

*“The Lord is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!”*

SANCTIFY THEM  
IN THE  
**TRUTH**  
YOUR  
WORD  
IS  
TRUTH

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## **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT**

1285 New Florissant Road North, Florissant, Missouri 63031  
(Area 314) Church: 837-1224 School: 837-1252 Facsimile: 837-1227 Childcare: 837-2802  
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**WORSHIP:** Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.  
**EDUCATION HOUR:** Sunday at 9:25a.m. Adult Forum, Sunday School, Adult Sunday School

**DATE:** *May 19-20, 2012*

# Welcome to Worship at Atonement

**FOR OUR VISITORS:** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) is the red hymnal. Our hymns and liturgy are from ELW.*

Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing-impaired are available at services. Large print worship folders are also available. Please ask an usher prior to the service.

**Please turn off all cell phones and pagers and refrain from flash photography.**

We welcome to the Lord's Table all Baptized Christians, who commune in their home parish and who wish to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Those with questions about the meaning of Holy Communion or who wish a private confession and absolution should contact a pastor during the week prior to communing. At weekend worship, both the chalice and individual cups are offered. Please assist servers with the chalice by holding it by the bottom and guiding it to your lips. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests.

**VISITORS' WELCOME BAGS:** Joining us for worship? Please take a welcome bag with a token of appreciation and information about Atonement. Bags are hanging on the red coat rack.

**ACTIVITY BAGS FOR THE LITTLE ONES:** The activity bags, hanging from the unfinished wood coat rack in the narthex, are filled with engaging [but quiet] activities for our youngest worshippers. Feel free to pick one up on the way into worship, and to return it on your way out. Supplies in the bags are regularly replenished from donations.

## Sunday Education at Atonement -- 9:30 a.m.

**ADULT FORUM:** No class today. Please attend the congregation meeting in the sanctuary.

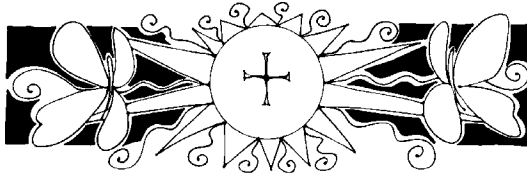
**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:** No class today. Please attend the congregation meeting in the sanctuary.

**YOUTH FORUM:** Join your friends in the Youth Room between Sunday services, as we look at our final session in "Making Sense of Scripture."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Come to a year-end celebration in Fellowship Hall. If you're new, please come to our new Sunday School office. Ask anyone....

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** No class today. Please attend the congregation meeting in the sanctuary.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; St. John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



Seventh Sunday Of Easter

**May 19-20, 2012**

(\* Seating may take place at these times.)

**\*PRELUDE:** (8:15/10:45) Atonement Bell Choir: “*The Ash Groves*”

arranged by Katherine Larson

*(please limit conversation, so all may enjoy the bells)*

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION** *(stand)*

P: The Lord is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, the ruler of all the kings of the earth.

**C: He loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.**

P: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess to you that we are dead in trespasses and sins. We have not returned to you the glory which your Son has given us. In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

P: Eternal life belongs to all who know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom God has sent.

**C: In him we have forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead.**

P: If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, dwells in you, then the One who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies.

**C: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

+ + + **THE ENTRANCE RITE** + + +

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN:** *(stand)* #657

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

**GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: Hymn #376** (*stanzas 1-2*)

“Thine is the Glory”

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together. Almighty and eternal God,

**C: your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory.**

P: Give us faith to see that, true to his promise,

**C: he is among us still,**

P: and will be with us to the end of time;

**C: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

P: one God,

**C: now and forever. Amen**

**ANTHEM:** (*8:15/10:45*) “*Gentle Voice*” (*please sit*)

Lee and Susan Dengler

+ + + **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD** + + +

**FIRST LESSON** (*sit*):

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup> "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus--<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.

<sup>21</sup>"So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until

the day when he was taken up from us--one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."

<sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostle-ship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**HYMN: #376** (*stanza 3*)

“Thine is the Glory”

**SECOND LESSON:**

First John 5:9-13

*St. John writes:* If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the

testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**THE VERSE:** *(please stand)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

St. John 17:6-19

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus prayed:* <sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I

protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: #742** *(stanzas 1-2)*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**SERMON** *(sit)*

Pastor Koch

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: #742** *(stanza 3)*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**APOSTLES' CREED** (5:30/8:15)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** (10:45)

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*Olivia Milani Weick*, daughter of Phillip and Nancy (Siharaj) Weick  
Sponsors: Raymond and Laura Weick

