

Midweek Message

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TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, March 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or livestream with us on our Facebook page. This Sunday is a celebration of light, enabling us to see the light of God's glory in Jesus, which shines in us for others to see.

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, March 2nd following worship

Come join us in Reissig Hall for some conversation, beverages, and treats.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING

Sunday, March 2nd at 10:45 a.m.

Our Confirmation Class will be meeting in the Conference Room.

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH



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 day, marked with the cross of Christ.

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

Special music includes oboe and cello. 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

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PICK UP YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Prepare for the season of Lent by picking up your copy of *Life Renewed: Devotions for Lent 2025*, which provides devotions and prayer for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Vigil (March 5-April 19). You can find them in the basket on the narthex table.

WHY DO WE USE ASHES FOR LENT?

Ashes were used in the Old Testament to symbolize humility, death, and repentance. On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, we are marked with ashes in the shape of a cross on our foreheads, and hear the traditional words, "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you will return." This is a reminder of God's creation of Adam from the dust of the earth to which our bodies will return in death. At the same time, this dust traces the life-giving cross of Christ on our bodies as a reminder that we live and die with the Crucified Christ each day.



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS



At our upcoming First Friday Friends gathering on March 7, we will be creating small canvasses (6x6) to be entered into the annual 6x6 Art Show/Sale sponsored by the Rochester Contemporary Art Center. Details of this event can be found at www.roco6x6.org or speak to Susan Touhsaent, former participant.

The canvasses will be provided, but you need to *bring the supplies you wish to use*; paint, yarn, fabric, paper, wood, glue, markers, buttons, trinkets, clay, etc. *Note - the only banned medium is glitter!* You will be able to enter 4 canvasses into the show, if you wish. Let's get creative!



UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

Updated copies of our church Directory are now available on the table in the narthex.

Please note Pastor Debbie Johnson's corrected address:
11390 Coloma Road, #B203,
Gold River, CA 95670

Holding the Light

Gather up whatever is
glittering in the gutter,
whatever has tumbled
in the waves or fallen
in flames out of the sky,
Holding the light,

for it's not only our
hearts that are broken,
but the heart
of the world as well.
Stitch it back together.
Light.

Make a place where
the day speaks to the night
and the earth speaks to the sky.
Whether we created God
or God created us
Holding the light,

it all comes down to this:
In our imperfect world
we are meant to repair
and stitch together
what beauty there is, stitch it

with compassion and wire.
See how everything
we have made gathers
the light inside itself
and overflows? A blessing.

-Stuart Kestenbaum

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)

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

"Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise" -Martin Luther

[Mozart Piano Concerto No 21 in C major K 467 Jan Lisiecki Andew Manze COE](#) You might want to go straight to the lovely second movement, starting at 16:30. The whole concerto is known as the "Elvira Madigan," because this movement was used in a Swedish movie of that name from 1967. I've never met anybody who's seen it, so it seems a little weird that the name got attached right away and is still used. The movie is on Youtube, and has 431 views in one month, so at least someone has watched it!

[Baroque organ of the Cathedral of Mexico City](#) This is just a short excerpt, but I thought people might like to see two gigantic organs facing each other in one church, the cathedral in Mexico City. You might notice at one point the square tower in the middle of the space holding a big book of music. They used to make individual, but very large, copies of the music, so the whole section could read from just one, and there could thus be up to four groups, each facing toward their own part.

Choir: our choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for practice. All are welcome! See David McCarthy for details.



Looking Ahead

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday	27th	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Loft
Sunday	2nd	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	2nd	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	Reissig Hall
	2nd	10:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class meeting	Conference Room
Wednesday	5th	12:00 Noon	Ashes-to-Go	Parking Lot
	5th	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Evening Worship	Sanctuary
Friday	7th	10:00 a.m.	First Friday Friends	Reissig Hall

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