



Midweek Message



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

Join us for in-person worship in our Sanctuary, or Livestream via our Facebook page on Sunday mornings.

Livestream Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. by going to the Atonement Facebook page at fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/

A worship bulletin with hymns is also posted weekly on our web site at www.atonementrochester.org

PALM SUNDAY/PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Beginning with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the Procession of Palms, join us as our order of worship follows the order of events in the Passion Reading from the Gospel of Mark: The Last Supper (Communion), Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (Prayers of the Church), Jesus is arrested (Time for Reflection), Jesus Before Pilate (Confession and Forgiveness), Jesus on the Cross (Music for Meditation), Jesus' Body is Placed in the Tomb (Benediction).

COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, March 24th following worship in Reissig Hall

Join us for beverages, treats and conversation following worship.

WEDNESDAY EVE WORSHIP IN LENT: "Hearts of Flesh"

Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00pm

Gather with us during Lent for a half-hour midweek service of renewal and reflection through prayer, hymns, scripture and candle lighting. "A new heart I will give you...and I will remove from your body a heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezek.36:26 -27)

HOLY WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Maundy Thursday

March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday

March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Service of Readings, Hymns, and Special Music

EASTER DAY: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Festival Service of Holy Communion March 31st at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by Easter Coffee Hour in Reissig Hall

*Guest Musicians

*Sending Hymn: 'Hallelujah Chorus' -G.F. Handel

(Members of the congregation are invited to sing this glorious choral work along with our choir at the end of worship. Music provided!)



EASTER DAY COFFEE HOUR: FOOD SIGNUP

Volunteers are needed to donate fruit trays, coffee cakes, kuchen, Danish pastries, mini muffins, banana breads, and orange & apple juice for the coffee hour following our Easter Day Service. *There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex.*

Confirmation Class

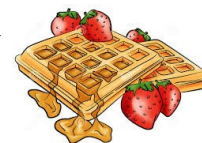
Meeting

Our Confirmation Class will be meeting this **Sunday, March 24th** at 10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room.

RIT CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL

Sunday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Help us provide 'Breakfast for Dinner' for Lutheran and Episcopal students involved with Lutheran Campus Ministry at R.I.T. *Signup sheets for food donations and volunteer help are in the church narthex.*



HEALTHY HEART UPDATE

Thank you for all of your generous donations during this season of Lent. We were able to collect *137 heart-healthy items* for donation to the Pittsford Food Cupboard.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH



You can skip cooking dinner! Come to our easy, drive-through Chicken Barbecue and get a full, delicious meal for just \$15. We'll start serving at 4:30 p.m. and continue until we sell out. All proceeds will benefit the Brighton Habitat Coalition of Churches.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer at this event.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME NOW AVAILABLE

Christ In Our Home devotionals for April/May/June are now available. You can pick one up in the church office or on the narthex table.



IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!

Easter flowers are available to order in honor or in memory of a loved one. The plants will decorate the altar area on Easter morning and may be taken home following worship.

Deadline to order: Palm Sunday, March 24th.

Given By: _____

Number of plants: _____ @ \$9.⁰⁰ each = total \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



READ

Scripture

Mark 11:1-11

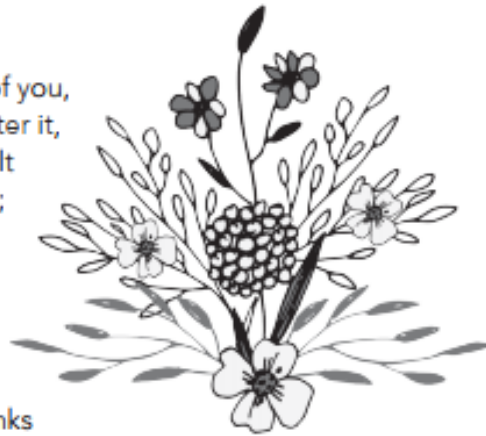
Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.
+ Mark 11:2

Poem

Mary Oliver, "The Poet Thinks about the Donkey," (see page 4)

Prayer

God of glory, help us to see how you shine in the most humble of creatures. Open our ears to the hosannas all around us - and help us to join in and sing! Amen.



PALM SUNDAY

God of Health And Wholeness

Heal those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit; and meet each one in their need with comfort, strength, and hope:

Phyllis Fleming
Barbara Santspree
Florence Wright

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Roberta Paul, former member of Atonement, will be held this Saturday, March 23rd, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Geneseo.

MEDITATE

Jesus was skilled student and faithful lover of scripture, and here in a kind of street theater he enacts a passage from the ancient prophet Zechariah. The crowds fully participate in the performance, lavishing praise on the triumphant king, "humble and riding on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). Oliver zeroes in on the donkey himself, the humble creature carrying the humble savior, calling our attention to how even the most "lowly" can play indispensable roles in the grand drama of salvation, in Jerusalem and beyond.

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

"Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise" -Martin Luther

[Dear Lord and Father of Mankind \(Tune: Repton - 5vv\)](#) This is a favorite hymn. C.H.H. Parry, who wrote the music, was probably the best-known Edwardian church musician, made famous by his setting of Blake's poem "Jerusalem" as a fundraiser during WWI. In both cases, a wide-ranging melody with an active bass line sets rather dense, literary poetry for a glorious effect when sung by a large group in a large space.

[Schubert, Trio No. 2, Op. 100, Andante con moto | Ambroise Aubrun, Maëlle Vilbert, Julien Hanck](#) The first melody of this movement has been used in a lot of films and TV shows. It's actually a Swedish folk tune Schubert had heard at a concert. The trio is one of the last pieces Schubert wrote and actually heard before his death at 31.

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Worship
9:30 a.m. Sundays
in our Sanctuary

Livestream Worship
9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

The Poet Thinks About the Donkey

*On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.*

*How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.*

*But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.*

*Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.*

*I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.*

-Mary Oliver



Our freshly water-sealed and painted walls in the Founders Hall storage area really brighten up the room!

This area will be the new home for our Atonement Archival Files.