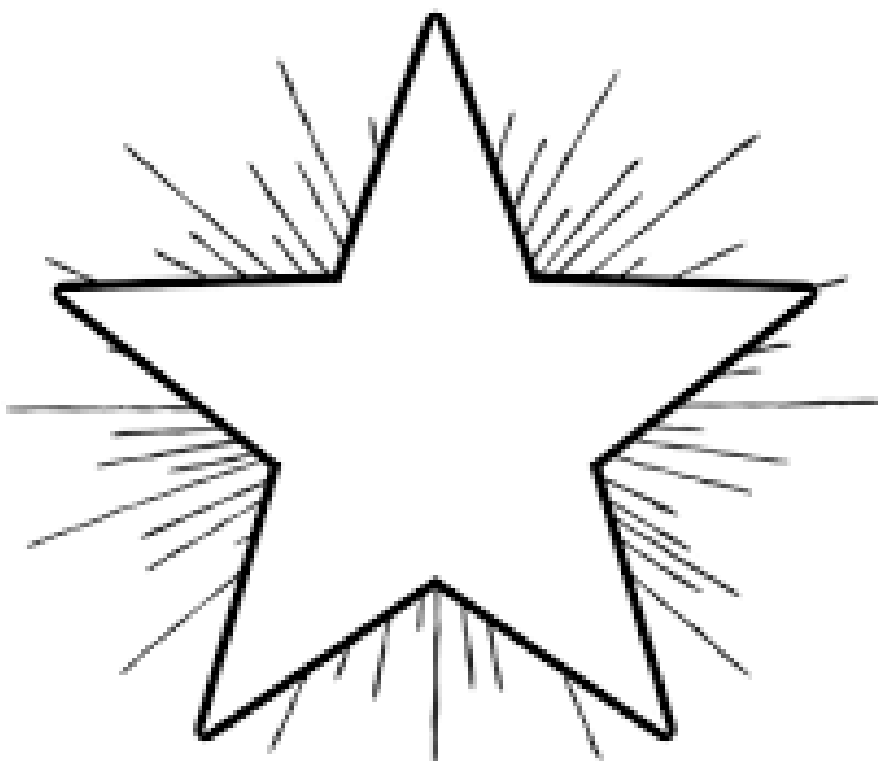


# Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2<sup>nd</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**

*Praise, My Soul, the Kingdom of Heaven -P. Manz*

## **\*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**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*# 834*

*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*

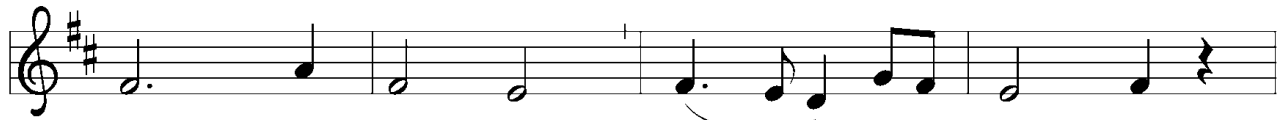
## \*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

Holy God, mighty and immortal,  
you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that  
we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### PSALM 99

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

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who  
call upon your name, O LORD,**

**they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil  
deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

### SECOND READING      *1 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

*A reading from 1 Corinthians*

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, <sup>16</sup> but

when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

# 313



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 9:28-36*

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

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

## **SERMON**

### **\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* # 815



## **\*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**      *Rise, Shine! (printed in back with hymns) -D. Wood*

*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**

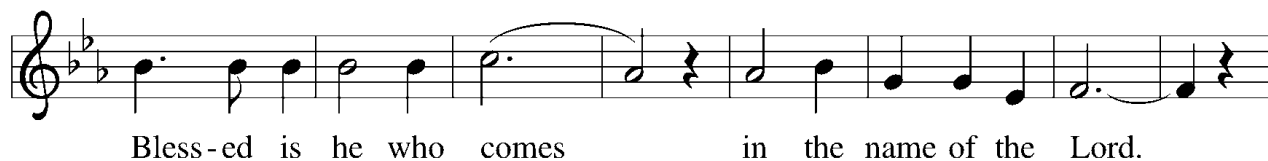
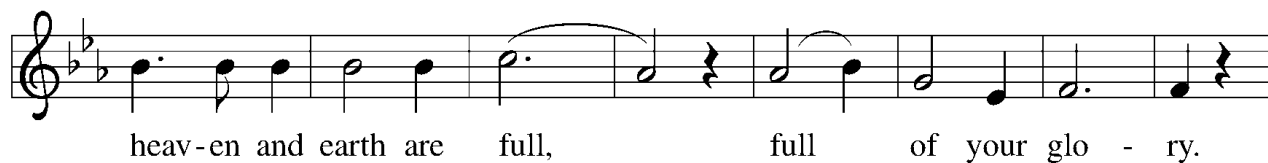


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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





