

Third Sunday in Easter

April 14th, 2024

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



Atonement Lutheran Church

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1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

*WELCOME

*EASTER LITANY

God of our salvation, through the waters of the sea you rescued your people from slavery, and through the baptism into his death Christ freed us from death's hold. Let us rejoice in the gift of resurrection.

That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!

Risen Lord, victorious over death: in compassion for your troubled friends you appeared in many places, that they might dare again to trust. In a world of dire hunger and shattered faith, strengthen us, also, with signs of your presence;

That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!

Lord Jesus, hidden traveler along the road: at your companions' request you stayed for supper, and they recognized you in the breaking of the bread. Open our hearts to the words of those who walk beside us; move us to ask new friends to the table,

That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!

O God, creator of all that lives and grows upon the earth: as springs of water refresh a garden, the waters of baptism have renewed your people, that we might flourish in beauty and give you praise. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, that we might pour ourselves out for the hungry, that rich and poor alike may feast in joy.

That all might share at the feast of the Lamb!

** Please Stand As You Are Able*

***PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN** *With High Delight*

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***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**

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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

FIRST READING *Acts 3:12-19*

A reading from the book of Acts

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

SECOND READING *1 John 3:1-7*

A reading from First John

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Celtic Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

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

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

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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 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen one, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

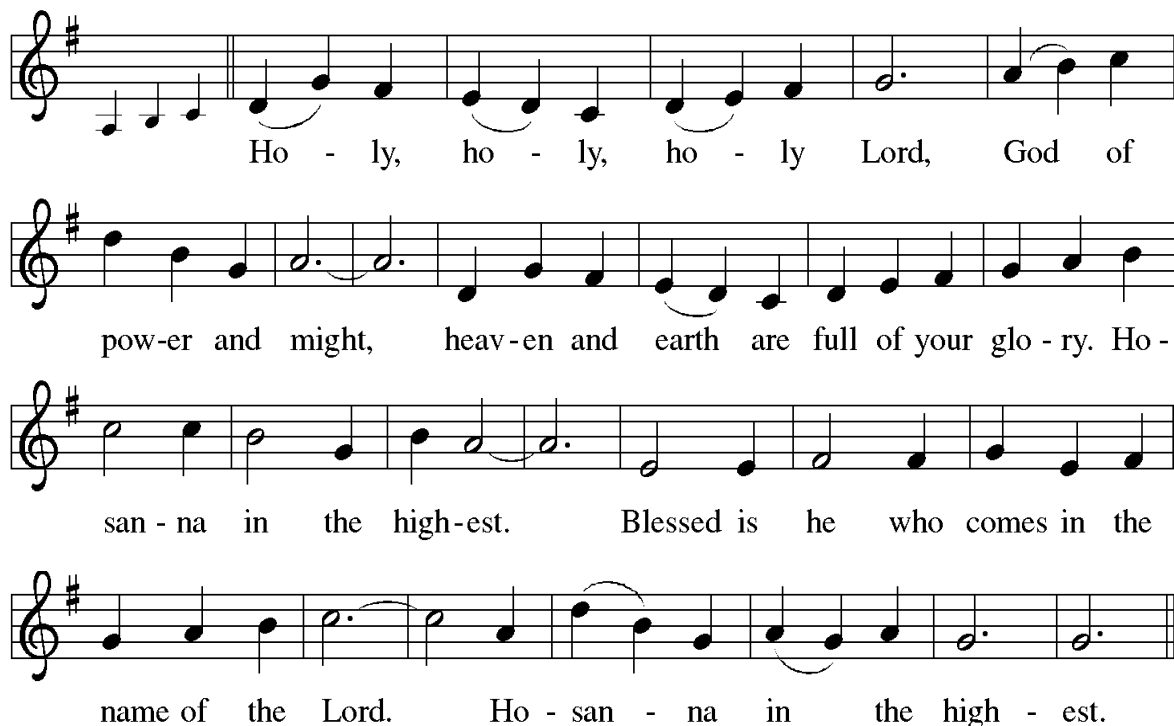
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

With all the saints in everlasting light, we 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.

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.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit † of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing # 385

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Hail Thee, Festival Day

-R. Vaughan Williams

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Joanne Scanlon
Livestream Recorder.....	Andrew Spillane
Usher	Norm Karsten
Counters	Amy Irish, Adam Darder
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby, Jean Seager
Fellowship Host	Barb Sanko

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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.



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COFFEE HOUR/ADULT FORUM

****TODAY* following worship***

Join us in Reissig Hall following worship for beverages, treats, conversation, and to learn about hands-only CPR with Bob Touhsaent and Jess ('Stop the Bleed') McGill .

CONFIRMATION CLASS

****TODAY* at 10:45***

Our Confirmation class will be meeting in the Conference Room.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m.

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

SUNDAY FUN DAY

Next Sunday, April 21st following worship in Founders Hall

All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us directly after worship in Founders Hall. Join us for a Bible story, an art project, music, activities, and snacks. Our topic this month will be 'Seasons of the Church Year'. *We ask that an adult stay with children under eight years of age to assist us.*

APRIL ADULT FORUM

Next Sunday, April 21st following worship

Join us in welcoming David Sommerstein, North Country Public Radio's roving St. Lawrence Valley/Fort Drum/Tug Hill reporter (and Judy Lazenby's son-in-law), whose story on undocumented Latino labor on dairy farms was printed in the *Democrat & Chronicle*.

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COME AND GROW WITH US!

Want to be a part of the garden at Atonement but don't have the time to make the trip? Would you like to help contribute to the produce that is given to the Pittsford Food Pantry but aren't sure of how? Telling yourself "I don't really know how to grow things, my thumbs aren't green?" *We've got you covered!*

Grow Bags, as may be seen in the Narthex, are cloth bags filled with soil that contain a plant or two, depending on the choice. When you sign up to participate (see the list near the bag) you'll receive a bag and the soil and a plant when it's time to plant. You can pick them up in the narthex. Simply take it home, water it, and follow the instructions. You'll have green thumbs before you know it! If you have any questions please see Lin or John Macholz.



LAKE CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN CENTER

Youth Camp, Mini Camp, Sailing Camp? Campfires and Climbing Towers? Swimming, Sailing and Kayaking? Great staff... Great friendships... and Gaga Ball? LCLC offers a wonderful opportunity for children and youth to explore their faith in a fun place on beautiful Lake Chautauqua, near Bemus Point, NY.

*Camperships are available! LCLC continues its pledge to never turn a child away due to financial need. Applying for assistance can be as simple as a phone call and a conversation. Please let us know how we can help.

More info. can be found at www.lclcenter.org and in the LCLC brochures available on the narthex table.

GREEN TIP

For those occasions when handkerchiefs and cloth rags won't cut it, you can now buy facial tissue, paper towels, and toilet paper all made out of bamboo; likely at your regular, local store. Bamboo is a grass and grows much faster than trees.

With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van-quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

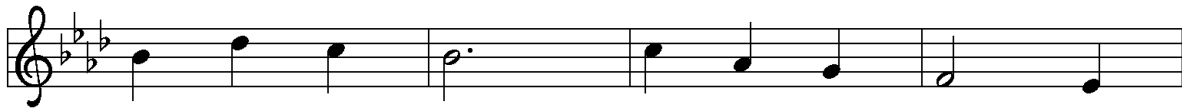
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*“Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them,
“Peace be with you.”*

Luke 24:36b



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