

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

April 5th, 2026

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

EASTER PRELUDE

Please silence all phones and pagers as we begin worship

(The congregation is invited to face the Procession.)

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice and be glad!

Behold the victory of our God: Jesus has conquered death.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The gates of death have opened wide, that we may believe Jesus is the Christ,
and have life forever.

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*PEACE

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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*GREETING

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Please Stand As You Are Able*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God,

you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

SECOND READING *Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from Colossians

¹You have been raised to life with Christ, so set your hearts on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on his throne at the right-hand side of God. ²Keep your minds fixed on things there, not on things here on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴Your real life is Christ and when he appears, then you too will appear with him and share his glory!

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

***GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

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(stanzas 1 & 2)

***HOLY GOSPEL** *John 20:1-18*

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

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

***GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!
(stanzas 3, 4, 5)

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SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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***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.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

This Joyful Eastertide

-R. Powell

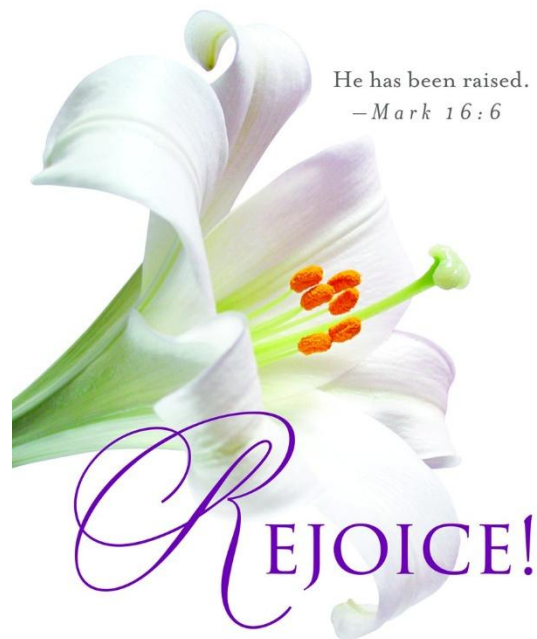
As the offering plates are passed during the music, may our generosity help to bring the joy of Christ's presence more deeply throughout the world.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

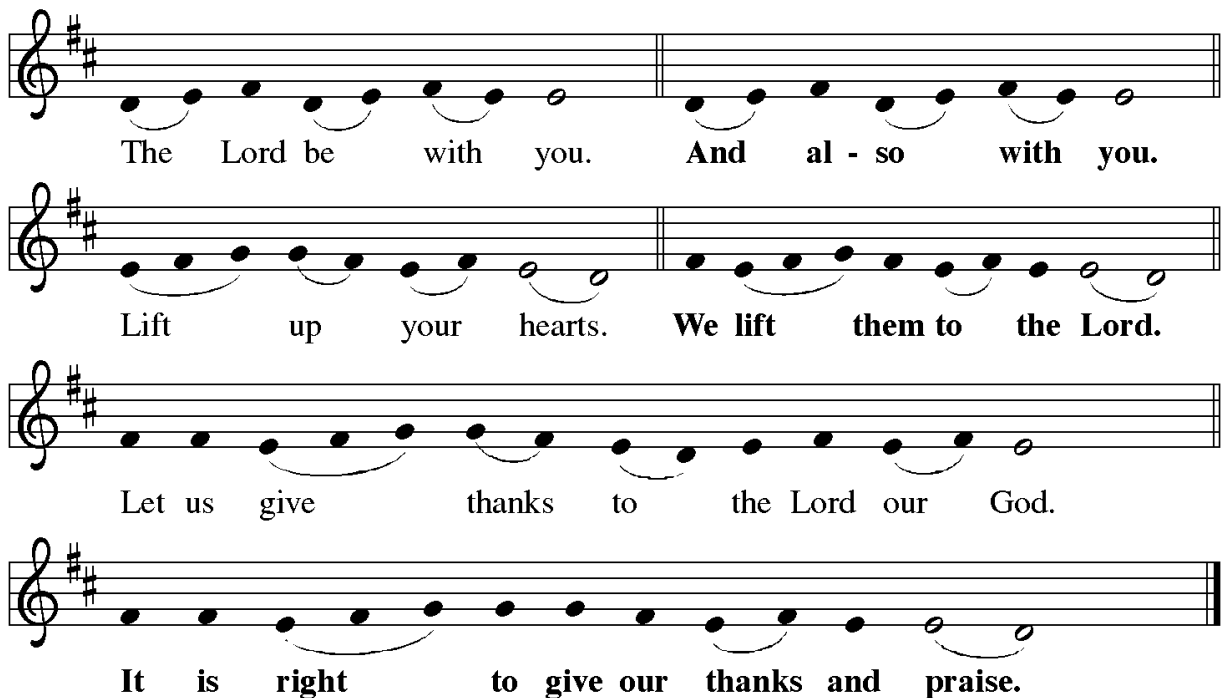
God of Resurrection, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives, that we may live in service to Christ, and one day be raised with him in glory.

Amen.



MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

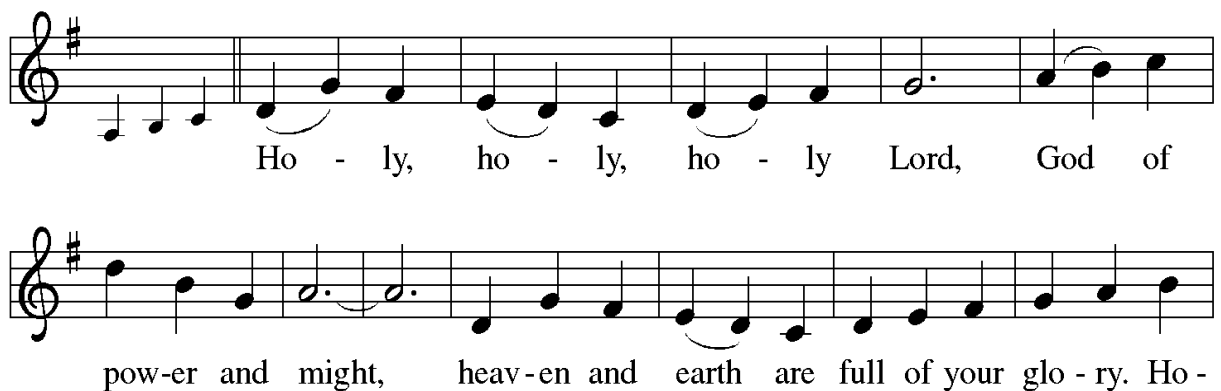


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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**

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you everlasting joy that you may abound in hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Hallelujah Chorus

-G. F. Handel

(Those in the congregation who would like to sing are invited to gather near the baptismal font. Copies of the music are on the table in the Narthex.)

***DISMISSAL**

Go out with joy to tell the good news: Christ is risen from the dead!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Eastertide Medley

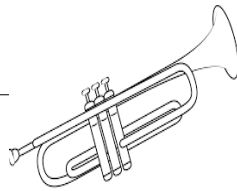
*The congregation is invited to remain for the postlude;
and following it, to respond with "Amen!"*

The congregation is invited to an Easter Brunch
in Reissig Hall following worship.

THANK YOU

We offer our appreciation to our guest musicians
Paul Gaspar, Pete Lindblom, trumpets;
and Evan Dobbins, Malcolm Williamson, trombones;
Heather Holmquest, soprano, and Andy Cripps, tenor
for their presence with us this morning.

*The Carol and John Condemi Gift of Music fund has generously provided
for their participation in this worship service.*



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister Rob White
Communion Servers Sarah & Sharon Darder
Usher Bob Heinig
Livestream Recorder..... Andrew Spillane
Altar Care Judy Lazenby, Jean Seager
Offering Counters Bryan Howe, Jim Krapf



**The Easter plants in celebration of the
Resurrection of Our Lord are given by:**

- ◇ Our Atonement Family, in honor of Pastor Gail for a wonderful 11 years of teaching and caring for us, and becoming a forever friend.
- ◇ Mike, Laurie, Nicole, Danielle, and Sophia Bufano in honor of Norm & Judy Karsten
- ◇ Judy Lazenby in memory of Gary, and in honor of Jack, Aidan, Melinda, Olivia, Hudson, and Graham
- ◇ Jean Seager in memory of the Zimmer and Seager Families
- ◇ Pastor Gail and Pastor Craig Swanson in honor of their congregations
- ◇ Phyllis Fleming in memory of Laura & Fran Fleming
- ◇ Karan & Tom Thompson in memory of Barbara & Dick Fekete
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- ◇ Judy & Norm Karsten in honor of their children and grandchildren
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- ◇ Lin & John Macholz in memory of Barb and in honor of Zach, Jasmin, Gloria, Luke, and Matt
- ◇ The Domroes-Boyle family in memory of John Boyle, Marge & Paul Domroes
- ◇ Desiree Wolfe in memory of Virginia Wolfe
- ◇ Barbara Sanko to the Glory of God
- ◇ Diane Christianson in memory of Eloise Kress
- ◇ The Heinig Family in memory of our son, Bob, brother of Kim and Debbie

Plants may be taken home following the service today.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

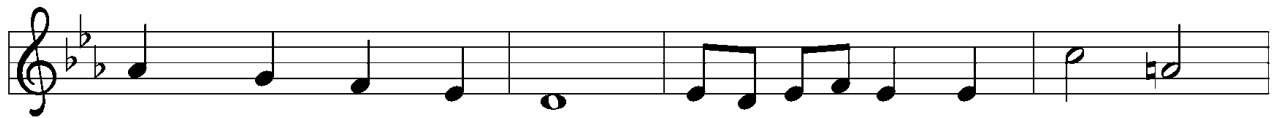
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
 He has arisen this world to save.
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
 Even the battle with sin is won."
Refrain
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
 Alleluia, to him praises be.
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
Refrain

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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*

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Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord";
and she told them that he had said these things to her."*

John 20:18

Hallelujah!

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