

First Sunday in Lent

March 9th, 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

Forty Days and Forty Nights

***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**

Eternal Lord of Love

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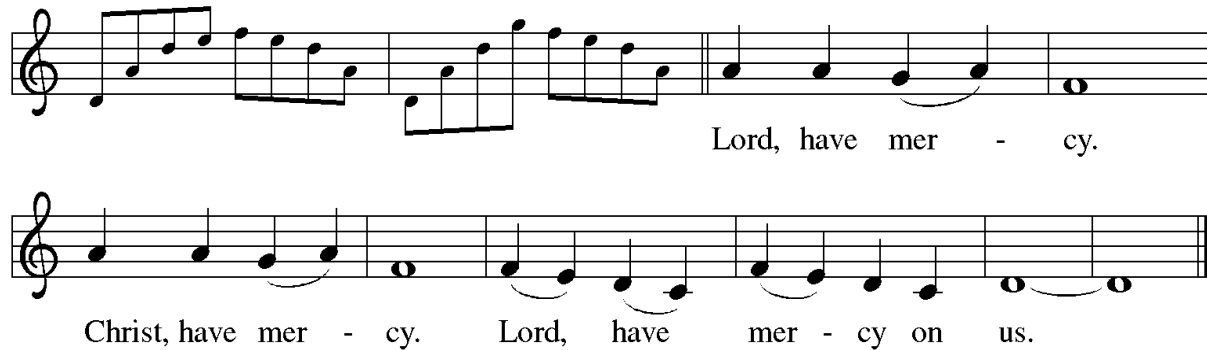
**Please Stand As You Are Able*

*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

O Lord God,
you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

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

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty-
- ² **you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING *Romans 10:8b-13*

A reading from Romans

^{8b} “The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your
mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to
righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The
scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”
¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of
all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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 4:1-13

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

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Jesus Still Lead On*

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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

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 *I To the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes* *-J. Berger*

*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**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

-W. H. Monk

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Kathy Wilkinson
Livestream Recorder	Karen Goodyear
Offering Counters	Bryan Howe, Tom Thompson
Usher	Norm Karsten
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host	Josephine Lamantia, Nancy Dahl

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we begin our dive into the deep waters of Lent.

*Through the waters of baptism, we are reminded of this forty-day journey
as we are washed again with the grace of God in Jesus,
and blessed for the journey to the cross, the tomb, and the empty grave.*

Dive in...and experience Lent this year "through the waters."

WADE INTO WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays, March 12, 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

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 us in Reissig Hall following worship for beverages and treats. This morning, we also welcome Danielle Novara, the Director of Development & Communications at Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts, which provides children an enriched and rigorous education through the humanities and arts integration, leading to greater success in college, careers, and life.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for ADULT FORUM DURING LENT

Mar. 16th David McCarthy: Luther's hymnals (*yes, plural!*)

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*

Apr. 13th David Sommerstein, Roving Reporter for North Country Public Radio

PLEASE NOTE

The **Conference Collaboration** Event being held at Incarnate Word Lutheran Church is posted in the Newsletter for Saturday, March 16th. The correct date is **Saturday, March 15th**.

GREEN TIP

Are you interested in offsetting your carbon emissions locally? The Rochester Energy Efficiency & Weatherization (RENEW) Climate Fund of the Rochester Area Community Foundation uses donations to make low-income area homes energy efficient, healthier, and safer. Go to racf.org/fund/renew-climate-fund/.

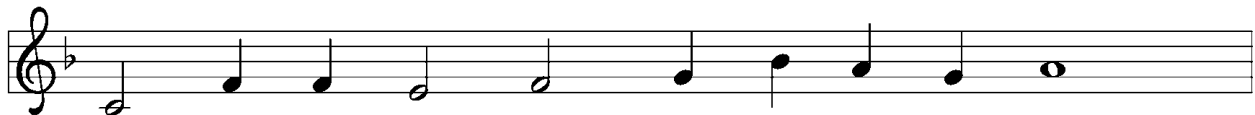
Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



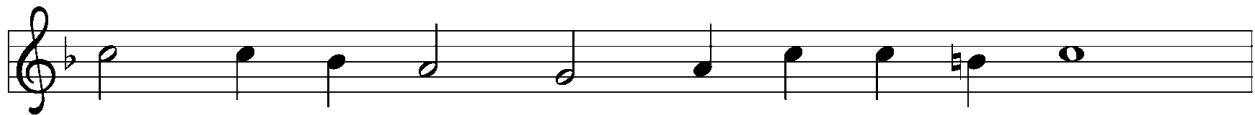
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

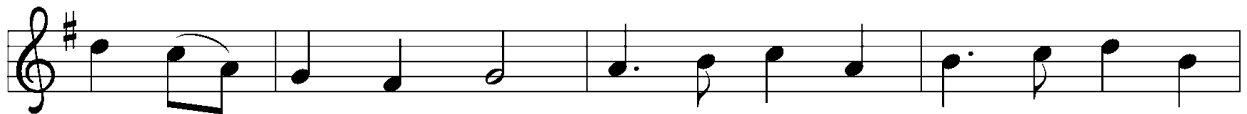
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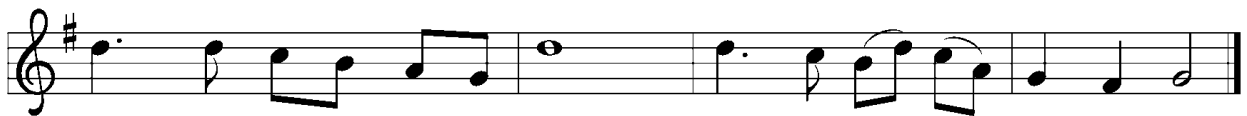
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

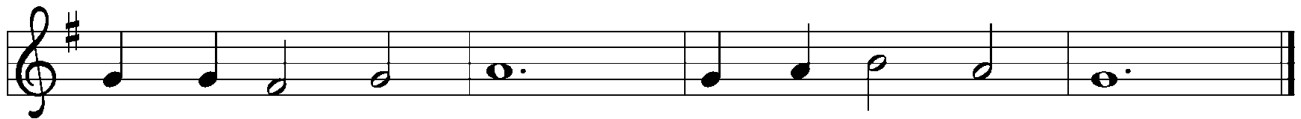
Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

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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.

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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!

"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 10:12-13

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Pray Fast Give

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