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Each petition concludes:*

A: Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

+ + + **THE SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST** + + +

**GREETING OF PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

*We greet each other with a sign of the Lord's peace.*

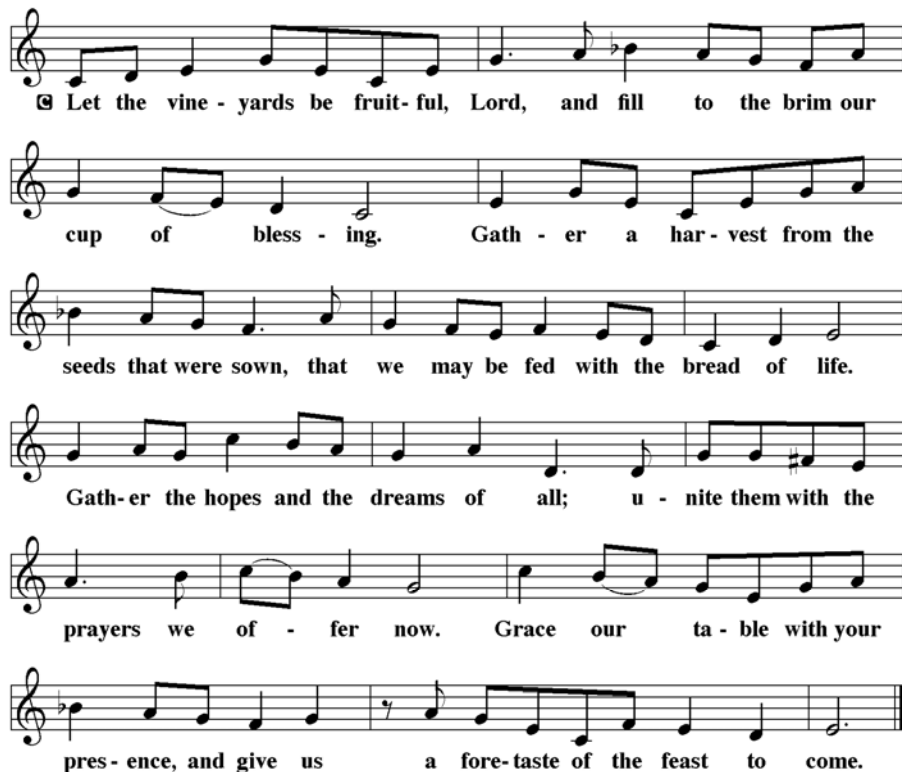
**OFFERING** (*sit*) *The offerings are received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

**VOLUNTARY:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Robert Lau

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND OFFERTORY:

*Please stand as the singing of the Offertory hymn begins, and the ushers bring the offering forward.*



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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, through the suffering, death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ,

**C: we have been bought with a price.**

A: We do not belong to the world.

**C: We are yours.**

A: Accept these offerings –

**C: they are gifts to you from your own people.**

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times  
and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,  
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord;  
for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,  
who by his death has destroyed death,  
and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *“Our Father, who art...”*

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE** (*sit; Continuous/Pilgrim Communion*)

Hymn #733

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn #759

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Hymn #777

“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”

Hymn #790

“Day by Day”

**COMMUNION BLESSING** (*please stand*)

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** (*stand*):

Hymn #381

“Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes”

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THE EASTER SEASON**

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's  
resurrection.

**C: Give us also the joys of life in your service,**

A: and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal;

**C: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,**

A: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**BENEDICTION FOR THE EASTER SEASON:**

P: The God of peace -- who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant -- make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**C: Amen**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: #840**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*(Worshippers at the 8:15 a.m. service are requested to remain for the Congregation Meeting. Please feel free to pick up coffee and a bakery item and then return for the meeting.)*

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

**POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God”**

Paul Manz

*Soli Deo Gloria*

- Presiding Minister.....(8:15) *Pastor Jean A. Vargo; (10:45) Pastor Richard E. Mueller*
- Preacher.....*Pastor Kristen E. Koch*
- Assisting Ministers.....(5:30) *Mike Thompson*
- .....(8:15) *Carol Meier, Sean Mathews, Don Posey, Don Rupp*
- .....(10:45) *Linda Tomazi, Millie Monroe, Keith Tomazi, Dave Johnson*
- Acolytes.....(5:30) *Kayla Wallace; (8:15) Zachary Moravec, Montana Gossage*
- .....(10:45) *Katie Sandcork, Logan Crow*
- Altar Guild.....(5:30) *Debbie Klix; (8:15) Karen Ryals and Estelle Beckermann*
- .....(10:45) *Ann Eckert, Martha Fellwock*
- Atonement Bell Choir.....*Carol Rupp, Director*
- Adult Choir.....*Sharon Carter, Director*
- Violin.....*Evan Dalton*
- Organist.....*Carol Rupp*
- Head Usher.....(5:30) *Bud Simpson; (8:15) Tom Blight; (10:45) Bill Meyerkord*
- Trustee.....(5:30) *Donald Boggs; (8:15) Tom Blight; (10:45) Larry Eder*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

**Anniversaries:** Ron and Ann Behrens, 30

John and Regina Woll, 25

**Birth:** Anna Elizabeth Springmeyer, newborn daughter of Jessica Briggs and Brian Springmeyer and grandchild of Mark and Nancy Briggs

