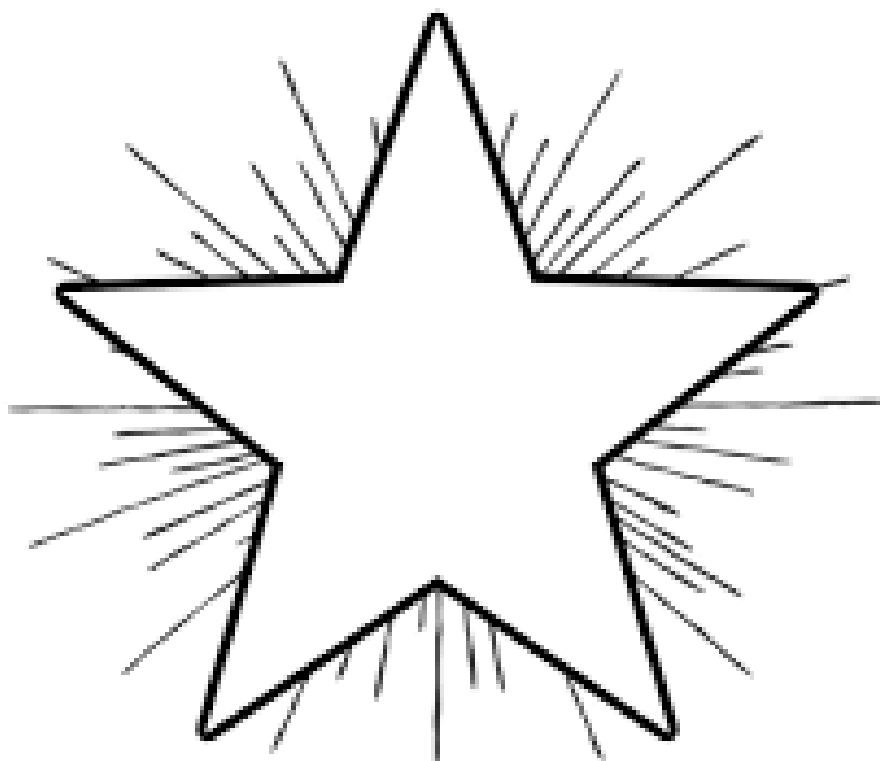


# Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

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**Atonement Lutheran Church**

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

## \*WELCOME

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to greed and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their bondage. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and renew your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*

**\*PEACE**

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

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues*

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**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, 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**

Blessed Lord God,

you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **PSALM 19:1-7, 14**

*Read responsively. Congregation reads **bold** type.*

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup> **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about  
to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- <sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**SECOND READING***1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**A reading from first Corinthians*

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

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



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 4:14-21*

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

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 because he has anointed me  
 to bring good news to the poor.  
 He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,  
 to set free those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

## SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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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**

*As We Gather At Your Table*

*-K. L. Scott*

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.  
**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**

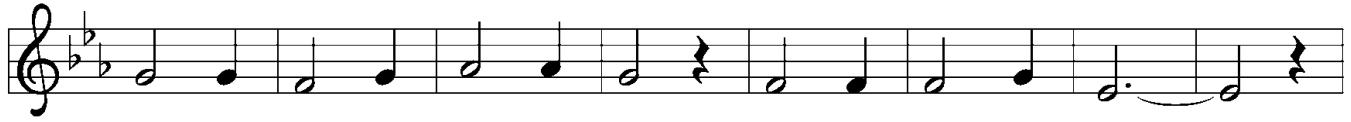
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## \*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.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness # 843*

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, rejoicing in the light of God's love. **Thanks be to god.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Fugue*

*-L. Marchand*

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

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Assisting Minister ..... Matt McGill  
Livestream Recorder..... Karen Goodyear  
Offering Counters ..... Amy Irish, Desiree Wolfe  
Usher ..... Norm Karsten  
Altar Care ..... Judy Lazenby  
Fellowship Host ..... *Midwinter Potluck Brunch*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MIDWINTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**

***\*TODAY\* at 10:45 a.m. in Reissig Hall***

Come and join us for brunch as we make our way through the 'Deep Midwinter' cold! We will be providing some nice, hot soups to warm our bodies, and there will be plenty of fellowship and conversation to warm our hearts, as well. Additional food items are welcome.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

***\*TODAY\* following worship***

We'll be grabbing some goodies from our Potluck, then head to Founders Hall for a Bible story about Jesus, art project, activity, and snack. All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us. Classes run until 11:30 a.m.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING**

***\*TODAY\* at 10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room***

### **BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING**

***Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
*Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> following worship in Reissig Hall*  
*Refreshments will be provided*

### **FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR PASTOR DEBBIE JOHNSON**

***Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> During Our 9:30 a.m. Service***

Please join us in offering Farewell & Godspeed to Debbie Johnson as she moves to Sacramento, CA in February. Pastor Debbie has been a blessing to our Atonement Family and to a wide circle of congregations, colleagues, pastors, and friends in the Rochester community and Synod. May God's Spirit guide, bless, and be present with her in the journey ahead.

### **VALENTINE'S DAY COLLEGE CONNECTION COLLECTION**

Let's spread some love to our Atonement college-attending students! We will be collecting items to be included in care packages ***through Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>***. Packages will be delivered to our students in time for Valentine's Day.

In order to keep the cost of postage to a minimum, we are proposing the packages include a few individually wrapped sweets/chocolates and also some \$5.00 gift cards to those favorite beverage stops, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, or Tim Horton's. Please place your donations of candy and gift cards on the table in the Narthex. Any questions should be directed to Barb Sanko.

### **CAN YOU HELP? ... USHERS NEEDED**

We are looking for a few more people that can assist with worship by acting as Ushers. Typically, Ushers rotate every 4-6 weeks. Please speak with one of our current Ushers to let them know if you can help in this capacity, or leave a note in the office. *"Many hands make light work."* Thank you!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREEN TIP**

Join ColorBrightonGreen as Peter Collinge from Citizens Climate Lobby teaches us how to get government funds to electrify our homes and vehicles. Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Brighton Memorial Library in-person or online. You can register at (585) 784-5300 or via Email at [bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com](mailto:bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com)

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## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
- 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.



# Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 pre - cious in your sight.  
 hill to val - ley flow.  
 king - dom with out end.

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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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*

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to use with their children.

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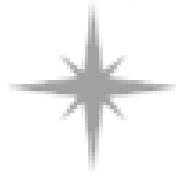


Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD,  
my strength and my redeemer."*

Psalm 19:14

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