

Midweek Message

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ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH



Ash Wednesday is a time of confession, repentance, and renewal which sets us on a new path of discipleship for the season of Lent. Begin your Lenten journey with the sign of the cross traced on your forehead, a powerful symbol of dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ.

7:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

Join us in-person in our sanctuary or livestream via our Facebook page.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or livestream via our Facebook page. The struggle between good and evil is within and around us as we pray for the strength to resist temptation and to serve God only.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This Sunday, February 22nd following worship in Reissig Hall

Refreshments will be provided

Annual Report

Copies of the Annual Report will be available Ash Wednesday on the table in the narthex.

READERS NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE LENTEN READINGS

There are some well-known Gospel readings coming up on the Sundays in Lent, which work well as narrative readings with two or three voices.

If you are willing to be a narrative reader for one or more Sundays, *please contact the church office by February 25th.*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: PACKING DAY AT PCHO

When? Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon, followed by lunch

Where? PCHO, 60 Carlson Road, Suite 35, Rochester, NY, 14610

Please join us at Person Centered Housing Options of Rochester as we help our neighbors in need during this cold winter. Volunteers are needed to help assemble Winter Outreach Bags for distribution to unhoused/homeless persons in the Rochester area

We need to turn in the number of volunteers attending this event.

Please contact Pastor Gail by February 25th if you can join us.

Atonement Lutheran Church

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

JUST LOVE: LENT 2026

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. -Romans 5:5

As we journey through this season of Lent to the cross, the tomb and the empty grave, may God's love pour out into us...and through us...to our neighbors, communities and all the world.



JUST LOVE: NOONTIME WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesdays from 12:00 – 12:30pm February 25 – March 25

Join us for scripture readings, reflections, hymns and candle lighting as we pray for the world and the people God loves.

LOVE LIKE A DISCIPLE: LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 11:00am February 25 – March 25

A fresh look at the Sermon on the Mount...and Jesus' invitation to live into God's love in what we do and what we say.

LOVE OUTPOURED: DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2026

Journey through this holy season with a copy of this new devotional for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Pick up a copy from the basket on the table in the narthex.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Help us help others by donating hygiene items for distribution to unhoused members of the Rochester community through Person Centered Housing Options (PCHO). We will be collecting the items listed below through March 22nd. Items can be placed on the table in the narthex.

* Deodorant (men's and women's)

* Toothbrushes

* Small/sample sized bar soap

* Tampons

Looking Ahead

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday	Feb. 18th	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Evening Service	Sanctuary
Sunday	Feb. 22nd	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
Sunday	Feb. 22nd	10:30 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting	Reissig Hall

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