

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16th, 2025

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

-B. Neswick

***WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of 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 mercy;

You know the way of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us, and the things which give us life. You know our nakedness, our shame, and our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word and turned from your ways. Forgive us, and shape us into the image of Christ, so that by your grace, we may confront the power of evil with the promise of eternal life with you. Amen.

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we are sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Christ has become our life and salvation; and in him, our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

Lord of All Hopefulness

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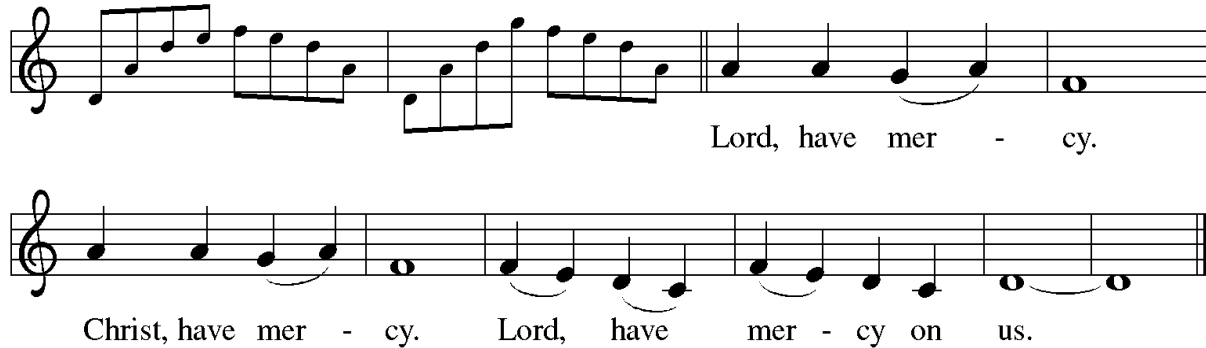
**Please Stand As You Are Able*

*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

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Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant,
in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm 27

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

- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

- 4 One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to
gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**
- 5** For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a
rock.
- 6 Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- 7** Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 8 My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**
- 9** Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my
salvation.
- 10 Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**
- 11** Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- 12 Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- 13** This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- 14 Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

A reading from Philippians

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. **18** For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. **19** Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. **20** But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. **21** He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject

to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

***LENTEN VERSE**

We are Turning, Lord, to Hear You



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 13:31-35

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

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

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

SERMON

***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

For the church throughout the world, that all who bear the name of Christ may find true repentance for their sins and walk in the ways of peace;
Let us pray to the lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

Receive the prayers we offer, O God, in the name of the One who endured the cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Teach Us to Love

-L. Larson

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we received from your bounty, 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**

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San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

*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

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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.

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the abundant gifts of grace and mercy you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the gift of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

May the steadfast love of God the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit surround you throughout these forty days, and into everlasting life. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Children of the Heavenly Father

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace; led by the cross of Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Joanne Scanlon
Livestream Recorder.....	Dave Irish
Offering Counters	John Kruidenier, Adam Darder
Usher	Karen Goodyear
Altar Care	Jean Seager
Fellowship Host	Susan & Bob Touhsaent

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Over the next several Sundays we continue our dive into the deep waters of Lent. Join us weekly for renewal through water-themed prayers, hymns, psalms, scripture readings, and reflections. Through the waters of baptism, we are reminded of this 40 day journey as we are washed again with the grace of God and Jesus, and blessed for the journey to the cross, tomb, and the empty grave.

WADE INTO WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9 at 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us for renewal and reflection through 'water-themed' prayers, hymns, scripture reading, candle lighting, and a fountain of flowing water.

WADE INTO OUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Journey through this holy season with a copy of our new Lenten Devotional booklet, *Life Renewed*, which provides devotions and prayer for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Vigil. Copies are available on the narthex table.

WADE INTO BIBLE STUDY

Next Sunday, March 23rd at 10:45 a.m. during Adult Forum

"Through the Waters of Grace" (Old Testament), led by Pastor Gail

Sunday, March 30th at 10:45 a.m. during Adult Forum

"Through the Waters of Grace" (New Testament), led by Pastor John Macholz

WADE INTO SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Help us help others by donating water and food items for distribution to homeless members of the Rochester community through PCHO-Person Centered Housing Options. ***We will be collecting items listed below through April 6th.*** Items can be placed on the table in the narthex.

* Small (8 oz.) bottles of water

* Individually packaged protein bars, trail mix, dried fruit, and nuts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR/ADULT FORUM

****TODAY* following worship***

Please join our Music Director, David McCarthy, in a talk on the 500-year-long relevance of Luther's invention, the hymnal. We'll look at how his and other reformers' songs were viewed and disseminated, and we'll try singing them in their original style.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING

****TODAY* at 10:45 a.m.***

Our Confirmation Class will be meeting in the Conference Room.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for ADULT FORUM DURING LENT

Mar. 23rd Pastor Gail Swanson Bible study: "Through the Waters of Grace"
(Old Testament)

Mar. 30th Pastor John Macholz Bible study: "Through the Waters of Grace"
(New Testament)

Apr. 6th Pastor Gail Swanson: *Sing With All the Saints in Glory: Planning Your Funeral Service*

BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Ministries will be meeting in the Conference Room.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL

Christ In Our Home devotional booklets for Apr/May/Jun are now available. You can pick one up in the church office or on the table in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEN TIP

Joining a local Community Solar Farm is now cheaper than buying regular, dirty energy. Several companies are building solar farms across New York and other states, and are looking for resident, church, and business partners to switch to clean, renewable energy to strengthen the grid. Type your town and 'local community solar' into your web browser to find the best one for you. If you live in NY State, go to <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/NY-Sun/Solar-for-Your-Home/Community-Solar/Choosing-a-Community-Solar-Project>.

Lord of All Hopefulness



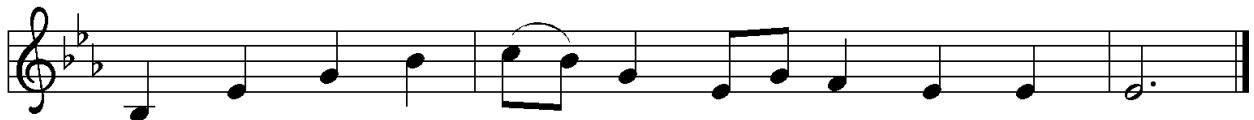
1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Children of the Heavenly Father

Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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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!

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Psalm 27:1

LENT
Pray Fast Give

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