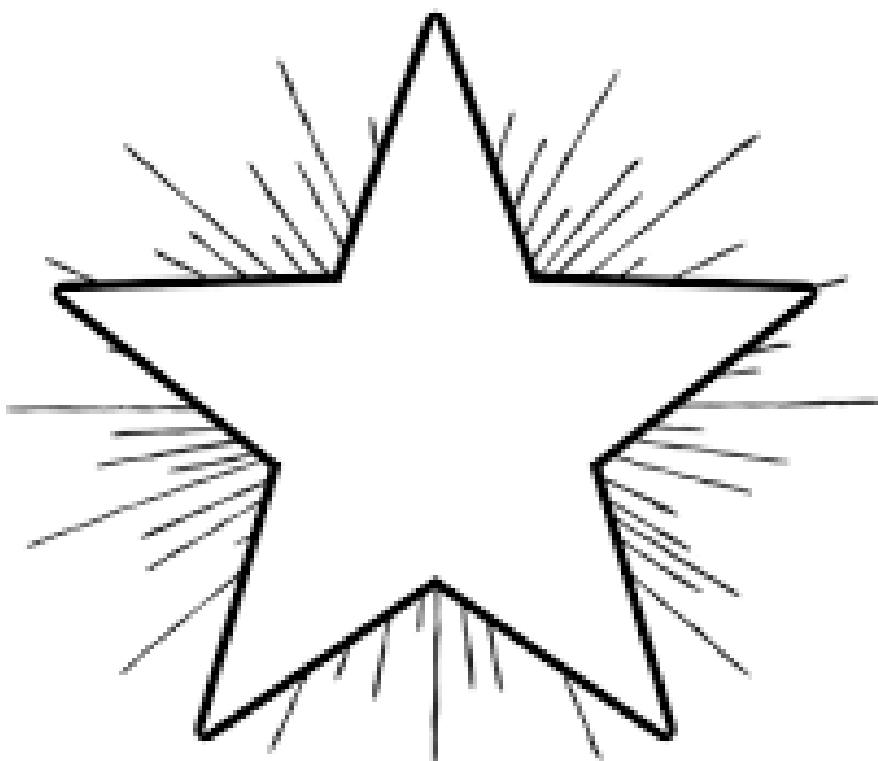


Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15th, 2026

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Hommage à Messiaen

-McNeil Robinson

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*

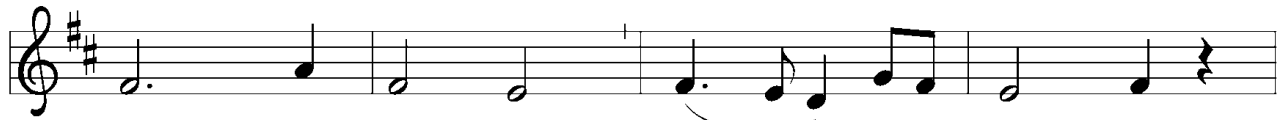
*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from 2 Peter


¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *We Are Marching, verse 1*

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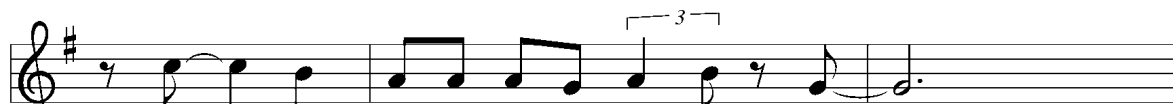
Staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. A triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5) is marked with a '3' and a bracket. The staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4.

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



Staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. A triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5) is marked with a '3' and a bracket. The staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4.

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Staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. A triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5) is marked with a '3' and a bracket. The staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4.

we are march-ing in the light of God.



Staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. A triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5) is marked with a '3' and a bracket. The staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4.

We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO




Staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. A triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5) is marked with a '3' and a bracket. The staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4.

we are march-ing in the light of God.



Staff 6: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. A triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5) is marked with a '3' and a bracket. The staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4.

We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



Staff 7: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. A triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5) is marked with a '3' and a bracket. The staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4.

we are march - ing in the light of God.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised 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

Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

God, shining with grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, as we behold the light of Christ's presence, and rejoice in the brightness of his glory. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Beautiful Savior

-David Cherwien

*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.

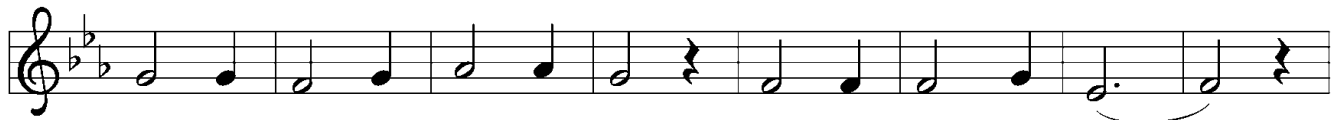
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

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

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

LAMB OF GOD



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



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.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word shine in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

May the blessing 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**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Walk in the light of Christ. **Thanks be to god.**

POSTLUDE

Pavilioned in Splendor

-Richard Lloyd

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

*We offer special thanks to our guest organist Keith Reas
for sharing his gift of music with us this morning.*



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister Kathy Wilkinson
Usher Skip Waterstreet
Livestream Recorder
Counters Norm Karsten, Desiree Wolfe
Altar Care Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Hosts Bob & Susan Touhsaent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 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.

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

- Drive into the church entrance on the sanctuary (East) side of the church building and continue through the parking lot to the West side of the 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 way, 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

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR

****TODAY* following worship in Reissig Hall***

Join us for some conversation, beverages, and treats. We'll be hearing from *Home Start Hope*, a Barbara Macholz Grimaldi Legacy Fund grant recipient.

PICK UP YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL TODAY

Prepare for the season of Lent by picking up your copy of *Love Outpoured: Devotions for Lent 2026*, which provides devotions and prayer for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Vigil. You can find them in the basket on the table in the narthex.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday, February 22nd following worship in Reissig Hall
*Copies of the Annual Report will be available Ash Wednesday
on the table in the narthex or in the church office.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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. Each bag contains supplies and personal items for living without permanent shelter. *Contact Pastor Gail if you can join us that day.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEN TIP

Instead of buying a new disposable air filter (furnace, air conditioner) several times a year, consider buying a permanent one that can be washed and reused indefinitely. Most of these filters have lifetime warranties, so you'll save money in the long run as well as reduce the amount of waste you send to the landfill.

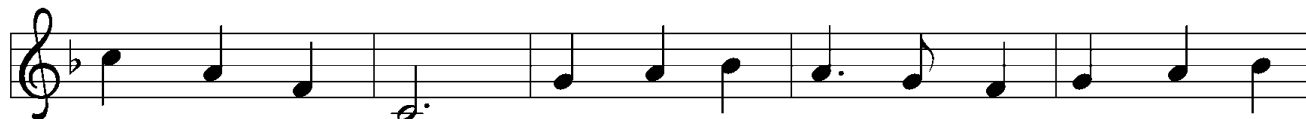
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God, Whose Almighty Word



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!

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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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.

AN EASY WAY TO GIVE ~ SCAN HERE →

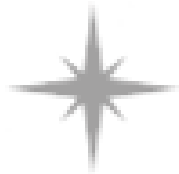
Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera, tap on the link that pops up, and you will be taken directly to Atonement's giving website. If your phone doesn't automatically scan the code, you may need to download a QR code reader app. Many are available for free in the Google Play or Apple App store. Please contact Lindee Krapf if you have any questions.



Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"...suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them,
and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved;
with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"*

Matthew 17:5



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