## **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

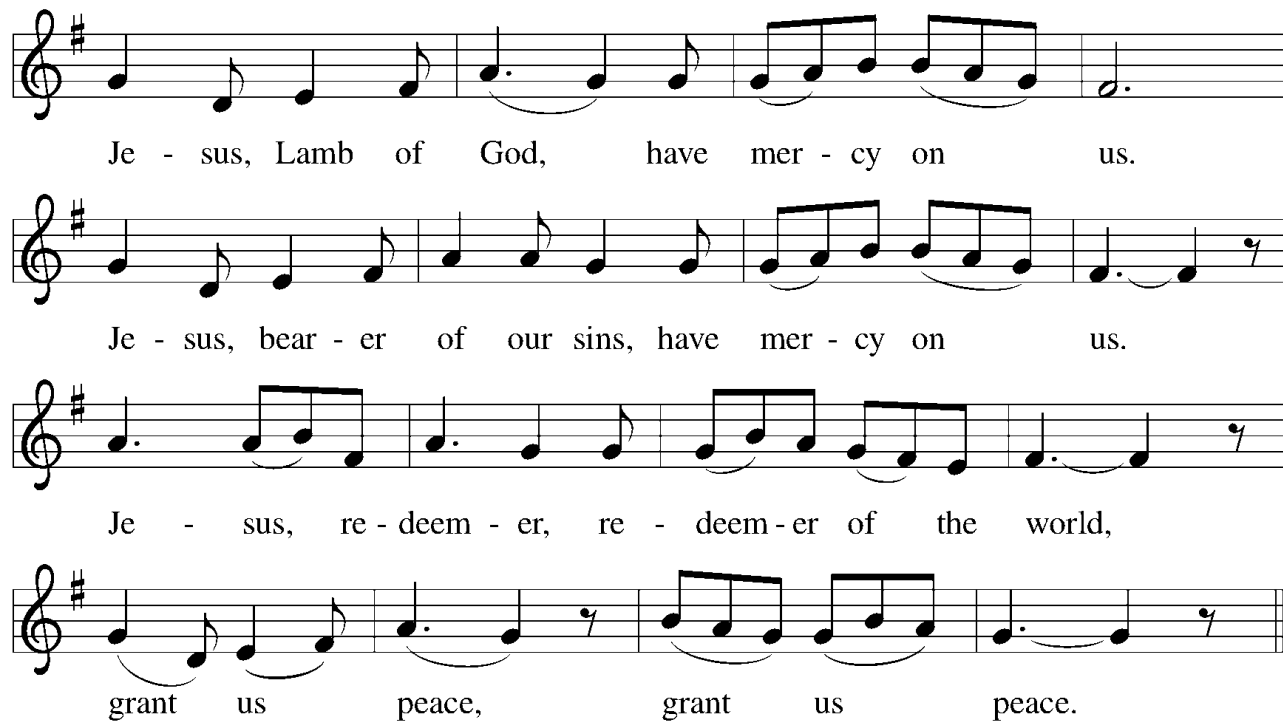
### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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.*

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## **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**

May the wisdom 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**

*Beautiful Savior*

# 838

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Walk in the light of Christ. **Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair*

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister .....	Jean Seager
Livestream Recorder.....	Andrew Spillane
Offering Counters .....	Amy Irish, Jim Krapf
Usher .....	Bob Heinig
Altar Care .....	Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host .....	John & Lin Macholz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### PICK UP YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL TODAY

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 table in the narthex.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR**

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

Join us for some conversation, beverages, and treats.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING**

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

Our Confirmation Class will be meeting in the Conference Room

### **FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS MEETING**

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](http://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 canvass 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

### **GREEN TIP**

Want to save on the expense and waste of toilet paper? Bidets are inexpensive, widely available online, and easy to install on your existing toilet.



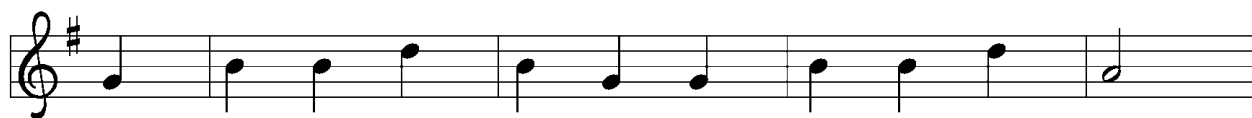
## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



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;

