

Second Sunday in Easter

April 7th, 2024

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

SIN HAS
LOST ITS
POWER
DEATH HAS
LOST ITS
STING
FROM THE GRAVE YOU'VE RISEN
VICTORIOUSLY
INTO MARVELOUS LIGHT I'M RUNNING
OUT OF
DARKNESS
OUT OF
SHAME
BY THE
CROSS
YOU ARE THE
TRUTH
YOU ARE THE
LIFE
YOU ARE THE
WAY



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GATHERING

PRELUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast

-G. Krapf

***WELCOME**

***EASTER LITANY**

God of our salvation, through the waters of the sea you rescued your people from slavery, and through the baptism into his death Christ freed us from death's hold. Let us rejoice in the gift of resurrection.

That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!

Risen Lord, victorious over death: in compassion for your troubled friends you appeared in many places, that they might dare again to trust. In a world of dire hunger and shattered faith, strengthen us, also, with signs of your presence;

That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!

Lord Jesus, hidden traveler along the road: at your companions' request you stayed for supper, and they recognized you in the breaking of the bread. Open our hearts to the words of those who walk beside us; move us to ask new friends to the table,

That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!

O God, creator of all that lives and grows upon the earth: as springs of water refresh a garden, the waters of baptism have renewed your people, that we might flourish in beauty and give you praise. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, that we might pour ourselves out for the hungry, that rich and poor alike may feast in joy.

That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!

** Please Stand As You Are Able*

***PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the book of Acts

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

SECOND READING*1 John 1:1-2:2**A reading from First John*

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONCeltic Alleluia*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPELJohn 20:19-31*

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

***NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the Church, with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS

In the light of Christ's resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who long for new life. Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Receive the prayers we offer, O God, and grant us what we truly need, in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior and Lord **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Spring Duet on the Flutes*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of Resurrection, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives, that we may live in service to Christ, and one day be raised with him in glory.

Amen.

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

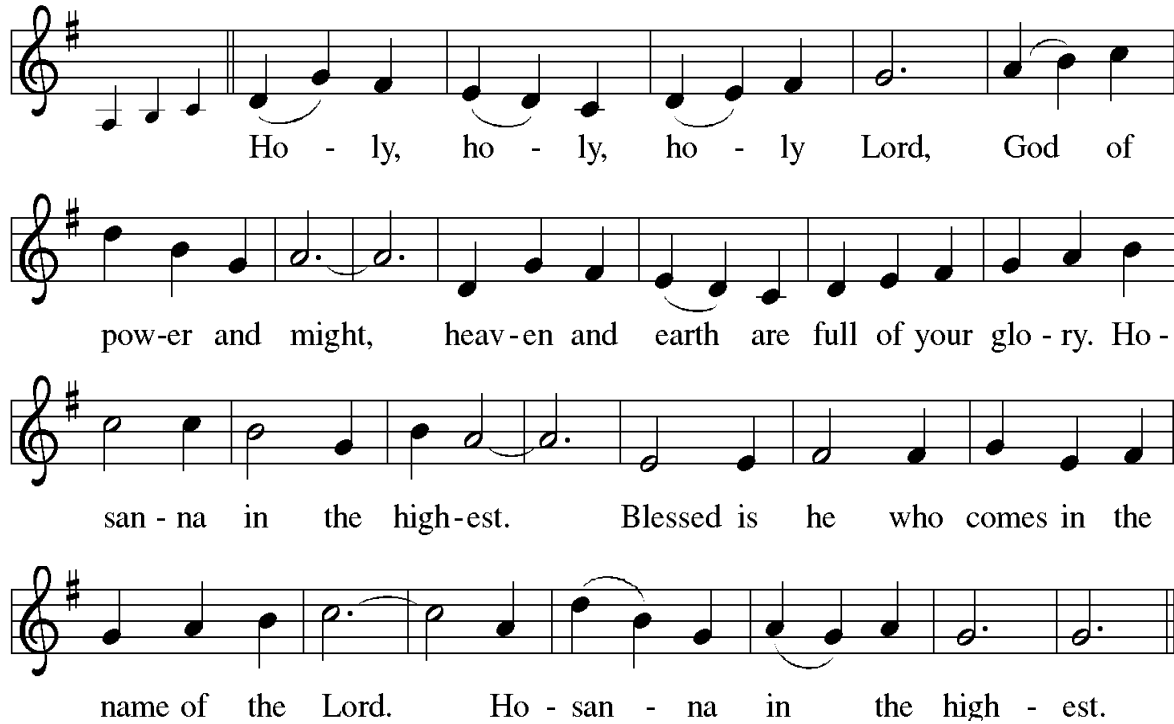
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

*EUCHARISTIC 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.

Glorious God, in the risen life of your Son you send light to conquer the darkness, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth to be your risen body, that your glory may be shown to all the world. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

May the grace of Jesus our Risen Lord, †
the love of God who raised him from death,
and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life,
bless you and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is risen! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Azmon

-C. Glaeser

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Jean Seager
Livestream Recorder	Dave Irish
Usher	Bob Heinig
Counters	Bob Touhsaent, Tom Thompson
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby, Jean Seager
Fellowship Host	Bob & Susan Touhsaent

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR

TODAY Please join us in Reissig Hall following worship for beverages, treats, and conversation.

R.I.T. CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL

***TODAY* at 6:30 p.m.**

Help us provide 'Breakfast for Dinner' for Lutheran and Episcopalian students involved with Lutheran Campus Ministry at R.I.T. Thank you to all who are donating their time or food items. *Please be sure to drop off any food to the church kitchen before 6:00 p.m. this evening.*

SPRING CHICKEN BARBECUE

Saturday, April 13th 4:30 p.m. until sold out



You can skip cooking dinner! Come to our easy, drive-through Chicken Barbecue and get a full, delicious meal for just \$15. All proceeds will benefit the Brighton Habitat Coalition of Churches.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer at this event.

APRIL ADULT FORUM

Next Sunday, April 14th following worship

Join us in Reissig Hall next week following worship to learn about hands-only CPR with Bob Touhsaent and Jess ('Stop the Bleed') McGill .

Sunday, April 21st following worship

Join us in welcoming 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*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FUN DAY

Sunday, April 21st 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE

There are several small repair and upkeep projects that need attention at Atonement. Can you help? Take a look at the project signup sheet on the 'Share & Serve' bulletin board outside Reissig Hall. We need *your* help to maintain our building, equipment, and grounds in good working order. For details, or if you have any questions, please speak with Tom Thompson.

GREEN TIP

70 million servers store data; each produces 1-2 tons of CO₂. Our data storage uses 3 times more energy than all the solar panels in the world can produce! An average Email emits 4g of CO₂, that same as a light bulb used for 6 minutes. Remove unused apps, delete duplicate and useless computer files, and archive or delete old Emails.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

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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!

"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

John 20:29



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