

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let's rejoice and be glad!"

*Your goodness and
unfailing kindness
will be with me all
the days of my life*



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

1285 North New Florissant Road, Florissant, Missouri 63031
(Area 314) Church: 837-1224 School: 837-1252 Childcare: 837-2802

WORSHIP: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

EDUCATION HOUR: Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (except in summer)

DATE: *May 7-8, 2022*

Welcome to Worship at Atonement

FOR OUR VISITORS: *Our hymns and liturgy are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).
The hymnals and Bibles are temporarily removed from the pews.*

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.

Both individual cups and the chalice (common cup) are now offered to communicants. The chalice is available only for intinction (dipping the host into the wine). The darker wine in the center of the tray is non-alcoholic. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests. Please also continue to practice social distancing. Please be assured that all reasonable precautions are being taken to assure health and safety.

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

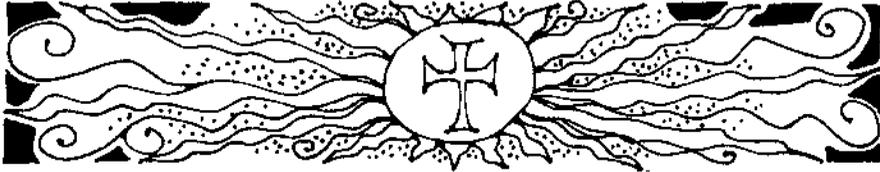
SUNDAY YOUTH FORUM: Grades 8 through high school meet in the Youth Room.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Class will resume, when appropriate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes for younger students will resume, when appropriate.

ADULT FORUM: Adult Forum will resume, when appropriate.

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; St. John 13:31-35



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7-8, 2022

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

***PRELUDE:** *(8:15/10:45) "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

Charles Callahan

A LITANY FOR MOTHERS' DAY: *(please stand)*

P: Mothers' Day is a day of celebration and thanksgiving to God. We give thanks to God for the gifts exercised by the faithful women among us and for the loving women who have graced our lives.

C: For these, O Lord, we give you thanks and praise.

P: For loving mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, "favorite" aunts, teachers, pastors, and caregivers,

C: We give you thanks and praise, O God.

P: For all those women who have made known to us your grace.

C: We give you thanks and praise, O God.

P: For those mothers who have lost a child or are estranged from a child,

C: We ask your peace, O God.

P: For those who make sacrifices to care for their mothers,

C: We ask your strength, O God.

P: For new mothers, for foster mothers, for den mothers, for room mothers,

C: We give you thanks and praise, O God.

P: For those who never had the opportunity to be mothers and for those who have experienced painful relationships with their mothers,

C: We ask your serenity, O God.

P: For all the nurturing women who have touched our lives,

C: We give you thanks and praise, O God, and we ask your continued blessing, peace, perseverance, and strength. Amen

+ + + THE ENTRANCE RITE + + +

***ENTRANCE HYMN: #619** (*stanzas 1-3; please stand*)

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

(At morning worship, please face the cross, continuing to face it as it moves down the aisle.)

THE 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together. Almighty God,

C: **you show the light of your truth to those in darkness, to lead them into the way of righteousness. Give strength to all who are joined in the family of the Church, so that they will resolutely reject what erodes their faith and firmly follow what faith requires; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

+ + + THE SERVICE OF THE WORD + + +

FIRST LESSON: (*please be seated*)

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing

that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.



(The Psalm is recited responsively, a lector on the odd-numbered verses, the congregation on the even-numbered verses.)

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd;* I shall not be in want.
² **He makes me lie down in green pastures* and leads me beside still waters.**
³ He revives my soul* and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
⁶ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

ANTHEM: (10:45) *“Let the Praise Go Round”*

William Boyce
arranged by Hal Hopson

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Sing and rejoice. Praise the Lord. Praise him.
Let the sound go ‘round. Let our praise abound. Sing Hallelujah.**

SECOND LESSON:

Revelation 7:9-17

St. John writes: ⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,

"Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE FOR MOTHERS’ DAY: (8:15/10:45, *as children are present*)

Pastor Mueller

SEQUENCE HYMN: #388 (*please stand; sung twice*)

“Be Not Afraid”

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

St. John 10:22-30

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the Festival of the Dedication [*Hanukkah*] took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN: #388 (*sung twice*)

"Be Not Afraid"

SERMON (*sit*)

Pastor Mueller

HYMN OF THE DAY: #451 (*please stand for stanza 3*) "We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"

APOSTLES' CREED:

**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**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Each petition concludes:*

A: You lead beside still waters, LORD.

