

# Atonement Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
1144 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
St. Cloud, MN 56303

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Director of Music Ministry Marcia Handahl  
Worship Leader Jason Ploof

## **GATHERING HYMN** *When It's All Been Said and Done*

### **Verse 1**

Well, I could talk for hours about his  
coming, but the louder that I speak  
I just go deaf against his call.  
And I could pray for years,  
I could bind my ills and my fears,  
and even believe I have the answers to it  
all.

### **Chorus 1**

### **Verse 2**

Well, I could sing his praise, I could tithe  
my life away, to build a church  
that stands much taller than the rest  
or I could speak a language.  
That only few could understand  
or write a book that tells the world my  
way's the best.

### **Chorus 1**

### **Verse 3**

And when the time arrives to leave behind  
our early lives.  
And go before the God that calls our souls  
to be.  
Will you answer, Lord, I knew you well I  
walked your way.  
I lived a life that caused another man to  
see.

### **Verse 4**

Now you can spend your time,  
turning your tricks for all mankind.  
And you can base your life on meaningless  
reward.  
But a wiser man is he,  
who knows himself eternally.  
And sees his value not in life but in his  
Lord.

### **Chorus 2**

### **Chorus 1**

But when it's all been said, and when it's  
all been done, He'll ask me,  
"Did you go my way child,  
did you know my Son?"  
When it's all been said, and when it's all  
been done, He'll ask me,  
"Did you find your way within my Son?"

### **Chorus 2**

'Cuz when it's all been said,  
and when it's all been done,  
He'll ask me,  
"Did you go my way child did you know  
my Son?"  
When it's all been said, and when it's all  
been done, He'll ask me,  
"Did you find your way within my Son?"

When it's all been said,  
and when it's all been done,  
He'll ask me,  
"Did you go my way child did you know  
my Son?"  
When it's all been said, and when it's all  
been done, He'll ask me,  
"Did you find your way within my Son?"  
Did you find your way within my Son?"

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the...

**Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Holy God,

**we confess our sin before you.**

**We replace compassion with competition.**

**We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.**

**We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.**

**We have not put on love in harmony with you.**

**Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.**

**Swaddle our hearts with your peace,**

**that all we do, in word or deed,**

**may reflect your love born among us.**

**Amen.**

I bring you...

**Amen.**

## **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**

## **FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8**

A reading from Micah.

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 15

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the  
LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the  
innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us  
who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this  
age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom  
of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the  
foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs  
and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to  
Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and  
Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is  
wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human  
standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose  
what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world  
to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that  
are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of  
God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom  
from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it  
is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Long Black Train*

### **Verse 1**

There's a long black train, comin' down  
the line.  
Feeding off the souls that are lost and  
cryin'.  
Rails of sin, only evil remains.  
Watch out, brother, for that long black  
train.

### **Verse 2**

Look to the heavens, you can look to the  
skies.  
You can find redemption starin' back into  
your eyes.  
There is protection and there's peace the  
same,  
Burnin' your ticket for that long black train

### **Chorus 1**

### **Verse 3**

There's an engineer on that long black  
train;  
Makin' you wonder if the ride is worth the  
pain.  
He's just a-waitin' on your heart to say,  
"Let me ride on that long black train."

### **Chorus 2**

### **Verse 4**

Well, I can hear the whistle from a mile  
away.  
It sounds so good but I must stay away.  
That train is a beauty, makin' everybody  
stare.  
But its only destination is the middle of  
nowhere.

### **Chorus 3**

### **Chorus 1**

Cause there's victory in the Lord, I say.  
Victory in the Lord.  
Cling to the Father and His Holy name,  
and don't go ridin' on that long black  
train.

### **Chorus 2**

But ya know there's victory in the Lord, I  
say  
Victory in the Lord.  
Cling to the Father and His Holy name,  
and don't go ridin' on that long black  
train.

### **Chorus 3**

But ya know there's victory in the Lord, I  
say.  
Victory in the Lord.  
Cling to the Father and His Holy name,  
and don't go ridin' on that long black  
train.

But ya know there's victory in the Lord, I  
say  
Victory in the Lord.  
Cling to the Father and His Holy name,  
and don't go ridin' on that long black  
train.

I said, Cling to the Father and His Holy  
name,  
and don't go ridin' on that long black  
train.

Yeah, watch out, brother, for that long  
black train  
That devil's a drivin' that long black train.

## **APOSTLE'S 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 OF INTERCESSION**

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

## **PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERING SONG** *Lord, I Need You*

### **Verse 1**

Lord, I come, I confess.  
Bowing here, I find my rest.  
And without You, I fall apart.  
You're the one that guides my heart.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 2**

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free.  
Holiness is Christ in me.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 3**

So, teach my song to rise to You  
when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

### **Final Chorus**

### **Chorus**

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,  
Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God how I need You.

### **Final Chorus**

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.  
Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
oh, God, how I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God how I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God how I need You.

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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## **DIALOGUE**

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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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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**

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Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **COMMUNION HYMN** *The Power of Your Love*

### **Verse 1**

Lord I come to You,  
let my heart be changed, renewed;  
Flowing from the grace  
that I found in You.  
And Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
will be stripped away  
by the pow'r of Your love.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 2**

Lord unveil my eyes,  
let me see You face to face;  
Knowledge of Your love,  
as You live, in me.  
And Lord renew my mind  
as Your will unfolds in my life,  
in living ev'ry day  
by the pow'r of Your love.

### **Chorus**

### **Chorus**

Hold me close,  
let Your love surround me,  
bring me near,  
draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait,  
I'll rise up like the eagle,  
and I will soar with You,  
Your spirit leads me on  
In the pow'r of Your love.

