

Midweek Message

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A JOYFUL EASTERTIDE AT ATONEMENT!



Atonement Lutheran Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 12th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or Livestream the service via our Facebook page. In today's Gospel, the Risen Christ appeared to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid our own doubts and questions, we experience this peace, gathered in community around his word and meal.

ADULT FORUM & COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, April 12th at 10:30 a.m. in Reissig Hall

Please join us in Reissig Hall following worship for refreshments and conversation. This week, we will welcome Liz Toomey and Kim Niles from the Monroe County Department of Public Health speaking with us about the *Science of Addiction* and training us on how to reverse an overdose using Narcan.

HOLY WEEK THANKS

THANK YOU... to all who helped in ways large and small during these holy days leading to the joy of Christ's Resurrection: volunteers who did a special cleaning of the sanctuary and narthex; those who decorated the sanctuary, hung banners, arranged flowers, and provided extra altar care; our high school volunteer who re-organized the library shelves; those who ushered, counted offering, assisted with worship, and livestreamed our services; those who set up, cleaned up, decorated, and provided food for our Maundy Thursday Dinner and Easter Brunch.

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

"Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise" -Martin Luther

[Lang Lang - Tchaikovsky The Seasons, Op. 37a: IV. April - Snowdrop](#) Tchaikovsky was commissioned by a St. Petersburg music magazine to write 12 short piano pieces, one for each month. They appeared in their corresponding month's edition throughout 1876. They're very straightforward and attractive, not too deep, and meant for educated amateurs to play for themselves. This one is subtitled "Snowdrop," and it was nice to see them emerge recently.

[MONTEVERDI: L'incoronazione di Poppea "Pur ti miro, Pur ti godo" \(Jaroussky, De Niese\)](#) This is one of the oldest operas, from 1643. It's a love duet between Nero and Poppea, his wife. Originally, there would have been no women on stage, and the high parts would have been sung by castrati. We don't have them anymore, so there are singers like Philippe Jaroussky who specialize in using their falsetto voices. Like a lot of love duets over the centuries, the parts start out in dialogue and then unite (here, a little after 2:10).

BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Ministries will be meeting in the Conference Room.

SMALL WONDERS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

This Saturday, April 11th from 10:00 a.m. –11:30 a.m.

Small Wonders is a secular, play-based program that welcomes families of all faiths, cultures, and beliefs. With years of experience as dedicated preschool teachers, Brooke DeMartin and Andra Smith have backgrounds in Special and Early Elementary Education, Early Childhood Mental Health, Child Psychology, and Child Development. They are passionate about fostering early childhood development through play-based learning.



Brooke and Andra are a strong team in the classroom and collaborate by pooling their knowledge, bringing different strengths and teaching styles to the classroom. Together, they create a balanced and enriched learning environment for students, designing and implementing engaging, hands-on activities that promote curiosity and problem-solving skills, catering to diverse learning styles and developmental needs.

Join us for a school tour, learn about our program,
and meet our teachers!

Visit smallwondersroc.com for more information

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LIVESTREAM OUTREACH



Have you every enjoyed watching our service on the church Facebook page? Each week, we record our services so that those unable to make it out to church can still 'attend' worship. We're looking for a few more assistants to help with the recording. Can you spare one Sunday per month to help with this important outreach service? Please contact Andrew Spillane, Dave Irish, Karen Goodyear, Pastor Gail, or the church office if you'd like to help. *Please don't hesitate... instructions and training will be provided!*

Come Worship With Us ... Everyone Is Welcome!

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship *Or Livestream on our Facebook Page*

Website: www.atonementrochester.org Facebook: fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch

April

*April's soft whisper, a gentle hush,
Nature awakens with a subtle blush.
From winter's grasp, the earth does flee,
embracing warmth, the world feels free.*

*Petals bloom, the colors they spill,
on every meadow, valley, and hill.
The skies so blue, the clouds so frail,
April's song, a springtime tale.*

*Morning dew on the grass so green,
a tranquil scene, so pure, unseen.
April, you bring a world so bright,
banishing darkness, embracing light.*

-Maya Anthony

Looking Ahead

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday	Apr. 11th	10:00 a.m.	Small Wonders Preschool Open House	Founders Hall
Sunday	Apr. 12th	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
Sunday	Apr. 12th	10:30 a.m.	Adult Forum/Fellowship Hour	Reissig Hall
Tuesday	Apr. 14th	6:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries Meeting	Conference Room

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