



Midweek Message

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday: March 28th at 9:30 a.m.
Blessing of the Palms

Palm branch pickup on Saturday, March 27th from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Stop by the sanctuary (East) entrance of the church building to pick up palm branches to take home for Sunday worship.

Maundy Thursday: April 1st at 7:00 p.m.
Service of Prayer, Reflection, and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
Service of Readings, Hymns, Music Dean Keller, bass clarinet

EASTER DAY: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



Service of Holy Communion April 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Livestream AND in-person worship in the Sanctuary
-Health precautions and safety protocols will be observed.-

EASTER PLANT DONATION FORM

A display of lilies and tulips will adorn the altar area on Easter Sunday. If you would like to make a donation toward the total cost of this display, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by April 4th.

Given by (full name): _____

Donation: \$10.00

- All Easter plants will be listed as -
- "Given in Celebration of the Risen Christ" -

Please return completed form and payment (checks made payable to Atonement Lutheran Church) to the church office by April 4th.



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

Livestream worship via our Atonement Facebook page.

Join Pastor Gail and David McCarthy for music and hymns, scripture, a sermon, prayers, and a Children's Moment.

You can follow us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and for special services by going to our Atonement Facebook page at [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)

A worship bulletin with hymns will be Emailed to our Atonement families, and posted weekly on our web site.

A Note of Thanks

*From
Florence Wright*

Many and sincere thanks to Atonement and several members who sent me cards and called while I was having cardiac and respiratory (NOT Covid!) problems. All of the attention brightened my days and my spirits. Thank you!

FIX ME, JESUS **By Pastor Gail Swanson**

Cars need fixing. Computers need fixing. A drawer that's stuck, a leaky faucet, a broken relationship all need fixing. But what we don't usually hear is this: *We need fixing.*

It's normal to go about our daily routine without any thought of this need. We work, eat, sleep and navigate a complex world – sometimes without considering *how* we are doing. Not what we are doing, but *how*. It takes a deep, honest look to admit it: *We need fixing, too.* Particularly after this past year, and how living in a pandemic has affected our lives. Everything may not be right with us – emotionally, spiritually, mentally, physically. Or even right in our walk with God.

*Fix me for my journey home;
Fix me, Jesus, fix me.
Fix me for my dying bed.
Fix me, Jesus, fix me.
Oh, fix me; fix me, Jesus, fix me.*

- African American Spiritual

The words of this spiritual say it all – fix me. Not fix him or fix her or fix them. *Fix me.* It's me in need of help. It's me in need of personal attention and adjustment from the Faithful Fixer.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross

-Hebrews 12:2

As we enter into the holiest of weeks... from palms and passion... to bread and cup... to cross and grave... may we fix our eyes on the One who journeys ahead of us. And may we have eyes to see our need of fixing.

In the Name of the One Who Makes Us One

O God, with wonderful diversity of language and culture you created all people in your own image. Free us from the dread of difference. Free us from racial and ethnic prejudice and fear. Free us to see your face in the faces of our Asian sisters and brothers in this country, and around the world; and to live together in a community of dignity, safety, and harmony in the name of the One who has made us one, Jesus Christ our Lord..

Amen.

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!

“Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise”

This quote by Martin Luther reminds of the gift of music in our worship life, and in our life of faith. Our Director of Music, David McCarthy, will be providing weekly music links of sacred music to offer inspiration, solace and peace. Click on a title to hear the song.

Méditations: François Couperin In France, by the late 17th century there had arisen a tradition of setting the Lamentations of Jeremiah (dealing with the destruction of Jerusalem in the 6th c. BC), and singing them during the week before Easter, making a parallel with lamenting the apparent death of Jesus before his resurrection. These pieces were usually solos, but this one is a duet. The original text is an acrostic, with each line starting with the next letter in the Hebrew alphabet, and those letters are kept in translation (here, the first one is “jodh,” like our i or j). These pieces weren’t meant for concert, but private performance for the nobility, and tend to be somehow both introspective and showy, with so many melismas (more than one note per syllable) that the text is obscured, and we’re left with pure beauty and devotional feeling.

Bach-Erbarme dich, mein Gott: Netherlands Bach Society There are many excellent recordings of Bach’s St. Matthew Passion on Youtube, but I didn’t want people to feel obliged to take an afternoon off to listen, so here’s an extract: a beautiful duet for alto (here sung by a countertenor) and violin. The words mean “Have mercy, my God, for the sake of my tears.”

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



It's time! Our 2021 summer camp registration portal is officially open. As shared in recent communications, this summer's schedule has been pared down due to anticipated COVID-19 restrictions. For the health and safety of our camp community, we have also reduced the cabin capacity to 6 campers per cabin and no more than 42 campers per week. Consequently, spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. For now, we're planning for a safe, fun, and faith-filled summer!

The modified summer schedule, information on how we plan to keep our campers safe during the continued pandemic, and the registration portal can [all be found on our website](#). For more information, call 716-386-4125 or email contact@lclcenter.org.



Healing God, *We Pray to You*

For the sick, especially Susan Touhsaent in her ongoing recovery from two strokes.

For those whose needs we know.

For those whose needs are hidden.

For the sorrows of this pandemic.

For trust, that you, indeed hear the prayers of our hearts.

Amen.

KIDS' ACTIVITY PAGE

People Wave Palms to Jesus

S D A N Y C O W Q D R S I B C V
B E M R X O M R E E D K M R A A
Y R H F A A C F G S J O O L N Y
J T G C H T G J L S Q W N N A R
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Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Make your own palm!

You will need: green paper, brown paper, glue or tape, pencil, scissors

1. Trace your hand with fingers open 5 times on green paper; cut them out
2. Trace a trunk shape (below) on brown paper; cut it out
3. Tape or glue your palm 'leaves' on top of the trunk and wave for Jesus!