C: Your rod and your staff they comfort us.

(please be seated)

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

HYMN, as the Altar is prepared: #619 *(stanzas 4-5)*

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

OFFERTORY PRAYER FOR THE EASTER SEASON: *(please stand)*

A: Let us pray. Risen Lord Jesus,

C: having been raised from the dead, you will never die again. Through this sacramental meal, let us feast on your deathless life and so praise and serve you forever and ever. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

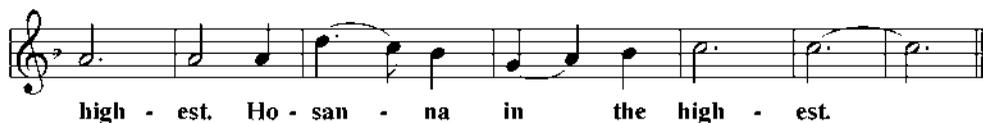
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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 ever-living 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 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**



THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE: *(sit; Continuous/Pilgrim Communion)*
(Please follow the guidance of the ushers. The chalice is offered currently only for Intinction [dipping].)

Hymn #764
 Hymn #789
 Hymn #544

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”
 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
 “Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE: *(please stand)*

Hymn #619 *(stanza 6)*

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while he lives, I’ll sing;
 He lives, my prophet, priest, and king!**

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; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

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

BENEDICTION FOR THE EASTER SEASON:

P: The God of peace -- who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that 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; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be yours now and forever.

C: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN: #619 (*stanzas 7-8*)

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

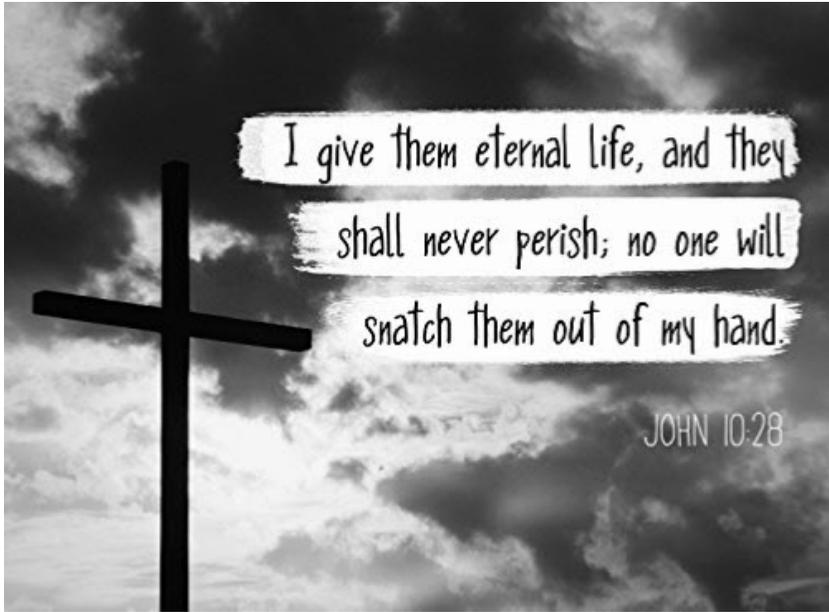
DISMISSAL

A: Our Redeemer lives! Serve Him with joy!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: (*8:15/10:45*) “*Jubilation*”

John Leavitt



Presiding Minister..... *Pastor Vern T. Skarstad*
 Preacher.....*Pastor Richard E. Mueller*
 Assisting Ministers.....(5:30) *Breanna Gaither*; (8:15) *Carol Meier*; (10:45) *Greg Viehman*
 Organists.....(5:30) *Julie Binder*; (8:15/10:45) *Johanna Erdman*
 Adult Choir.....*Sharon Carter Eichenberger*
 Altar Guild.....(5:30) *Jodi Laffold*
(8:15) *Bonnie David, Jack David*; (10:45) *Martha Fellwock, Jan Keppel*
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(8:15) *Ron Behrens*; (10:45) *David Johnson*
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Mission Statement for the Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Responding to God's grace, the members of the Lutheran Church of the Atonement serve north St. Louis County with programs of worship, nurture, service, and pastoral care. Our highest priorities are:

- (1) Providing opportunities for Christ-centered worship, focused on Word and Sacrament
- (2) Offering Christian Education opportunities for people of all ages
- (3) Developing opportunities for the expression of love and faith through fellowship and service to our congregation community and to the community at large.



