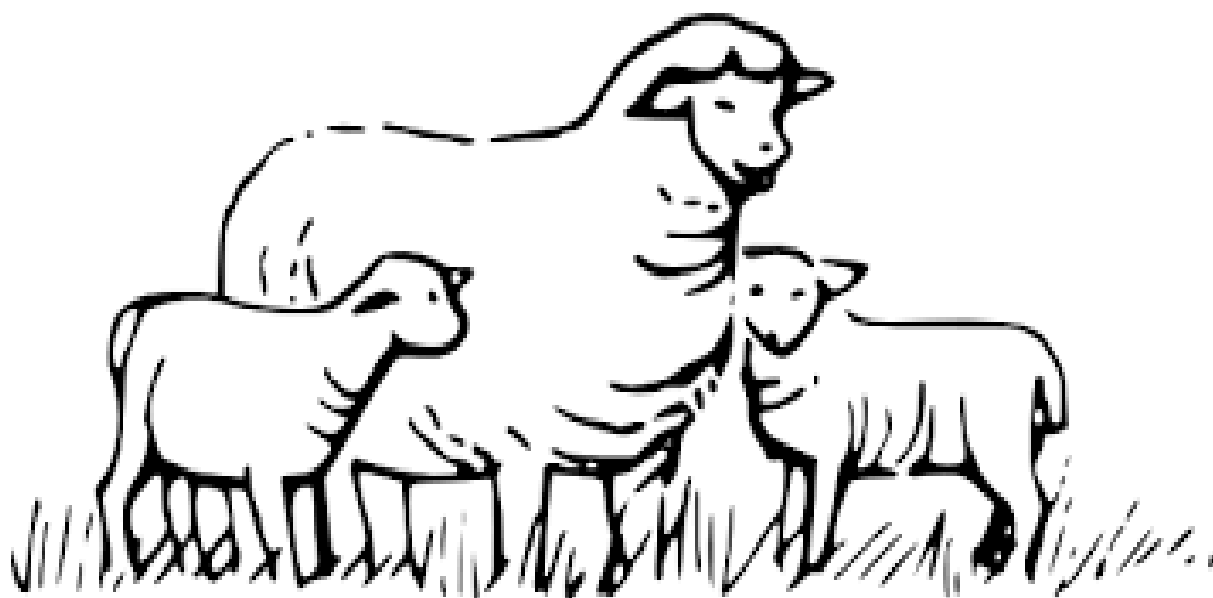


# Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

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**Atonement Lutheran Church**

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

*-J. McBain*

**\*WELCOME**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

*# 502*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of God, Father + Son and Spirit;  
our hope and our strength,  
our shepherd and savior. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins.

Holy God,  
**we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationships, lovingkindness and faithfulness. We have dishonored you, neglected our neighbors and hurt your good creation. We have not loved as we have been commanded; we have not walked in ways of peace. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we might dwell evermore deeply in following you. Amen.**

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring, cleansing us of our sins. Know that you have received new life in Christ the Good Shepherd to go forth and follow the paths of righteousness, now and all the days of your life. **Amen.**

**\*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 our shepherd,  
you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **PSALM 23**

*Read responsively. Congregation reads **bold** type.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters,**

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**SECOND READING***1 Peter 2:19-25**A reading from 1 Peter*

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, vv. 1,2 # 789*

1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.



## **\*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**

God is our Shepherd, let us not fear. We lift up our prayers in trust and confidence. Shepherding God, **Hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers we offer, Shepherding God, and grant us goodness and mercy all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*The King of Love*

*-R. Lee*

*Offering gifts are gratefully received  
in the plates located near the sanctuary doors as you exit.*

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Shepherd of our Souls,

You call us to an abundant feast at your table and feed us on your goodness.

Accept our offerings for the good of the world, as we give thanks for our life in you, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## MEAL

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*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!

## \*EUCCHARISTIC 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**

Let us pray.

