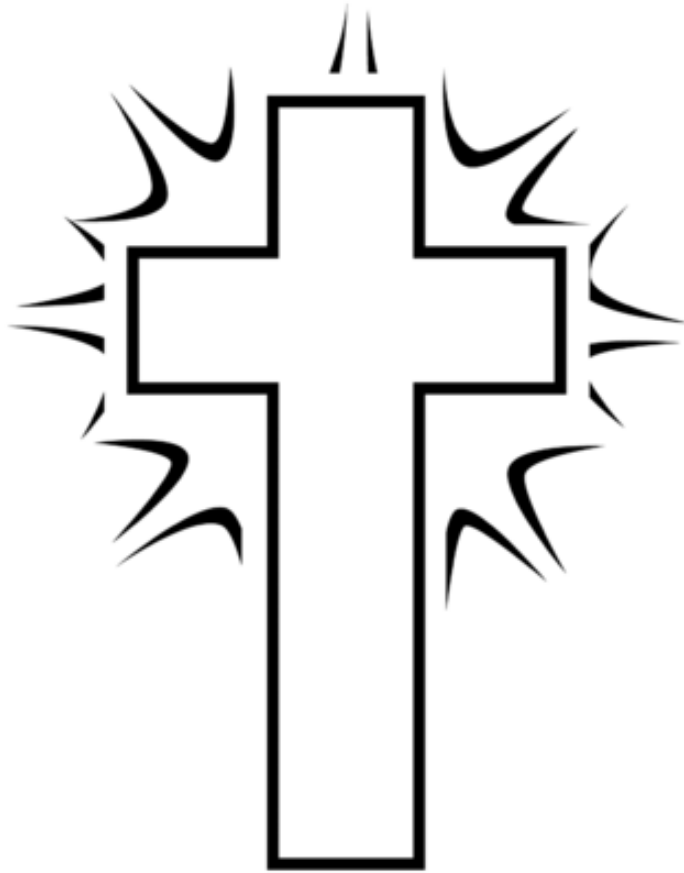


Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11th, 2024

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Christ, Upon the Mountain Peak

***WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of majesty and might;

You are a lamp to our feet, and have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Yet we fail to listen to your wisdom, neglect to follow your words of guidance, and refuse to unconditionally love and care for others as you have commanded in Christ. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us; that we may live faithful lives, and walk in the light of your love. Amen.

God, who is loving and merciful, offers us the grace of repentance and frees us from our sin to be God's beloved children. In the name of Jesus Christ †, we are forgiven to live in the peace of his light now and forever. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

God, Whose Almighty Word

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** 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**

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from Second Kings

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

SECOND LESSON *2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

A reading from Second Corinthians

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

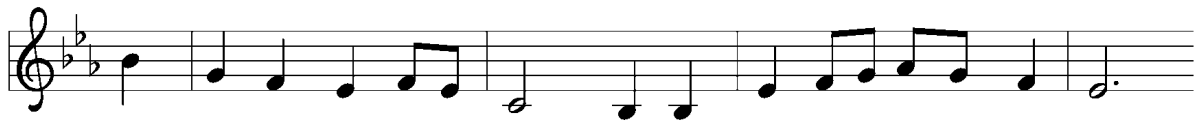
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

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1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 9:2-9

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

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Beautiful Savior*

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the church, with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear the cries of your people, O God, and be gracious to us; for you are our salvation through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Shine, Jesus, Shine

-G. Kendrick

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of mountaintops and valleys; be our vision as we faithfully lift up our gifts and ourselves, that they may be transformed into your presence in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.

Holy God, we thank you for the grace and healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew us for works of mercy, and shape us as people eager to share the good news of your saving love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

May the wisdom of God †

The love of Christ,

And the peace of the Holy Spirit

Shine brightly in your lives, this day and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Walk in the light of Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Deo Gracias

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister Eric Domroes
Livestream Recorder..... Andrew Spillane
Offering Counters Amy Irish, Adam Darder
Usher(s) Bob Heinig
Altar Care Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Hosts The McGill Family

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

****TODAY* at 10:30 a.m. in Reissig Hall***

Refreshments will be provided

****Copies of the Annual Report are available in the narthex and Reissig Hall.***

AN EASY WAY TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera, ->
tap on the link that pops up, and you will be taken
directly to Atonement's giving website.



