

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3rd, 2024

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Hyfrodol

-R. Prichard

***WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God 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**

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from Exodus

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

A reading from First Corinthians

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

***LENTEN VERSE**

We Are Turning, Lord, to Hear You



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—



slow to an - ger, rich in bless-ing, and with love to us in - clined.

HOLY GOSPELJohn 2:13-22*

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

SERMON***HYMN OF THE DAY***Built On a Rock*

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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

Children of the Heavenly Father

-E. Nelson

*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.

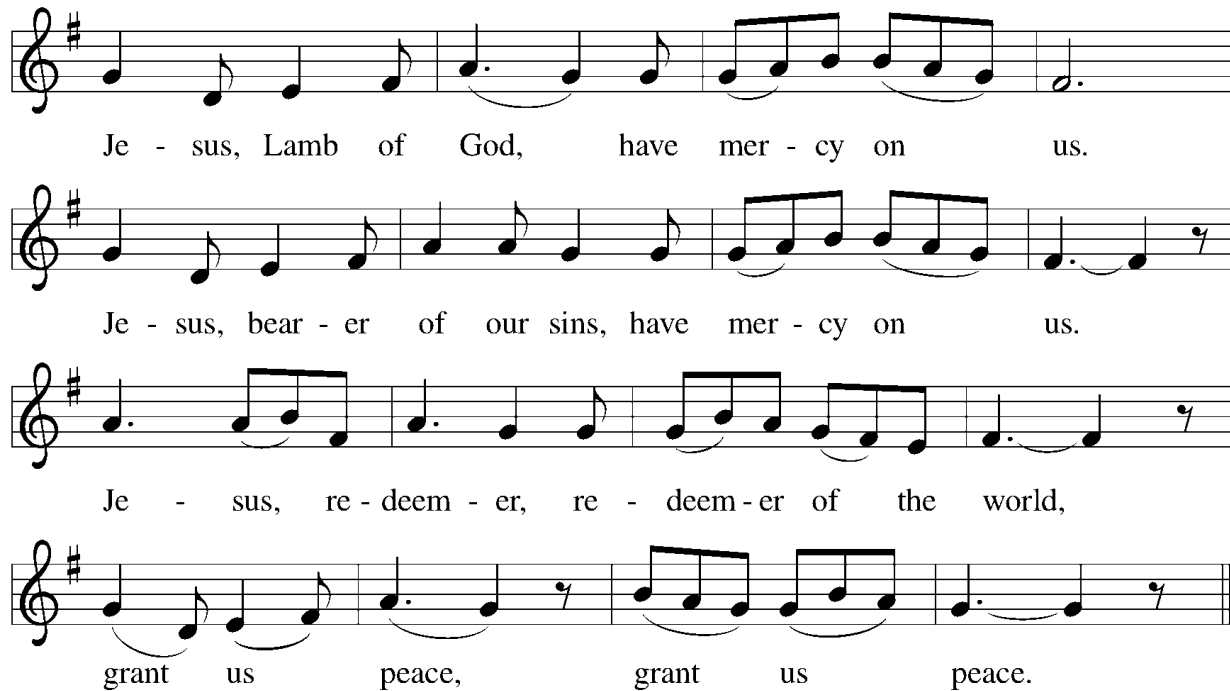
***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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.





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**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

You Servants of God

-J. M. Haydn

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister Joanne Scanlon
Livestream Recorder..... Andrew Spillane
Offering Counters Bob Touhsaent, Jim Krapf
Usher(s) Norm Karsten
Altar Care Judy Lazenby, Jean Seager
Fellowship Hosts Desiree Wolfe

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR

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

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: *Meeting Jesus at the Table*

Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Conference Room (Library)

March 5, 12

Like a great meal, this Lenten study book offers deep nourishment as we gather for four weeks at different tables in various places throughout Jesus' ministry. In a world of power struggles and food insecurity, this Lenten study reminds us that at God's Table, all are welcome and there is always enough.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Wednesdays at 7:00pm March 6, 13, 20

Gather with us during Lent for a half-hour midweek service of renewal and reflection through prayer, hymns, scripture and candle lighting focused on the theme "Hearts of Flesh": bring your heart as it is, and let God breathe into it the Spirit of Christ's love.

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)

HEALTHY HEARTS FOOD COLLECTION FOR LENT

As we journey through Lent seeking new hearts to love God and our neighbor, 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

We will be collecting items through March 17th on the table in the narthex.

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GREEN TIP

Would you like to keep items out of the landfill and avoid buying new ones? Join ColorBrightonGreen to learn about the services offered by the SEAC Tool Shed, the South Wedge Mission Repair Cafe, and SewGreen: Tuesday March 12, 6:30pm, Brighton Memorial Library or register for the zoom link at bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com.

Atonement will have it's own briefing about the South Wedge Mission Repair Café and SewGreen at our March 10th Adult Forum, so there are two options to get some information on these programs.

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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Built on a Rock



- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
- 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
- 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
- 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
- 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum-bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim-ing and call - ing—call - ing the young and old to rest, call-ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con-fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak-ing with
 prom-ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless-ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant-ing his chil-dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

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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 message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God."*

1 Corinthians 1:18



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