Good Shepherd, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

May the God † who restores our souls, lead you out to green pastures and return you to the safety of Christ's fold. **Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

# 619

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. In Christ there is abundant life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Easter Hymn*

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

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Usher .....	Andrew Spillane
Livestream Recorder.....	Norm Karsten, Adam Darder
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Offering Counters .....	John & Lin Macholz

# Brunch Reception

A celebration and farewell to

Pastor Gail Swanson

on her last Sunday at Atonement  
before her retirement.

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Please join us for worship  
at 9:30 a.m. followed by  
Brunch in Reissig Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**\*TODAY\* following worship** Please join us for a poetry sharing in Reissig Hall. Share a poem you've written, one that you've admired, one that you love. All ages are welcome. come and experience what your friends have to share.

### **FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS MEETING**

***Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m.-Noon in Reissig Hall***

Join us on the first Friday of each month for crafting and fellowship. Feel free to bring your own materials for projects you're working on, or we'll have a few items on hand. If crafting isn't your thing, then join us for the coffee and conversation!

### **MOTHER'S DAY OUTREACH PROJECT: BIRTHDAY CAKE BAGS**

Help us to provide a special treat for families receiving food assistance at the Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Rochester with a donation of a **'Birthday Cake Bag'**. *We will be collecting bags next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.* Donations can be placed on the table in the narthex.

To create a Birthday Cake Bag, gather together:

- One cake mix (any flavor)
- One can of frosting (any flavor)
- One package of birthday candles
- One pkg of small *Happy Birthday plates* (8/pkg)
- One pkg of small *Happy Birthday napkins* (8/pkg)



Place all items into a paper gift bag/tote bag with handles.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ATONEMENT GARDEN REFRESH**

***Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m.***

It's time to refresh the church garden to get it ready for planting in late May! Soil needs to be turned over, landscape cloth needs to be re-stapled in some of the beds, and new landscape cloth needs to be put on the ground to replace what is there. These are just a few items, among others, that need some attention. If you have even 30 minutes to join our efforts, your help will be appreciated in getting the beds in shape for the coming growing season.

We will be adding some additional growing space in different containers this spring to increase our output, and will say more about that in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please join Lin and John if you have a few moments. No gardening skills are required!

### **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 **bring a photo** of their furry, finny, amphibian, or feathered friends! 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**

Join *Color Brighton Green* and local bee keeper Ward Graham to learn how to welcome pollinators to your garden. Thursday, May 7th, 6:30pm at Brighton Library or To register for the zoom link: 784-5300 or

<https://bml.libcal.com/event/16302722>

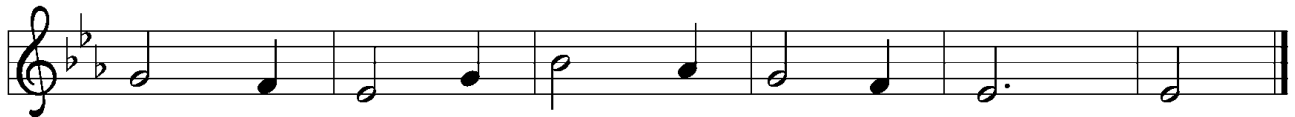
# The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

# My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

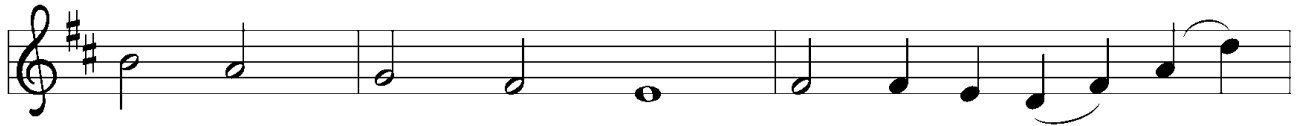


and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br/>             he lives to plead for me above;<br/>             he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>             he lives to help in time of need.</p>                       | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>             he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>             he lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>             he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>             he lives and loves me to the end;<br/>             he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br/>             he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br/>             He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br/>             what joy this blest assurance gives:<br/>             I know that my Redeemer lives!</p>    |

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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!

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

John 10:10b

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