

Reformation Sunday

October 27th, 2024

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



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Reformation Medley for Trumpets

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather today in the name of the Father †, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

Let us acknowledge our sins and shortcomings, trusting that God will forgive us and make us whole.

Silence for Reflection

Merciful God,

we confess the harm we have done,

the good we have failed to do,

and the misdeeds we have kept hidden away.

Forgive us, we pray; and show us your grace;

that we may love and serve you with our whole hearts.

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

Hear the Good News:

though our sins are like scarlet, in Christ, they shall be like snow.

For God has promised to forgive, and to surround with steadfast love all who trust in his mercy.

Preserve us from trouble, O God, and form us into servants of renewal and faithful witnesses of the Gospel of grace for all the world.

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word. Amen.

** Please Stand As You Are Able*

***PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

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***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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, gracious Lord,
we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 46

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

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING *Romans 3:19-28*
A reading from Romans

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 8:31-36

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

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen
(printed on page 11)*

***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

Renewed by God's grace among us, let us pray for the ongoing reformation of the church and the world. God of steadfast love; **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves into your keeping, trusting in your never-failing love: through Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Rejoice, Give Thanks

-G. F. Handel

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, In your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

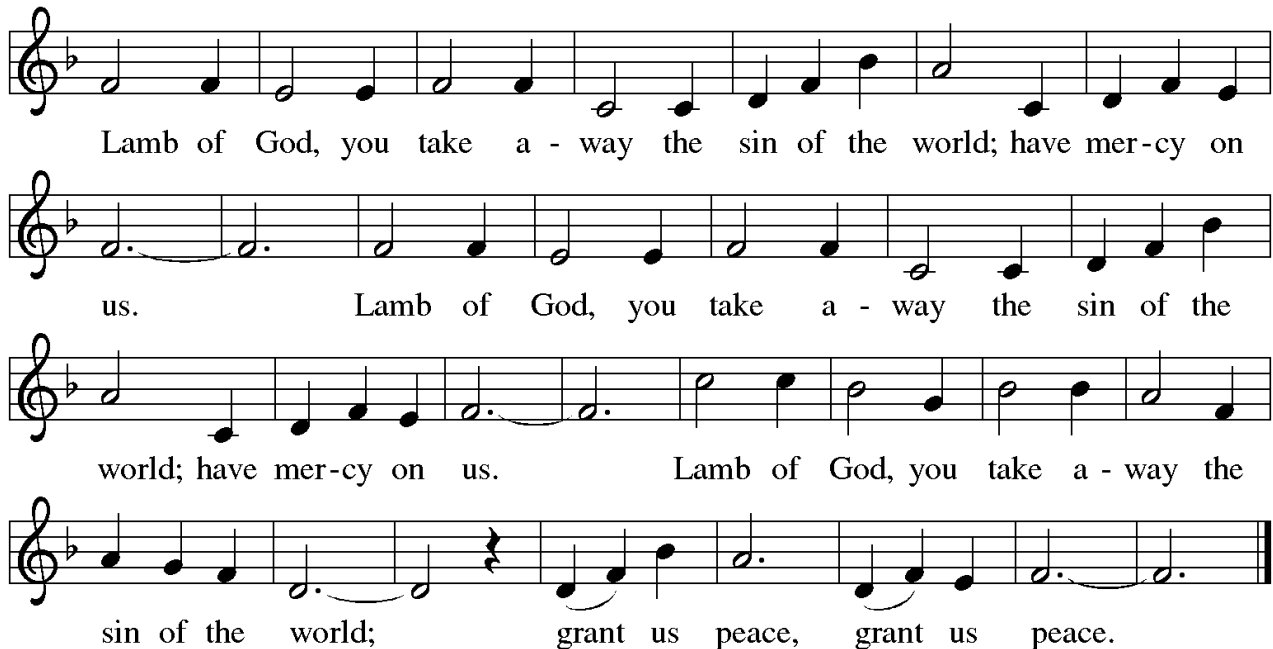
Be Still
AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD
-PSALM 46:10

