

Midweek Message

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, February 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or livestream via our Facebook page. A celebration of light, enabling us to see the light of God's glory in Jesus, his beloved Son.

*And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun..
(Matthew 17:2)*

WHEN GLORY

*That when glory comes, we will open our eyes to see it.
That when glory shows up,
we will let ourselves be overcome not by fear
but by the love it bears.
That when glory shines, we will bring it back with us,
all the way, all the way,
all the way down.*

- Jan Richardson

ADULT FORUM & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, February 15th following worship

This week we will be hearing from one of our Barbara Macholz Grimaldi Legacy Fund grant recipients, *Home Start Hope*, who provides brand new, essential household items free of charge to women, and their children, who are transitioning to independent living from emergency shelters in Rochester.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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 and in the church office.*

Atonement Lutheran Church

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.

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.

“Did you not know what the Holy One can do with dust? So let us be marked not for sorrow, and let us be marked not for shame... but for claiming what God can do within the dust, within the dirt, inside the smudge we bear.”

-Jan Richardson, Blessing the Dust

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

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Can you help us provide simple refreshments during Fellowship time following worship on Sunday mornings? Volunteers are needed to prepare coffee/tea and a small snack in Reissig Hall ... and to clean up afterward. We have paper goods! If you don't know how to use a coffee maker, don't worry! We have simple instructions posted that you can follow.

The Fellowship Host signup sheet is on the table in the narthex.

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.

WITH OUR SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Karen Goodyear upon the death of her father, John Goodyear, on February 3rd.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.



SOUPER BOWL STATS

Over 80 cans of soup and chili were delivered to the Pittsford Food Cupboard as a result of our Souper Bowl collection. Thanks to everyone for your support.

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](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch)

SHINING WHITE: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

This Sunday, we celebrate the *transfiguration (change)* of Jesus. Jesus went up a mountain with three of his disciples; Peter, James, and John. While they were there, Jesus' face began to shine as bright as the sun, and his clothes turned white, too! Then the disciples saw Jesus appear with Moses and Elijah. A big cloud came down from the sky above them, and God's voice said *“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”*

Have you ever seen colors *transfigure* into white? Let's try it and see!

You will need:

3 small or medium-sized flashlights

3 pieces of cellophane in green, red, and blue; OR color some pieces of plastic wrap green, red, and blue with markers; OR use green, red, and blue tissue paper.

3 rubber bands

Directions:

1. Cut your cellophane into 6" squares
2. Fold one of the pieces of cellophane over the light end of each of the 3 flashlights and use the rubber bands to hold it in place.
3. Turn off the lights in a room. Try shining the red flashlight on the wall.
4. Turn off the red light and try the green one.
5. Turn off the green light and try the blue one.



You might need another person to help with the next step, because you need to shine all three lights at the same time.

6. Now turn on all three flashlights and shine them all together on the same spot on the wall. Wow! The colors turned white! Just like the 3 disciples seeing Jesus *transfigure* into shining white!

Looking Ahead

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday	Feb. 15th	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
Sunday	Feb. 15th	10:30 a.m.	Adult Forum & Fellowship	Reissig Hall
Wednesday	Feb. 18th	12:00 Noon	Ashes-to-Go	Parking Lot
Wednesday	Feb. 18th	7:00 p.m.	Evening Service of Holy Communion	Sanctuary

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