

# Atonement Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am  
1144 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
St. Cloud, MN 56303  
(320) 252-6203

Pastor John Gabrielson  
Pastor Tim Lindhorst  
Director of Music Ministry Marcia Handahl  
Associate Director of Music Eric Vollen  
Worship Leader Jason Ploof  
Bell Choir Director Jordan Goodwater



**PRELUDE***Calming Peace – Prayer for Kristin*

Arr. by Cathy Moklebust

Bells of Atonement

**WELCOME****GATHERING SONG**

ELW 774

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 116

In the name of the Father,  
and of the <sup>†</sup> Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God...

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God...

**Amen.**

## GREETING

ELW p. 120

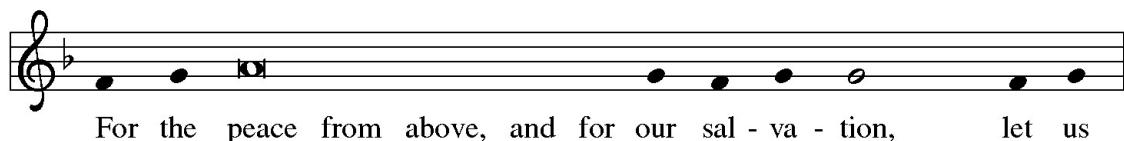
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



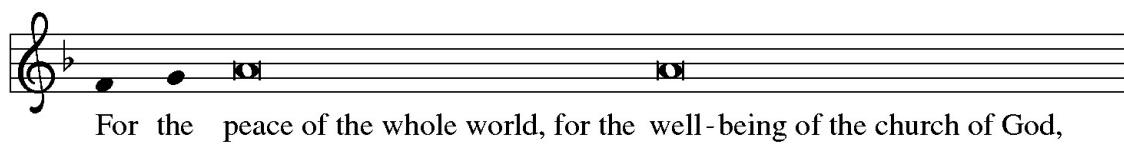
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



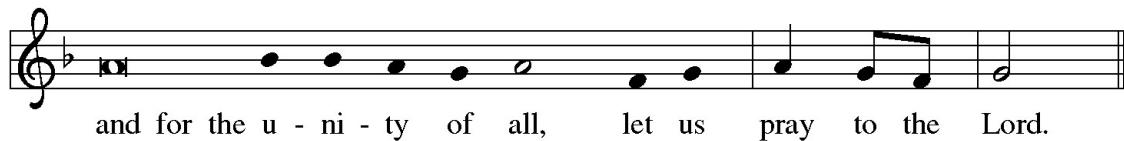
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



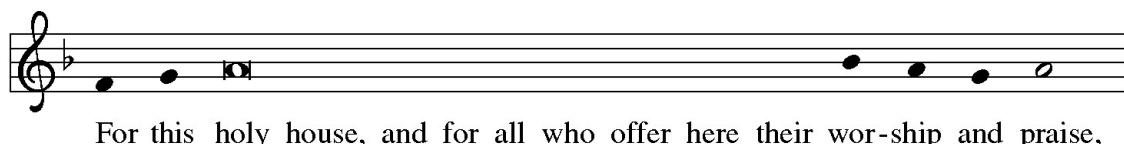
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



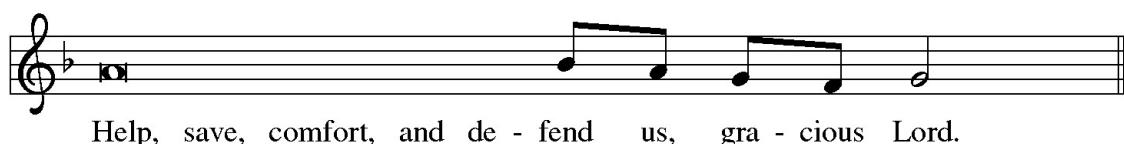
Lord, have mercy.



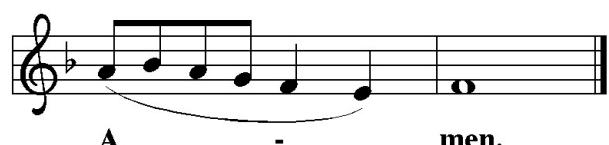
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

A reading from Romans.

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 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.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 188

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

## GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 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 Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

ELW 333

*Refrain – All*



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . . .  
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz-  
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird-  
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
- ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

## CREED

ELW p. 126

**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 OF INTERCESSION

...Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

ELW p. 128

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

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*In Christ Alone*  
Arr. Lloyd Larson  
Bells Of Atonement

## OFFERING SONG *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (Capers)*

ELW 183



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and  
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a  
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the  
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress and music © 1993 Augsburg Fortress.