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin 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.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace beyond these walls, that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

May God, the renewer of life,
Jesus Christ, God's Word alive among us,
and the Holy Spirit, calling and enlightening the church,
bless you and keep you today, † tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul

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

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



- 1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this meal of love and grace;
- 2 Rise, trans-formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter Christ, though wound-ed, whole;
- 3 Rise, re - mem-ber well the fu - ture God has called us to re - ceive;
- 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour-age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise.
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal-lowed to re - lease and to con - sole.
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur-ture, spir - it - ed then let us live.
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Livestream Recorder.....	Karen Goodyear
Usher	Karan Thompson
Offering Counters	John Kruidenier, Tom Thompson
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby
Fellowship Host	<i>Apple Lover's Sunday</i>

We offer special thanks this morning to our guest musicians
Paul Gaspar and Pete Lindblom, trumpets,
for sharing their time and talents with us.
Their presence is made possible by the Condemi Gift of Music fund.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate with joy the Festival of the Reformation and the ongoing renewal of the Church. We hear again the Good News of the Gospel - we are saved by grace through faith - and rejoice in our life in Christ, who makes all things new!

CALLING ALL APPLE LOVERS!

**TODAY* following worship in Reissig Hall*

Join us in sharing our delicious apple treats and refreshments.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

**TODAY* in the Conference Room*

The Confirmation Class will be gathering some snacks and drinks from our Apple Lovers treats following worship, then meeting in the Conference Room.

HOLY GENEROSITY: STEWARDSHIP 2025

It is your holy generosity which has blessed Atonement, allowing us to serve and support our church family as well as our neighbors and friends inside and outside of our congregation. In the coming year, your financial gifts will assist in providing the foundation for the ministry and mission we do in sharing Christ's love in word and deed.



With a spirit of holy generosity, please prayerfully consider your financial support of Atonement as you receive your stewardship packet in the mail this week. Please complete and return your Pledge Card to the Church Office or in the offering plates **October 27th - November 10th**.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

This Friday, November 1st from 10:00 a.m. until Noon in Reissig Hall



Mark your calendars and join us for our next 'First Friday Friends' gathering. This month, we will be working on a Christmas craft! Coffee and treats are provided. If you have any questions, contact Karen Goodyear or Barb Sanko. *All are welcome!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVE A BELL FOR OUR BELL BANNER

Our bell banner is carried into worship on All Saint's Sunday (Nov 3rd) in remembrance of the life and witness of the saints who now live in everlasting glory. If you would like to give a small (1-2" in size) glass, ceramic, or metal bell in memory of a loved one, please bring it to the church office **TODAY** and fill out a 'Gift-A-Bell' form.

GREEN TIP

Join Color Brighton Green and Climate Solutions Accelerator for a presentation on Community Solar and Energy Service Companies (ESCOs). Thursday, November 7th, 6:30pm, at Brighton Memorial Library, or register for the zoom link: 784-5300 or bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com.

OUTREACH MINISTRY: Barbara Macholz Grimaldi Legacy Grants

Atonement Lutheran Church has been blessed with a unique opportunity to remember the life and legacy of Barbara Macholz Grimaldi through a Legacy Fund established in her memory. Grants of \$550 are available for distribution for congregational and community outreach projects, programs and ministries throughout the Upstate New York Synod (and beyond) addressing the following issues:

- **Biblical Justice**
- **Social Justice**
- **Food Insecurity, Hunger, Community Gardening**
- **Criminal Justice**
- **Racial Justice**

Grant Request Forms can be found online at the web site bmlegacyfund.org.
Deadline for applications is November 15th.

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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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 YOUR OFFERING



*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!

"We are driven, improved, and strengthened in faith by a sweet song in our heart, and thus the beautiful jewel of music does its Christian service by meeting our need to praise and honor the Creator."

-Martin Luther



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