### **After Verse 2 Chorus 2**

### **Chorus 2**

Hold me close,  
let Your love surround me,  
bring me near,  
draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait,  
I'll rise up like the eagle,  
and I will soar with You,  
Your spirit leads me on  
in the pow'r of Your love.

And I will soar with You,  
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## **COMMUNION HYMN** *Gratitude*

### **Verse 1**

All my words fall short;  
I got nothing new.  
How could I express  
all my gratitude?

### **Verse 2**

### **Verse 2**

I could sing these songs,  
as I often do,  
but every song must end  
and You never do.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 3**

I've got one response,  
I've got just one move:  
with my arms stretched wide  
I will worship You.

### **Chorus**

### **Bridge**

Come on my soul,  
Oh, don't you get shy on me.  
Lift up your song,  
'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.  
Get up and praise the Lord.

Come on, my soul,  
Oh, don't you get shy on me.  
Lift up your song,  
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those  
lungs.  
Get up and praise the Lord.

### **Chorus x2**

### **Chorus**

So I throw up my hands  
and praise You again and again,  
'cause all that I have is a hallelujah,  
hallelujah.  
And I know it's not much,  
but I've nothing else fit for a king  
except for a heart singing, "Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah."

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN** *The Lion and the Lamb***Verse 1**

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down.  
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise.  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

**Chorus**

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.  
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles.  
And every knee will bow before Him.  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain.  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains.  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.  
Every knee will bow before Him.

**Verse 2**

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings.  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free.  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

**Chorus**

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.  
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles.  
And every knee will bow before Him.  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain.  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains.  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.  
Every knee will bow before Him.

**Verse 3**

For who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

**Chorus**

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.  
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles.  
And every knee will bow before Him,  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain.  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains.  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.  
Every knee will bow before Him.

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

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## **NEWS AND UPDATES:**

### **PRAYER LIST**

The Family of Gene Van Hauen	Rev. Sandra L.	Kitty R.
The Family of Denton P.	Mindy	Lainey M.
Sara G.	Debbie G.	Angie F.
The Family of Patsy Mader	Deon C.	Pat & Brian R.
Angie L.	Tom K.	Wanda J.
Linda S.	Jane A.	Mark A.
Bob E.	Eric P.	Stacey R.
Tony V.	Manual P.	

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

#### **February 1<sup>st</sup> V-REC Veteran's Resource and Enrichment Center**

Kelley Schwegel, Executive Director of the V-REC, will tell us about this valuable organization that provides dedicated advocacy and transition management to enhance the well-being of veterans and their families. It offers veterans resources for recovery, housing, jobs, veteran's benefits, and county, state, and federal benefits. The programs aim to boost self-esteem and confidence, reduce anxiety, and empower veterans and their families. Come join us to learn about this respected resource. Come to the southeast corner of the Fellowship Hall after worship where coffee and treats will be waiting for you. Please join us!

### **VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER FOR COUPLES**

Living Waters in Sauk Rapids is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner for Couples on Saturday, February 14, 2026. You are invited to enjoy a catered meal, live music and meaningful activities. If you wish there is an available option to Renew your Vows. The cost is \$50 per couple. RSVP by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> by calling the Living Waters church office (320) 255-1135.

### **ATONEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Legacy committee is preparing scholarship applications. Those will be mailed out in March to members attending college for their first year in the fall of 2026. Last year, we awarded scholarships to Cadaan Miller and Mylie Parker. The application deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Please reach out to any Legacy committee member with questions.

## **MULTI-FAITH VIGIL**

St. Cloud Area Faith Communities invite you to a Multi-Faith Vigil on Sunday, February 1. The will be held at South Junior High, 1120 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S, St. Cloud, at 3:30 pm. Groups will be praying for unity with our siblings in faith especially the homeless. Donations of canned good and hygiene products will be accepted.

**BENEFIT CONCERT** FOR CENTRAL MINNESOTA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY will be presented by the CABRINI FLUTE CHOIR on Sunday, February 1, at 7:00 pm! This is the tenth annual concert by this flute ensemble as a Benefit for Habitat in Minneapolis and they are expanding this year to perform in St. Cloud. There will be 19 flutists playing: piccolo, standard C-flute, alto, bass, and contrabass flutes. Come hear this glorious, uplifting sound at Atonement Lutheran Church. Selections include Flute-da-Toot, Views from Falls House, Praise the Lord with Flutes, Sierra Morning Freedom. FluteSpiration Quartet will also be performing pieces and participating with the flute choir. Peggy Doerrie (Principal Flute with St. Cloud Symphony) is the Director. Kris Boyle of Amadeus Chamber Symphony will be playing with the Cabrini Flute Choir. Please come listen and share in this joyful celebration of music for a great cause! Free will donation for Habitat requested.

## **TIE BLANKETS**

February 21, 2026, Tie Blankets will be made which will be sent with a Mission Group going to Guatemala in March to be given to children having surgery. Students, families, adults please join us.

## **BLOOD MOBILE**

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.**

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be available at Atonement 12:00-6:00 pm.

Questions: Contact Nancy Johnson 320-223-9979.

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee Hour 10am Adult Ed	<b>2</b> 1pm Bible Study with Pastors	<b>3</b> 9:30am Men's Group 12pm Blood Mobile	<b>4</b> 8am Bible Study Online 9am Quilters 5:15pm Pizza Supper <b>5:45pm Wednesday School</b> <b>6:30pm Worship</b> <b>7:15pm Confirmation</b>	<b>5</b> 10am Bible Study Online 12pm Bible Study 1pm Pieces of Love Quilters	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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## February 12 – Committee Meetings

10 am Mission Committee

2 pm Worship Committee

2 pm Property Committee

7 pm Children & Youth, Evangelism, Adult Ed, Stewardship Committees