept his in vi ta tion.



Who in sin's de - lu-sions live And from God and heav- en wan - der. Par - don, peace, and life pro-claim; Here their ills have per-fect heal - ing Wea - ry souls who lost their way Are by Christ, the shep-herd, tak - en Come, o - bey his gra-cious call; Come and take his free sal - va - tion!



Here is hope for all who grieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive. Who with hum - ble hearts be - lieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive. In his arms that they may live — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive. Firm - ly in these words be - lieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

**L:** The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

# C: And also, with you.

- **L:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

#### C: AMEN

# **Prayer and Praise**

**L:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

### C: Lord have mercy

**L:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

#### C: Christ have mercy

**L:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

# C: Lord have mercy

**L:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

### C: Amen.

# **Prayer of the Day**

**L:** O Lord, you work righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. Move the hearts of all people so that the barriers which unjustly divide us may crumble, suspicions may disappear, and hatreds may cease. Heal our divisions so we might live in peace, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:6-8

<sup>6</sup> "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. The Word of our God





In you, O LORD, I have taken <u>ref</u>uge;\* deliver me in your <u>right</u>eousness.

Be my rock of <u>ref</u>uge,\* a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my <u>spir</u>it;\* redeem me, O LORD, the <u>God</u> of truth.

Refrain

My times are <u>in</u> your hands;\* save me in your un<u>fail</u>ing love.

How great is your <u>good</u>ness,\* which you have stored up for those who <u>fear</u> you.

You heard my cry for <u>mer</u>cy\* when I called to <u>you</u> for help.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

## **Second Lesson:**

# Romans 5:12, 15-17

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—…

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

<sup>16</sup> Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

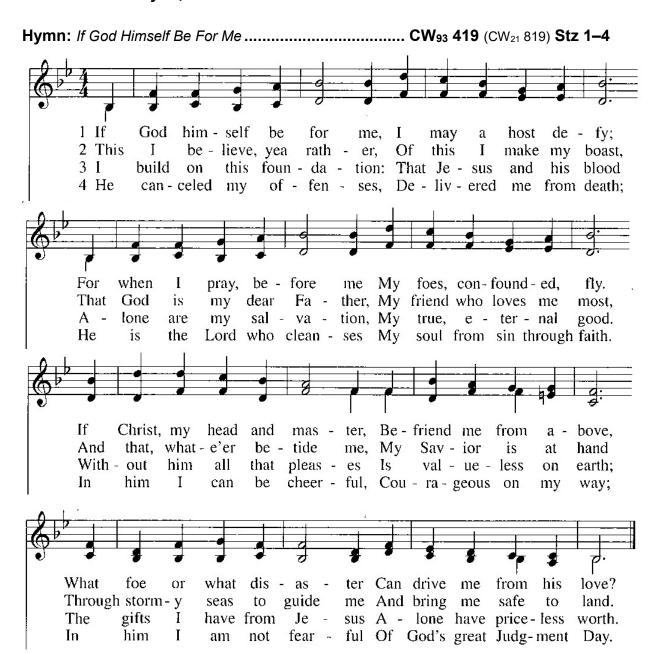
<sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: Almighty Father, Strong to Save...... CW93 517 Stz 1–4 1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, Whose strong to save, arm has 2 O Christ. the Lord of hill and O'er which our plain 3 0 Spir - it, whom the Fa ther sent To spread a -40 Trin i - ty of love and pow'r, Your peo - ple bound the rest - less wave, Who bids the might - y cean 0 traf - fic runs a - main By moun tain pass val ley broad the fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, your by shield in dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and deep Its ap - point - ed lim - its keep: Oh, own hear our low: Wher - ev - er, Lord, your peo - ple go, Pro tect them might Save all who dare the ca - gle's flight, And keep them foe. wher - e'er Pro tect them all they Thus 20; ev er earn - est, hum - ble plea For those in per - il on the sea. guard - ing hand From your ev - 'ry per - il the land. on watch - ful care by your From ev - 'ry per - il in the air. Glad praise from air shall be more to you and land and sea.

The Gospel: John 8:31–36

**L:** <sup>31</sup> To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him,

- C: "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"
- **L:** <sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
- **L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



# Sermon:

# We Are Free In Christ

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**Apostles' Creed:** (together we confess)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, Lord of all creation, look in mercy on our nation as we struggle with discord and civil unrest. We ask for you to frustrate the plans of those who would stir up violence and strife, and then bless the efforts of all who promote harmony and peace. Give to our leaders and all in authority a special measure of wisdom and patience as they carry out their tasks so that justice may prevail throughout our land. Empower us, as your people, to reflect your love in all we say and do. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

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: God Bless Our Native Land ...... CW93 619 (CW21 774) Stz 1 & 2 1 God bless our tive land! Firm may she na ev stand our prayers shall rise the skies; 2 For To God her a - bove Through storm and night! When the tem - pests rave, Ru - ler of wild ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with On him we wait. Thou who art coun - try save Ву thy great might. wind and wave, Do thou our watch - ful eye, To loud we cry, God save the thee a state!

# Give Thanks to The Lord for He Is Good.



... One Nation Under God ...

# Looking Ahead

July	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 5	<mark>2</mark>	9:30 AM	Audrey	Paul	Bob B.	
Sun Pent 6	<mark>9</mark>	9:30 AM	Jessica	Paul	Scott	Gil
Sun Pent 7	<mark>16</mark>	9:30 AM	Mark	Jessica	Scott	
Sun Pent 8	<mark>23</mark>	9:30 AM	Megan	Jessica	Bob P.	Dan
Sun Pent 9	<mark>30</mark>	9:30 AM	Dan	Jessica	Gil	

# July Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- 3 Jan Williams
- 29 Karen Meister

# 2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week on or preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

July	15	S & L Backes / N & K Potter
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August 5 Meister Family

August 19 K Kellner / P Taylor / C Rogers