If your phone doesn't automatically scan the code, you may need to download a QR code reader app. Many are available for free in the Google Play or Apple App store. Please contact Lindee Krapf if you have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS THE SOUP-ER BOWL!

TODAY we hold our annual *Tackle Hunger* event. We will be collecting canned **soup** and **chili** for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Catch the spirit of giving and bring a can or two, placing it on the side of your favorite team!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN DAY

****TODAY* Following worship in Founders Hall***

All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us directly after worship in Founders Hall. Join us for a Bible story, an art project, music, activities, and snacks. This month we'll talk about Mending God's World through rest.

We ask that an adult stay with children under eight years of age to assist us.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 14th

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.

12:00-12:30 p.m. Ashes to Go

- Drive into the church parking lot on the sanctuary (East) side of the church building.
- Stop at the table to receive the Imposition of Ashes, and hear a brief scripture reading and prayer from Pastor Gail.
- Continue on your day, marked with the cross of 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IN LENT: "HEARTS OF FIRE"

Wednesdays at 7:00pm Feb. 21, 28 March 6, 13, 20

Gather with us during Lent for a half-hour midweek service of renewal and reflection through prayer, hymns, scripture and candle lighting focused on the theme "Hearts of Flesh":

A new heart I will give you...and I will remove from your body a heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezek.36:26 -27)

Bring your heart as it is, and let God breathe into it the Spirit of Christ's love.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: "MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE"

Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Conference Room (Library)

February 20, 27 March 5, 12

Like a great meal, this Lenten study book offers deep nourishment as we gather for four weeks at different tables in various places throughout Jesus' ministry. In a world of power struggles and food insecurity, this Lenten study reminds us that at God's Table, all are welcome and there is always enough.

Copies will be available for \$10 of this Lenten Study book, Meeting Jesus at the Table, Cynthia M. Campbell & Christine C. Foy, wjkbbooks.com, 2023.

FEBRUARY ADULT FORUM

Next Sunday, February 18th following worship

Be sure to join us to hear Meghan Domroes speak on her work at *World Relief*, a national nonprofit agency that works both in the United States and worldwide to serve those most in need. In Rochester, the Western NY World Relief office will receive and help resettle over 300 refugee clients this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for the awesome donations of gift cards, chocolates, and healthy snacks for our College Connection collection.

Everything has been packaged in colorful Valentine bags and will arrive in student mailboxes later this week. Even though these students are not in our midst every week, they will be reminded that we are thinking about them and praying for them while they're away.

GREEN TIP

Bottled water is not healthier or safer than tap water, because it is not regulated as strictly. Bottled water costs a lot more than tap water, requires 47 million gallons of oil per year to produce, and produces 1.5 million tons of plastic waste each year. Multinational bottled water corporations purchase groundwater and distribution rights to commoditize a basic human right: the access to safe and affordable water. Instead, use a stainless steel thermos or if you don't like your tap water's taste, use a water filter.

4TH-8TH GRADE WINTER WEEKEND IN MARCH AT LAKE CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN CENTER

"A taste of summer in the middle of winter." Join us for Bible studies, sledding, campfires, games, singing, great food, and great friends. Don't miss out on the fun! Register online at lclcenter.campbrainregistration.com today.



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God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Beautiful Savior



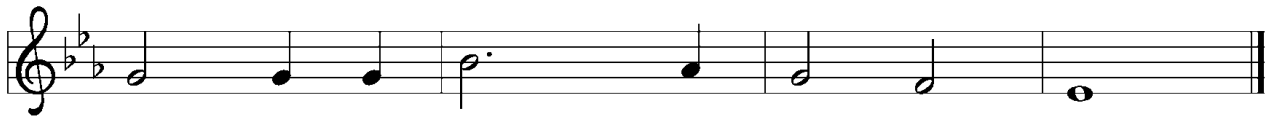
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

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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

Our Church Nursery is available
for parents to use with their children.

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Mark 9:7



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