

Sixth Sunday of Easter:

May 10th, 2026

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

Invite • Prepare • Go into the World

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Be Not Afraid

-J. Berthier

***WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God the Father †, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters,

God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence for Reflection

Loving God,

We do not always keep your commandments. We fail to love you; we fail to love our neighbor. We have held grudges toward our enemies, and been self-serving in our relationships. Forgive us and lead us to genuine repentance. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again, through the mercy and grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through Christ. Know that you are pardoned, and be at peace. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

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

** 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 always.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God,
you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD**FIRST READING**

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

SECOND READING *1 Peter 3:13-22*

A reading from 1 Peter

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 14:15-21

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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***NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the Church, with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

In the light of Christ's resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who long for new life. Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Receive the prayers we offer, O God, and grant us what we truly need, in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior and Lord **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

We Walk by Faith

-S. McFarland

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Almighty God,
Receive the gifts we bring- ourselves and the fruit of our labor- in gratitude for
your goodness to us and all the world; through the Risen One, Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

.... We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God,

In you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love through service, mercy, and compassion, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

May Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you.

May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name.

May God † who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you and keep you forevermore. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

What God Ordains is Good Indeed

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***DISMISSAL**

Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

-J. Roberts

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Jean Seager
Usher	Norm Karsten
Livestream Recorder.....	Andrew Spillane
Offering Counters	Bryan Howe, Desiree Wolfe
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host	<i>Welcome for our Transitional Pastor Doug Stewart</i>

WELCOME

We welcome Pastor Doug Stewart as our Preacher and Presider this morning and offer our gratitude and appreciation for his presence and ministry with us.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

****TODAY* following worship***

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Reissig Hall as we welcome our Transitional Pastor Doug Stewart.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

You will find updated Church Directories on the narthex table. *Please throw away your old Directories* to avoid confusion.

MOTHER'S DAY OUTREACH PROJECT: BIRTHDAY CAKE BAGS

Help us to provide a special treat for families receiving food assistance at the Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Rochester with a donation of a ***'Birthday Cake Bag'***. *Today is the last day we will be collecting these bags.* Donations can be placed on the table in the narthex. Place all items into a paper gift bag/tote bag with handles.

To create a Birthday Cake Bag, gather together:

- * One cake mix (any flavor)
- * One can of frosting (any flavor)
- * One package of birthday candles
- * One pkg of small *Birthday plates* (8/pkg)
- * One pkg of small *Birthday napkins* (8/pkg)

NEXT SUNDAY: PRAISE AND PRUNE

Sunday, May 17th following worship

Join us for worship followed by a time of outdoor gardening and weeding around the church property to spruce up our lawns. Refuse bags and refreshments will be provided! You are invited to:

- Wear gardening clothes to worship
- Bring gardening gloves/rakes/tools for weeding

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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, May 23rd from 4:00 p.m. until sold out

You can skip cooking dinner! Come to our easy, drive-through Chicken Barbecue and get a full, delicious meal of BBQ chicken, along with corn, broccoli salad, a roll with butter, and a cookie for dessert. The cost is just \$15 per meal, and all proceeds will benefit the Brighton Habitat Coalition of Churches. Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

NEW SPRING/SUMMER BULLETIN BOARD: PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

All Things Bright & Beautiful

We're asking all pet owners and pet lovers to share a photo of their furry, finny, amphibian, or feathered friends! You can **bring a photo in to post on the board**. Please be sure to use a small index card –there are some on the board to use– with your pet's name and who their 'parents' are, or even a fun fact about your pet or something they like to do. We can't wait to see the board filled with your photos!

GREEN TIP

Our cell phones and electronics use rare earth metals that are not always sustainably mined. Our brothers and sisters who live near mines ask that we respect their quality of life by using our phones and electronics for 7 years before buying new ones.

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When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



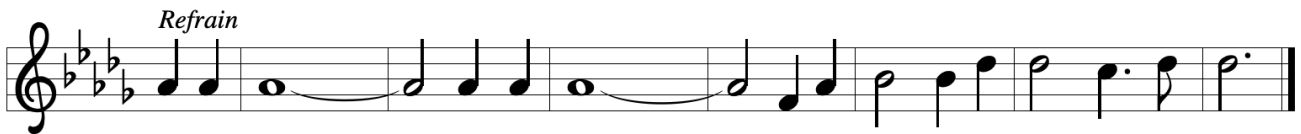
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

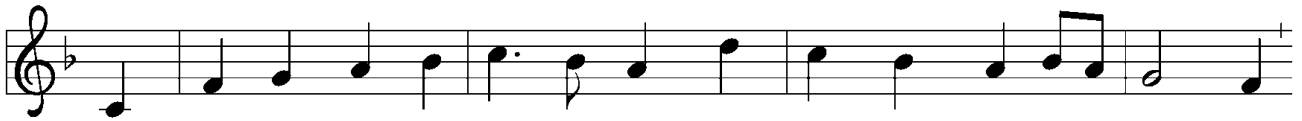


Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

What God Ordains Is Good Indeed



- 1 What God or - dains is good in - deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.
- 2 What God or - dains is good in - deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!
- 3 What God or - dains is good in - deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,
- 4 What God or - dains is good in - deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.
I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."
on dan - ger's path, in deep - est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -
Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing
God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -
My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will



fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.
clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.
mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.
hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

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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 God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

-John 3:16



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