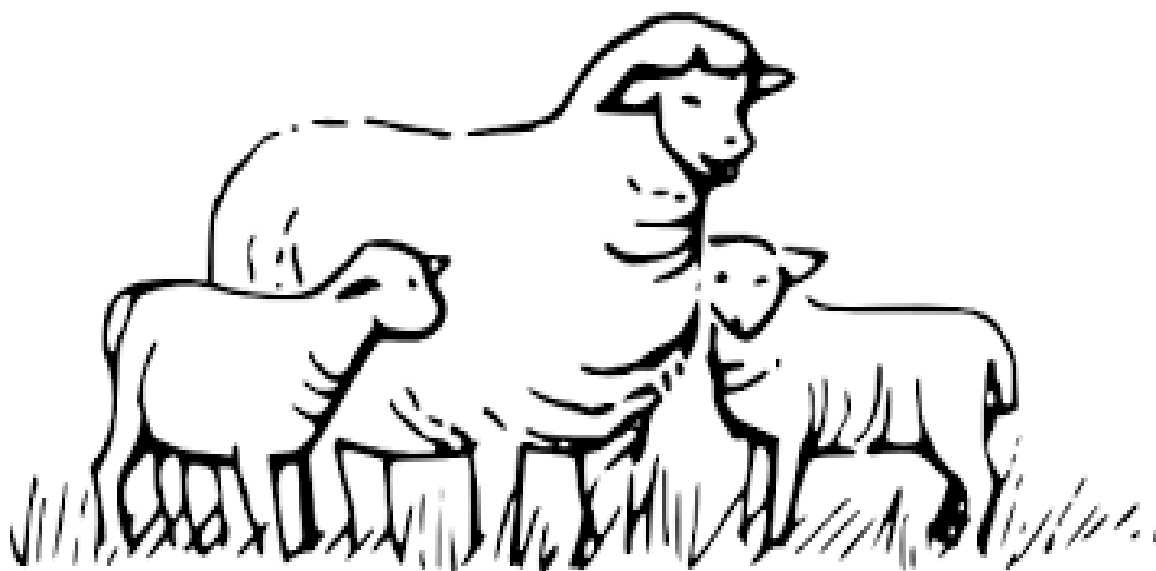


# Fourth Sunday in Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship

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**Atonement Lutheran Church**

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

# GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

*Little Prelude in E*

*-P. Hindemith*

**\*WELCOME**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*My Shepherd You Supply*

# 782

## **SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

## **PRESENTATION**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you, Andrew Spillane and Sarah Kelly desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**We do. We present Conor Kelly Spillane for baptism.**

As you bring Conor Kelly to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with certain responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

*\* Please Stand As You Are Able*

Do you promise to help Conor grow in the Christian faith and life?

**We do.**

Ann , do you promise to nurture Conor Kelly in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Conor and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you, as God's people gathered, to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

## **THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that Conor who is washed in these waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Conor Kelly Spillane, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your

daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Conor with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

Conor, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## **PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## **WELCOME**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **\*PEACE**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**



## WORD

### PSALM 23

*Read responsively. Congregation reads **bold** type.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters,**

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I fear no evil;**

**for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### SECOND READING

*1 John 3:16-24*

*A reading from First John*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*  
*Verses 1 & 2*

# 789



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.



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**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 10:11-18*

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**      *The Lord's My Shepherd*      # 778

## **PRAYERS**

In as much as God is our Shepherd, let us not fear; but lift up our prayers in trust and confidence. Shepherding God, **Hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers we offer, Shepherding God, and grant us goodness and mercy all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**      *Feed My Lambs*      -N. Sleeth

*Offering gifts are gratefully received  
in the plates located near the sanctuary doors as you exit.*

## **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Risen one, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**



# MEAL

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PROPER PREFACE

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

.... We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

With all the saints in everlasting light, we pray;

**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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Christ's body and blood truly present in the bread and the wine.*

*~Come forward by the center aisle.*

*~Children are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*~White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are also available.*

*~Dispose of the cup in the basket provided.*

*~Please tell an usher if you need communion elements brought to your pew.*

### **SENDING**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Good Shepherd, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

May the God † who restores our souls, lead you out to green pastures  
And return you to the safety of Christ’s fold. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives* # 619

*Verses 1-4 ..... All*

*Verse 5 ..... Choir*

*Verse 6 ..... Higher Voices (Soprano & Tenor)*

*Verse 7 ..... Lower Voices (Alto & Bass)*

*Verse 8 ..... All*

**\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*The congregation is invited to remain for the postlude;  
and following it, to respond with “Amen!”*

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Assisting Minister .....	Matt McGill
Livestream Recorder.....	Karen Goodyear
Usher .....	Skip Waterstreet
Counters .....	Norm Karsten, Michelle Laraby
Altar Care .....	Judy Lazenby, Jean Seager
Fellowship Host .....	Kathy Heinig

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BY WATER AND THE SPIRIT**

We rejoice today in the baptism of Conor Kelly Spillane, son of Andrew Spillane and Sarah Kelly. Sponsors are Anne Kelly and Brian Spillane. May God's blessings surround Conor throughout his journey of faith.

