

# Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship Service

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

6:00 p.m.

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**Atonement Lutheran Church**

**Invite • Prepare • Go into the World**

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

*On this evening we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples -the Passover supper - followed by the first Lord's Supper. In the bread and wine we share, and in the humble act of foot washing, Jesus shows us the way of love poured out for the whole world.*

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

*A Vineyard Grows*

*-K. L. Scott*

*During the prelude, all are invited to help themselves to beverages and find a seat at the tables.*

### **WELCOME**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this day, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Let us make confession to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

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

**\*HYMN**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

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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 all. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, source of all love,  
on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SUPPER IS SERVED**

*All are invited to serve themselves and enjoy the meal  
as the service continues.*

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING**

*Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14*

*A reading from Exodus*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

#### **SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

*A reading from 1 Corinthians*

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

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

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

<sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

<sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

<sup>31b</sup>“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

## SERMON

### **THE TABLE IS CLEARED**

*When you are finished eating,  
please place your dishes and silverware on the side table.*

#### **\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Around You, O Lord Jesus*

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## PRAYERS

As the Cross draws us to new life in Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the One who loves us to the end; Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Seed That In Earth Is Dying*

*-B. Ellingboe*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your holy name. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **\*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.**

### **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

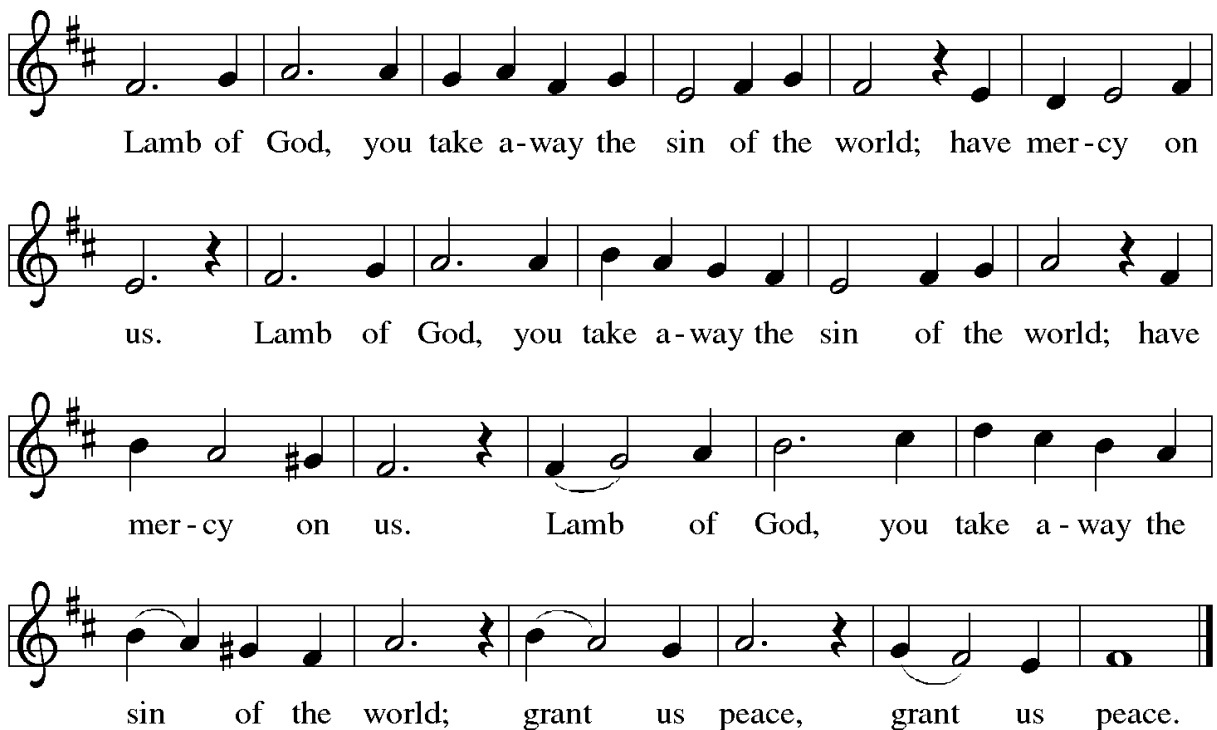
#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

# LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin 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.*

*I am  
the Bread  
of Life  
John 6:35*



## **SENDING**

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

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in a wondrous sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

This is our new commandment: to love one another, as Jesus loves us. By this love, may the world know that we are Christ's disciples; in the name of the Father † Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **\*HYMN**

*Lamb of God*

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*Please Be Seated  
Lights Are Dimmed*

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The altar is stripped, symbolizing the humiliation Jesus suffered from the soldiers in the stripping of his garments. It is a time to meditate on the suffering of Christ, stripped of his power and glory in the hands of his captors. We depart, ready to continue the celebration of these Three Days with the Good Friday liturgy.*

***Worship concludes with silent reflection.***

*Offering gifts are gratefully received in the plates located near the doorway.*

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Assisting Minister ..... Joanne Scanlon  
Usher ..... Norm Karsten  
Altar Care ..... Judy Lazenby, Jean Seager

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

***Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm***

A Service of Readings, Hymns, and Special Music offered by guest French horn instrumentalist, Madison Warren.

### **EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

***Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am***

Festival Service of Holy Communion

- Guest Musicians
- Sending Hymn: "*Hallelujah Chorus*" – G.F. Handel

*(The congregation is invited to sing this glorious choral work along with our choir at the end of worship. Music provided!)*

### **EASTER BRUNCH: following our Easter worship service**

***Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> following worship in Reissig Hall***

All are invited! Please sign up on the table in the narthex to let us know what you'll be bringing.

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Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

1 Corinthians 11:26

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