### Hospitalized and Ill:

Henry Kuethe	Jeff Kneemiller (home)	Don Rixford
Mike Bohlmann (home)	Linda Tomazi	Don Tanner
Harold Torbeck	Jennifer Beatman	Benjamin Eaton
Jean Lewis	Cheryl Tucker	Thelma Carlson
Troy Lewis, LCC Bridgeton	Ginny Scheiter, CNE	
<i>Our Loved Ones/Friends:</i>	Joel Gahr	
Lindsay Dawn Reinertsen	Dan Crow	Juan Narvaez, Sr.
Connie Behlmann	Jennifer Berviller	Francis Vogelsang
Ron Bookout	Chris Cobb	Victor Jungkuntz
Elizabeth Burton	Martha Blank	Lenora Ahart
Michael Gabbert, nephew of Chris Gabbert		David Blight, brother of Tom Blight
Daughter of Beulah Johnson		Sharon White, sister of Shirley Tyree

### Homebound and Chronically Ill:

Delores Spangenberg	Annaliese Hohberger	Theresa Tarwater	Sherry Box
Shirley Wood	Dorothy Roschke	Violet Noles	Yasu Takushi
Peter Pawelko	Don Branhof	Vince Brignola	Marian Addis
John Oak	Rosina Childers	Pearl Smith	Cecelia McDonnell
Dolores Hyland	Bob Spellmeyer	Linda Buermann	Alton Murray, Sr.
Gordon Kruse	Martha Teson	Ruth Kuhlmann	Ed and Jan Kummer
Roberta Jane Davis	Maxine Priebe	Dorothy Jeanis	Jerry McVey
Mary Lou Brooks	Mary Ellen Patton	Gloria Loemker	Lenora Arhart
Lucille Thies	Rachel Pinson	Milt Freiart	

**Death:** Kenneth, brother of JoAnne Wedemeier

**College Graduates:** Chris Cunningham, Lindenwood University; Kurt Negwer, Augustana College; Shannon Thompson and Allison Behrens, Missouri State University; Rachel Zimmermann, University of Evansville; Sarah Knoll, Masters Degree, Eastern Illinois University; Steven Suydam, Masters Degree, University of Delaware

**Service Personnel "in harm's way":** Tyson Riemann, Bryce Miller, Zack Bolin, Timothy Ruppap, Mike Malawey, Jack Scoles, Jaime Hernandez, Brian Bayley, and Mickey Denner

*Due to Federal privacy laws, we ask you to obtain explicit permission, before we list friends or loved ones in the prayers.*

<b>YOUR WEEKLY GIFTS TO GOD</b>		To a pledge	Not Pledged
Sunday Envelopes	\$11,272.40	\$9,751.40	\$1,521.00
Loose Offerings	\$1,115.00		\$1,115.00
One Fund	\$11,148.40		
Missions	\$1,239.00		

## OUR WELCOME

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your worship. Visitors are asked to sign the attendance form in the bulletin. Please introduce yourself to one of the pastors.

## OUR CONGREGATION

Atonement is a family of professing Christians who are in ministry to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been in ministry since September 30, 1951. Atonement School is in its 56th academic year.

## OUR AFFILIATIONS

We are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and support local ministries including Lutheran Family and Children's Services, Humanitri, Lutheran High Schools, Care and Counseling, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

## OUR STAFF

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## OUR CALENDAR

### TODAY

- 9:15 a.m. - Nursery open and staffed by Kim Zorich, Madeline Mares and Lynsey Benne
- 9:30 a.m. - Congregation Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. - Atonement Pinochle Club

### MONDAY

- 8:15 a.m. - Walking Program
- 9:00 a.m. - Arthritis Exercise
- 10:00 a.m. - Parish Nurse Office Hours until 12:00 Noon
- 7:00 p.m. - Congregation Council
- 7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir, Boy Scouts

### TUESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. - Grief Recovery
- 6:30 p.m. - Lydia bible Group
- 7:00 p.m. - Diabetic Support Group

### WEDNESDAY

- 8:15 a.m. - Walking Program
- 8:45 a.m. - Worship
- 9:00 a.m. - Arthritis Exercise Program
- 9:00 a.m. - Kindergarten Graduation
- 2:00 p.m. - Lifestyle for Living
- 2:30 p.m. - Worship at Bent-Wood

### THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. - Parish Nurse Office Hours until 11:00 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. - Bible and Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. - Awards Program
- 2:45 p.m. - Worship at St. Sophia
- 7:00 p.m. - Eighth Grade Graduation
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir

### FRIDAY

- 8:15 a.m. - No Walking Program
- 9:00 a.m. - No Arthritis Exercise
- 10:00 a.m. - Closing Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. - School Early Dismissal
- 9:00 p.m. - Adult Hockey

### SATURDAY

- Blood Pressure Screenings
- 5:30 p.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

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Flowers are given to the glory of God by Martin and Ruth Jungkuntz in honor of the Baptism of Olivia Milani Weick, daughter of Phillip and Nancy Weick.

## THE 'GO PHONE' -- (314) 971-HOPE

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