**MAY 8, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



Jesus is our shepherd.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 10:22-30	Jesus promises life to his sheep
Monday	Acts 9:36-43	Peter brings Dorcas back to life
Tuesday	Revelation 7:9-17	The multitude from every nation
Wednesday	Hebrews 13:20-22	Final prayers
Thursday	Isaiah 40:6-11	Encourage God's people
Friday	1 Peter 5:1-7	Helping Christian leaders
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 13:31-35	Love one another

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

John 10:27 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us faith to trust Jesus, our good shepherd, and to faithfully follow him into the world and do your will. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God, we thank you for preparing this table and food before us that we may be strengthened in faith and in service to others through Christ Jesus, our shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus the Good Shepherd hold you in eternal care.



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**MAY 8, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

**taking
faith
home**

HYMN OF THE WEEK
Shepherd Me, O God

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you talk with others, who are the voices you trust? Explain.
- Think about or tell a story when you were aware of God's presence in your life.

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 10:22-30. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally the Good Shepherd Sunday. The most recognized of all the psalms, Psalm 23, reminds us that the Lord is our shepherd. In John 10:11, Jesus identified himself as the good shepherd. As the Messiah, Jesus has followers he refers to as my sheep." His sheep recognize his voice and follow the good shepherd as the Messiah (a translation of Christ). Today, we, too, serve as the voice of Jesus in the world that others may follow the good shepherd and recognize Jesus as the Christ. 1 Peter 5:4 alludes to this when Jesus is named as the "chief shepherd." Not only pastors but everyone, including parents and other trusted voices, shepherd one another in faith and life. As followers of Jesus, as sheep of the good shepherd, we all carry the voice and message of Jesus into the world. Shepherding is a way of life for disciples that guides, protects, and serves others that they may hear and recognize Jesus. *Discuss:* How has someone helped you hear the voice and message of Jesus Christ?

Pray: **Comforting and gracious God, help us to hear and trust the message of Jesus, the good shepherd, that we may care for and shepherd one another in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you shepherd someone who needs to feel the love of Jesus?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Today is Mother's Day. It is a time to be thankful for the women in our lives who have cared for us and others. Reach out to a woman you know with a special thank you card, with a phone call, or a visit. *Use this prayer:* **Lord God, thank you for (name). May she know how grateful I am to have her in my life. Bless her this day and each day with your love and care. Amen.**



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool.
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

College Graduation: Paul Ruppap - University of Utah, grandson of Don and Carol Ruppap

Hospitalized and Ill:

Ginny Groves

Vivian Meyer

Cathy Self

Nicole Crabtree

Ron Wolf

Diane Riley

Our Loved Ones/Friends:

Robin Johnson

Winnie Marks

Jill Stevenson

Anita Linsin

Edith Duke

Nadine Green

Karen Sater

Beth Piette

Nancy Marxkors

Chris Becker

Glenda Warren

Rance Thomas

To continue your loved one in the prayers, please notify the church office by Tuesday Noon.

Due to Federal privacy laws, please obtain explicit permission to list friends or loved ones in the prayers.

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 continues its 67th academic year, with the mission statement: "Teaching children of God the skills needed for a lifetime of learning, worshipping, and caring, so that the world sees Jesus in them."

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, PAKT, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

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OUR CALENDAR

TODAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mothers' Day

Valley of Flowers

- 8:15 a.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Forum
- 10:00 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal (until 10:25 a.m.)
- 10:45 a.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*
- 12:00 noon - Men's Club Barbecue

MONDAY

- 7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. - School Board

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

- 8:45 a.m. - Worship

THURSDAY

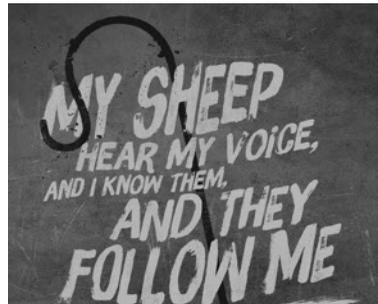
- 9:45 a.m. - Bible and Breakfast
- 3:30 p.m. - Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall (until 6:30 p.m.)

FRIDAY

School Field Day

SATURDAY

- 12:30 p.m. - CPR Training in Fellowship Hall (until 4:30 p.m.)
- 5:30 p.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*



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