### **COFFEE HOUR/ADULT FORUM**

***\*TODAY\* following worship***

Join us in Reissig Hall following worship for beverages, treats, and conversation as we welcome David Sommerstein, North Country Public Radio's roving St. Lawrence Valley/Fort Drum/Tug Hill reporter (and Judy Lazenby's son-in-law), whose story on undocumented Latino labor on dairy farms was printed in the *Democrat & Chronicle*.

### **SUNDAY FUN DAY**

***\*TODAY\* April 21<sup>st</sup> following worship in Founders Hall***

All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us directly after worship in Founders Hall. Join us for a Bible story, an art project, music, activities, and snacks. Our topic this month will be 'Seasons of the Church Year'. *We ask that an adult stay with children under eight years of age to assist us.*

### **COME AND GROW WITH US!**

Want to be a part of the garden at Atonement but don't have the time to make the trip? Would you like to help contribute to the produce that is given to the Pittsford Food Pantry but aren't sure of how? Telling yourself "I don't really know how to grow things, my thumbs aren't green?" *We've got you covered!*

Grow Bags, as may be seen in the Narthex, are cloth bags filled with soil that contain a plant or two, depending on the choice. When you sign up to participate (see the list near the bag) you'll receive a bag and the soil and a plant when it's time to plant. You can pick them up in the narthex. Simply take it home, water it, and follow the instructions. You'll have green thumbs before you know it! If you have any questions please see Lin or John Macholz. *More information coming about where to drop off the produce you have grown to be donated to the Pittsford Food Pantry.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LAKE CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN CENTER**

Youth Camp, Mini Camp, Sailing Camp? Campfires and Climbing Towers? Swimming, Sailing and Kayaking? Great staff... Great friendships... and Gaga Ball? LCLC offers a wonderful opportunity for children and youth to explore their faith in a fun place on beautiful Lake Chautauqua, near Bemus Point, NY.

\*Camperships are available! LCLC continues its pledge to never turn a child away due to financial need. Applying for assistance can be as simple as a phone call and a conversation. Please let us know how we can help.

*More info. can be found at [www.lclcenter.org](http://www.lclcenter.org) and in the LCLC brochures available on the narthex table.*

### **GREEN TIP**

Every year, 700 million plastic laundry detergent jugs end up in landfills. An alternative is laundry detergent strips. They can be bought online or possibly at your regular store, and work in all washing machines; or, choose powdered detergent that comes in a recyclable cardboard box.

### **AN EASY WAY TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING**

Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera, -> tap on the link that pops up, and you will be taken directly to Atonement's giving website.



*If your phone doesn't automatically scan the code, you may need to download a QR code reader app. Many are available for free in the Google Play or Apple App store. Please contact Lindee Krapf if you have any questions.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NEW ARTWORK IN CONFERENCE ROOM: 'Deposition' by Jame He Qi**

*"It's Chagall meets Matisse meets Picasso meets the East. Vibrant. Energetic. Breathtaking. Biblical. Humorous. Whole-world art. He Qi hopes to help change the "foreign image" of Christianity in China by using artistic language, and at the same time, to supplement Chinese Art the way Buddhist art did in ancient times. His brilliant, colorful and highly contemporary paintings emerge unmistakably from ongoing Chinese contexts. He Qi blends Chinese folk customs and traditional Chinese painting with the western art of the Middle and Modern Ages, but adds his own spin, techniques and style."*

Dr. James He Qi is currently a California resident, He Qi Studied at Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing Art Institute in China and Hamburg Art Institute in Germany. Now he is currently an Artist-in-Residence at Fuller Theological Seminary (CA) and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Art Institute of RUC (Renmin University of China, Beijing).

He was the first among Mainland Chinese to earn a Ph.D. in Religious art after the Revolution. He also received his Honorary Doctor Degree from Australia Catholic University in Melbourne. He is also a member of the China Art Association and a former council member of the Asian Christian Art Association. He received 20th Century Award for Achievement in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of Religious Art Theory and Christian Art Creation of IBC in Cambridge UK. His art works have been displayed in museums, galleries, universities and churches around the world.

Stop by to view this artistic addition to the Conference Room.

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## My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.



# The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

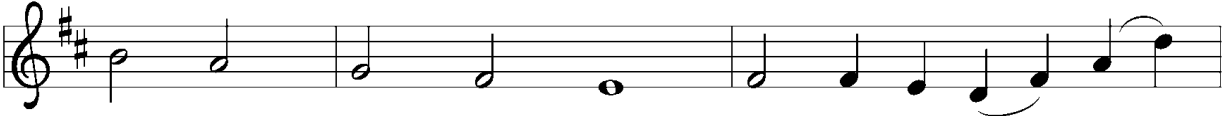


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# I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

- 5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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*Welcome to worship,*

*and a special welcome to those who are visiting with us today.*

*If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation*

*or learning more about our ministries,*

*please speak to our Pastor.*



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Atonement Lutheran Church is a gathering of God's people in Christ called to:*

***Invite*** all people into the presence of the living God,

***Prepare*** for ministry in daily life and

***Go*** into the world as disciples

Our Church Nursery is available  
for parents to use with their children.

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

John 10:11

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