

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

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SIN HAS  
LOST ITS  
POWER  
DEATH HAS  
LOST ITS  
STING  
FROM THE GRAVE YOU'VE RISEN  
VICTORIOUSLY  
INTO MARVELOUS LIGHT I'M RUNNING  
OUT OF  
DARKNESS  
OUT OF  
SHAME  
BY THE  
CROSS  
YOU ARE THE  
TRUTH  
YOU ARE THE  
LIFE  
YOU ARE THE  
WAY



**Atonement Lutheran Church**

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## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

*Gift of Finest Wheat*

*-R. Kreutz*

**\*WELCOME**

**\*EASTER LITANY**

God of our salvation, through the waters of the sea you rescued your people from slavery, and through the baptism into his death Christ freed us from death's hold. Let us rejoice in the gift of resurrection.

**That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!**

Risen Lord, victorious over death: in compassion for your troubled friends you appeared in many places, that they might receive your gift of peace. In a world of violence and fear, strengthen us, also, with signs of your peaceful presence;

**That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!**

Lord Jesus, hidden traveler along the road: at your companions' request you stayed for supper, and they recognized you in the breaking of the bread. Open our hearts to the words of those who walk beside us; move us to ask new friends to the table,

**That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!**

O God, creator of all that lives and grows upon the earth: as springs of water refresh a garden, the waters of baptism have renewed your people, that we might flourish in beauty and give you praise. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, that we might pour ourselves out for the hungry, that rich and poor alike may feast in joy.

**That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Risen 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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God,

your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

*A reading from Acts*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

**SECOND READING***1 Peter 1:17-23**A reading from 1 Peter*

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***This Joyful Eastertide*

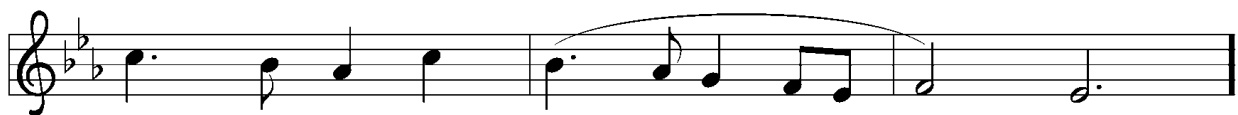
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1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.  
 wake the dead in num - - ber.  
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.



<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Stay With Us*

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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.**



*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, 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.*

*~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**

O Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

May the grace of Jesus our Risen Lord, †  
the love of God who raised him from death,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life,  
bless you and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go with the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*The King Shall Come*

-W. Jones

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister .....	Kathy Wilkinson
Communion Servers .....	Skip Waterstreet
Usher .....	Dave Irish
Livestream Recorder.....	Bob Touhsaent, Tom Thompson
Altar Care .....	Judy Lazenby
Offering Counters .....	Kathy & Bob Heinig

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADULT FORUM/FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

**\*TODAY\* following worship** Please join us in Reissig Hall following worship for refreshments and conversation. April is National Poetry Month, a time for celebrating the impact of poets and the power of language. While many poets and poems fill the air, let us take time to explore what Martin Luther called *The Little Bible*- the collection of poetry and songs found in the Book of Psalms.

### **NEW SPRING/SUMMER BULLETIN BOARD: All Things Bright & Beautiful**

For the spring & summer months, we would like to try something different to brighten up our Member Board in the office hallway. We're asking all pet owners and animal lovers to share a photo of their furry, finny, or feathered friends! You can bring a photo in to share or send a digital photo to the church office to print (we can only print in black & white) at [office@atonementrochester.org](mailto:office@atonementrochester.org). Please be sure to include a small index card if you bring your photo in -there are some on the bulletin board to use- with your pet's name and who their 'parents' are, or even a fun fact about your pet or something they like to do. We can't wait to see the board filled with your photos!

### **GREEN TIP**

When fishermen in Asia pull in their nets, they get 60% fish and 40% plastic. Why? Because as demand for fossil fuel declines, oil and gas companies are marketing more single use plastics to poor countries that don't have infrastructure to dispose of them. Visit [beyondplastics.org](http://beyondplastics.org) to take action.

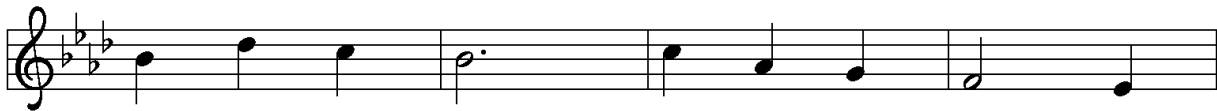
# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



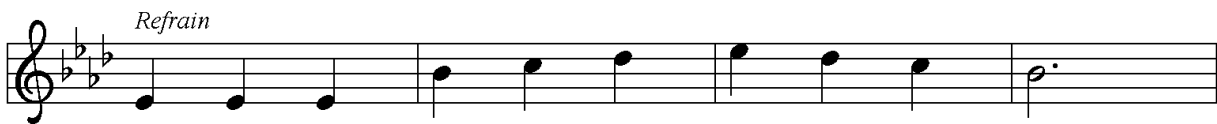
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

# Stay with Us



1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to  
 2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: hear when our  
 3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our  
 4 Talk with us, till we be - hold a joy - ful  
 5 Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor



you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our  
 wea - ry spir - its cry. Feel a - gain our loss, our  
 weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our  
 life you will un - fold. Heal our eyes to see the  
 dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace im -



eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.  
 pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.  
 fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
 prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
 part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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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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to use with their children.

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Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"You have been born anew,  
not of perishable but of imperishable seed,  
through the living and enduring word of God."*

1 Peter 1:23

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