

*March 22, 2023*

*7:00 PM Wednesday*



*Led To Some Greeks*

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## **Atonement Lutheran Church**



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing  
The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*..... **CW<sub>93</sub> 98** (CW<sub>21</sub> 420) **Stz 1 & 2**



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,



With your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And your cru - ci - fix - ion;



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound you,



Of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.

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**Confession and Absolution**

**L:** In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed and troubled by my sins. I confess that I am deeply sorry for them.**

**L:** Privately, we confess our sins before the Lord and ask him to hear us.

Jesus says to us, his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C: Yes, I believe that the perfect life, innocent death, and glorious resurrection of Jesus alone saves me.**

**L:** Because of the promises of our Savior Jesus, I do forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life. Believe his word; trust his promises, then go and sin no more.

**Prayer of the Day**

**L:** Almighty and merciful God, you have loved us with your unfailing love and have forgiven those who turn to you. Create in us hearts that always repent of our sins and find complete relief in your gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Passion History Lesson:**

**Matthew 26:50–68** (NIV 84)

<sup>50</sup> Men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup> With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>52</sup> "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

<sup>55</sup> At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

<sup>57</sup> Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup> But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup> But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup> and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

<sup>62</sup> Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

<sup>64</sup> "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered.

<sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you? *This is the Passion History of our Lord.*

**All: (together) All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds, we are healed.**

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3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see your pas - sion,



But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.



Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought your deep af - flic - tion;



This in - deed the cause has been Of your cru - ci - fix - ion.

*His Final Steps: Led To Some Greeks*

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. <sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. <sup>30</sup> Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up<sup>[a]</sup> from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.



**Apostles’ Creed:** *(together we confess)*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.***

***The third day he rose again from the dead.***

***He ascended into heaven***

***and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.***

***From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,***

***the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen***

**Prayer:** Holy and righteous God, as we continue this solemn spiritual journey of Lent, we stand in awe of your passion. Help us grasp the great truth that the pain, suffering, mockery, ridicule, punishment, and death Jesus endured should have been ours. Help us to fully understand the work of Jesus and to never doubt your great love for us. This we ask in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray...

**Lord’s Prayer:** *(traditional)*

**Lord's Prayer:** (traditional)

***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!***

**L:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn:** *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*..... **CW<sub>93</sub> 98** (CW<sub>21</sub> 420) **Stz 4**



4 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,



Let your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.



Help me see for - give - ness won By your ho - ly pas - sion.



If for me he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

 **Looking Ahead**

<b>Date</b>		Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
<b>March</b>						
Wed Lent 4	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	7:00 PM	Dan M	Jessica O	Dan M	
Sun Lent 5	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 AM	Megan K	HymnSoft	Scott S	Dan M
Wed Lent 5	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 PM	Jessica O	Paul T	Bob P	

***March 2023, Birthdays and Anniversaries***

14 Timothy Kassebaum

**2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall**  
**Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week on or preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.**

April 1 Meister Family  
 April 15 K. Kellner, P. Taylor, C. Rogers