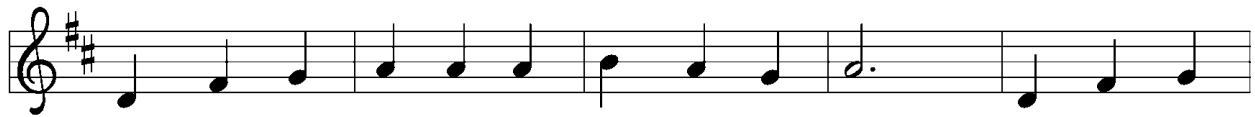


most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

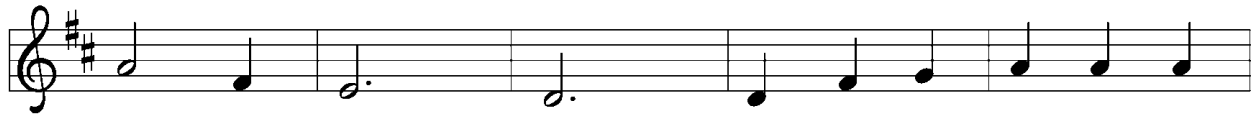


al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



# Rise, Shine!

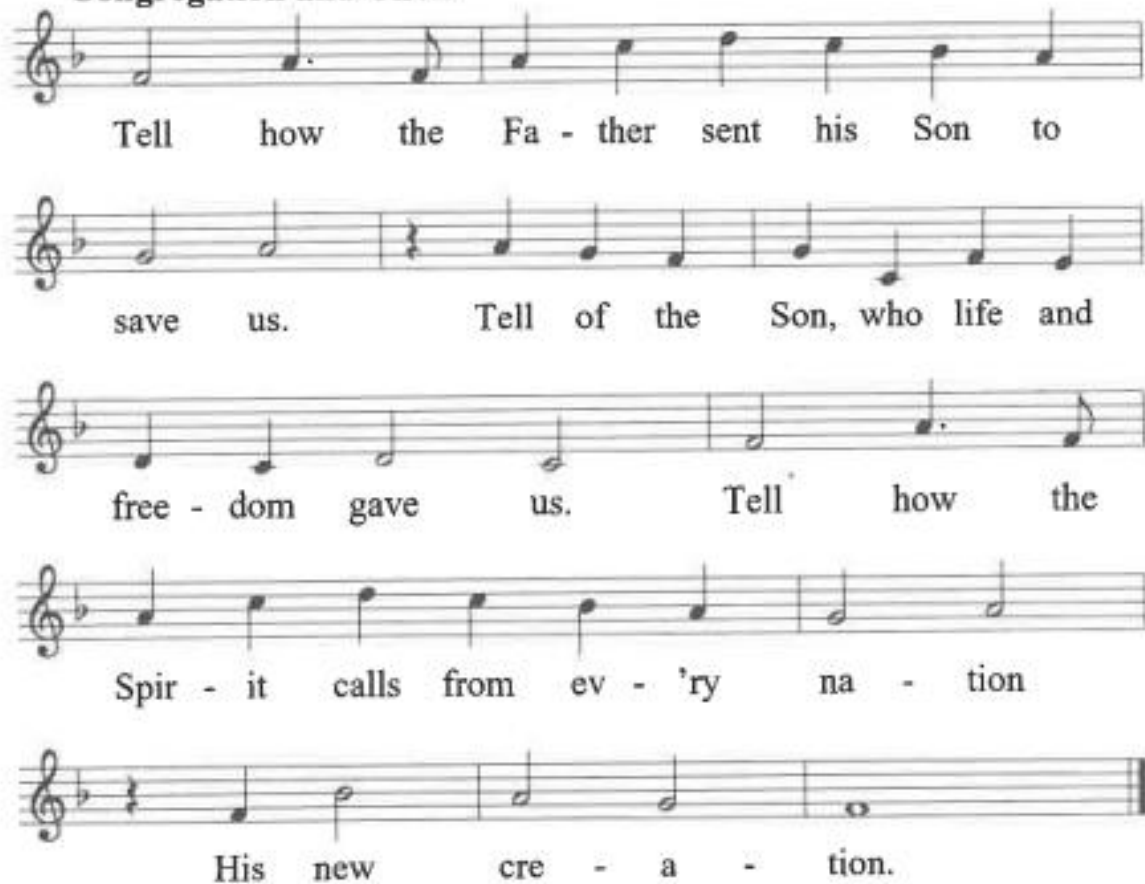
## Choir

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the powers of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

## Congregation and Choir



The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to'. The second staff contains 'save us. Tell of the Son, who life and'. The third staff contains 'free - dom gave us. Tell how the'. The fourth staff contains 'Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion'. The fifth staff contains 'His new cre - a - tion.' and ends with a double bar line.

Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to  
save us. Tell of the Son, who life and  
free - dom gave us. Tell how the  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion  
His new cre - a - tion.

# Beautiful Savior



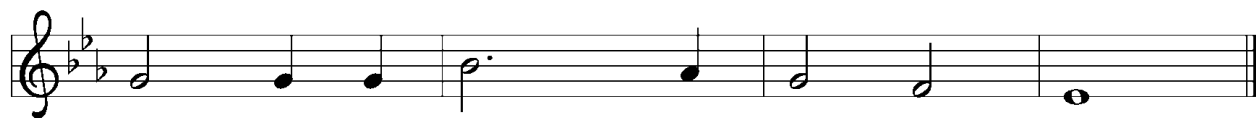
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



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!

## Atonement Lutheran Church

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David McCarthy, Director of Music Ministry  
Becky R. Wiesmore, Administrative Assistant

***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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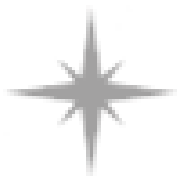


Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"*

Luke 9:35

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