## OFFERING PRAYER

ELW p. 129

## DIALOGUE

ELW p. 129

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.**

**PREFACE**

ELW p. 130

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW p. 130



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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

ELW p. 130

**LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW p. 134

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

ELW p. 134

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**COMMUNION SONG** *Lamb of God*

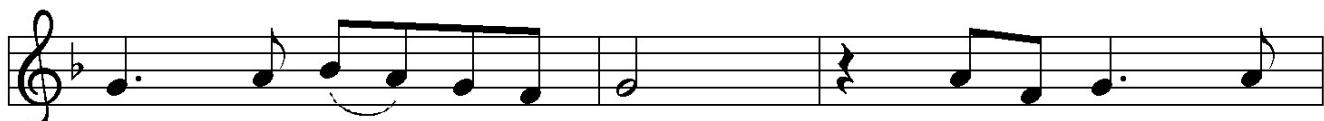
ELW p. 135



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.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *Beneath The Cross of Jesus*

Arr. Hart Morris

Bells of Atonement

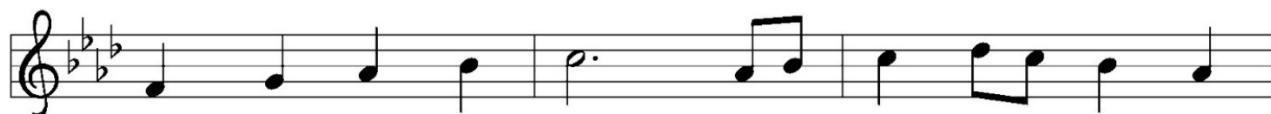
## COMMUNION HYMN (V.1-3)

ELW 319

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

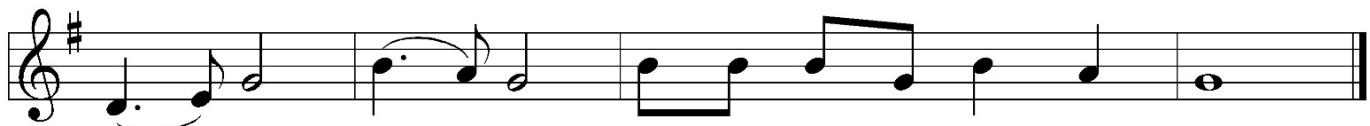
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

**COMMUNION HYMN (V.1,3,4) *Jesus in the Morning***

TFF 167



1 Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn-ing, Je - sus in the noon-time;  
2 Praise him, praise him, praise him in the morn-ing, praise him in the noon-time;  
3 Love him, love him, love him in the morn-ing, love him in the noon-time;  
4 Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morn-ing, serve him in the noon-time;  
5 Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn-ing, Je - sus in the noon-time;



Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down.  
praise him, praise him, praise him when the sun goes down.  
love him, love him, love him when the sun goes down.  
serve him, serve him, serve him when the sun goes down.  
Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS IN THE MORNING, African American spiritual

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Now Lord***

ELW p. 135



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

ELW p. 136

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

### SENDING SONG *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

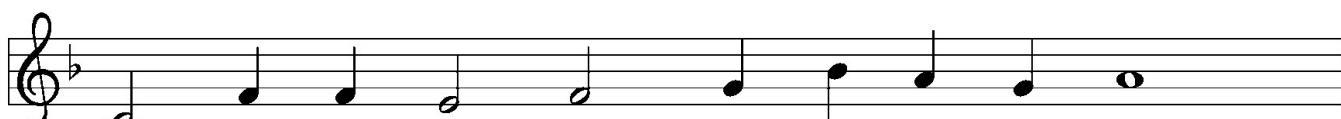
ELW 321



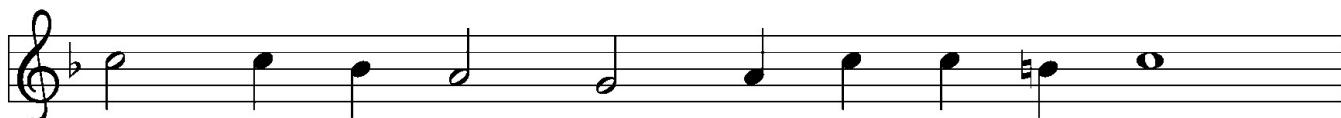
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



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.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Text © Thomas H. Cain. Used by permission of estate.

## DISMISSAL

ELW p. 137

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

## **NEWS AND UPDATES:**

### **PRAYER LIST**

|                                |                |                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| The Family of Barbara Kjolhaug | Keshun W.      | Lainey M.        |
| The Family of Ed Glimpse       | Jerome S.      | Gregg            |
| Diane W.                       | Patsy M.       | Angie F.         |
| Donna & Dale T.                | Mark A.        | Christopher      |
| Barbara D.                     | Jodi           | Carly & Jesse J. |
| Josef F.                       | Pat & Brian R. | Jean R.          |
| Deon C.                        | Julie H.       |                  |

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

### **Introduction to the Lenten Series**

You may have heard it said that "Time heals all wounds," but if you've lived on this earth any amount of time, you also know that time isn't always enough. This session Pr Tim and Pr John will introduce five crucial conversations that can help us make and find peace: "Thank you; Please forgive me; I forgive you; I love you; Goodbye." Join us in the southeast corner of the Fellowship Hall after worship. Coffee and treats will be waiting for you at the session so please come right in. Please join us!

## **PLACE OF HOPE**

This month's tour of our new ***Compassionate Hope Family Center*** at 121 Park Ave. S. in St. Cloud, which we purchased in June, will be held the following **Thursday, March 13th**. It will begin at 11:30am followed by a light lunch. Enter at the door with the largest blue awning on the south side of the building that faces Subaru.

As you can imagine, the cost of operating our facilities is significant – but the large number of restored lives continues to be the worthwhile reward! We're in the midst of our "Be the Hope" \$3,000,000 campaign! We are more than half way there with \$1,700,000 raised!

The next restaurant fundraiser will be at Nautical Bowls in Waite Park on **Monday, March 10th from 10am - 2pm**. At least 10% of the sales during this time will go to Place of Hope and our restorative ministry of providing food, shelter, and other services to those in need.