

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17th, 2024

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

*In observance of St. Patrick's Day, our prelude, postlude
and all of our hymns are based on Irish tunes.*



PRELUDE

The Star of County Down

***WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of mercy;

**You know the way of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us,
and the things which give us life. You know our nakedness, our shame,
and our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word and turned
from your ways. Forgive us, and shape us into the image of Christ, so that
by your grace, we may confront the power of evil with the promise of
eternal life with you. Amen.**

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we are sinners, Christ died for us.
Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Christ has become our life and
salvation; and in him, our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

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

** Please Stand As You Are Able*

***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.

***KYRIE**

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

***LENTEN VERSE**

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 12:20-33

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

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the church, with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS

In this season of repentance, let us turn our hearts to God,
who is gracious and merciful.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers we offer, O God, in the name of the One
who endured the cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

-R. Farrant

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we received from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also 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**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the abundant gifts of grace and mercy you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the gift of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

May the steadfast love of God the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit surround you throughout these forty days, and into everlasting life. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Lord of All Hopefulness

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace; led by the cross of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Londonderry Air

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR/ADULT FORUM

****TODAY* following worship in Reissig Hall***

Join us as we hear from Mike Pitts of Foodlink, a regional food bank that also addresses the root causes of hunger: food access, literacy, and career empowerment.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING

****TODAY* at 10:45 A.M. in the Conference Room***

BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALTHY HEARTS FOOD COLLECTION FOR LENT

****TODAY**** *is the last day we will be collecting items.*

Join us in collecting 'Heart Healthy' food items for the Pittsford Food Cupboard.

Some suggested items are:

Lower salt canned vegetables Low sugar/no syrup canned fruit
Oatmeal, plain Brown rice
Tuna packed in water

WEDNESDAY EVE WORSHIP IN LENT

Wednesday at 7:00pm, March 20

Gather with us during Lent for a half-hour midweek service of renewal and reflection through prayer, hymns, scripture and candle lighting. "A new heart I will give you...and I will remove from your body a heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezek.36:26 -27)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday March 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Beginning with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the Procession of Palms, join us as our order of worship follows the order of events in the Passion Reading from the Gospel of Mark: The Last Supper (*communion*), Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (*Prayers of the Church*), Jesus is arrested (*Time for Reflection*), Jesus Before Pilate (*Confession and Forgiveness*), Jesus on the Cross (*Music for Meditation*), Jesus' Body is Placed in the Tomb (*Benediction*).

Maundy Thursday March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Service of Readings, Hymns, and Special Music

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Festival Service of Holy Communion March 31st at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by Easter Coffee Hour in Reissig Hall

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EASTER SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR: FOOD SIGNUP

Volunteers are needed to donate fruit trays, coffee cakes, kuchen, Danish pastries, mini muffins, banana breads, and orange & apple juice for the coffee hour following our Easter Day Service. *There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex.*

SAVE THE DATE for our CHICKEN BBQ

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.

R.I.T. LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL

Sunday, April 7th 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. *Signup sheets for food donations and volunteer help are in the church narthex.*

GREEN TIP

Learn about the Pollinator Pathway Program coming to our area and hear Dr. Ray Dorsey discuss the link between pesticides and Parkinson's Disease. Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Brighton Library; or register for the Zoom link at bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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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!

*"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified...
whoever serves me, the Father will honor."*

John 12:23, 26



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