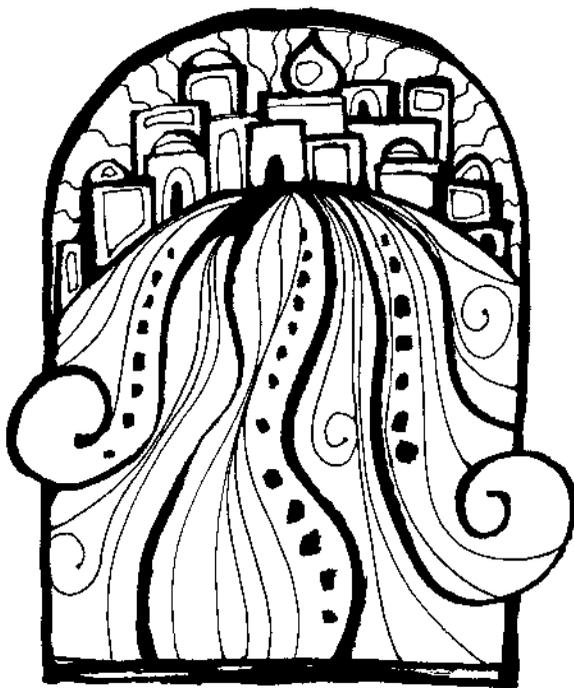


“This is the day the Lord has made. Let’s rejoice and be glad!”



I SAW the HOLY CITY COMING
DOWN FROM GOD OUT of HEAVEN

It was a glorious sight
REV. 21:2

5:30 p.m.

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 14, 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.

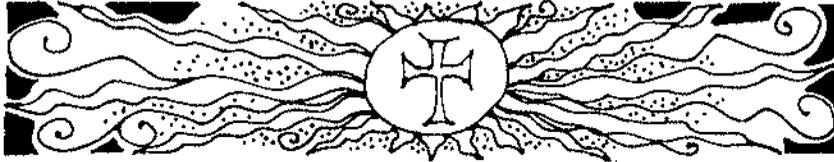
SUNDAY YOUTH FORUM: Resumes next Sunday in the Youth Room.

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 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10, 22-27, 22:1-5; St. John 14:23-20



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2022

The Service at 5:30 p.m.

(*Seating may take place at these times.)

*PRELUDE:

+ + + THE ENTRANCE RITE + + +

A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *(please 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 loved you with a whole heart, nor one another as you desire. In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

P: Christ was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies.

C: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*ENTRANCE HYMN: #384 *(stanzas 1-2)*

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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. Faithful God,

C: form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.

P: Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world,

C: our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found;

P: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

C: one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON: *(sit)*

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

SECOND LESSON:

Revelation 21:1-6

St. John writes: ¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will

wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

THE GOSPEL VERSE: #388 *(please stand)*

“Be Not Afraid”

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

St. John 13:31-35

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE GOSPEL VERSE: #388 *(sung twice)*

“Be Not Afraid”

SERMON *(sit)*

Pastor Mueller

HYMN OF THE DAY: #385 *(stanzas 1-2)* “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH *(please stand)*

Dr. Martin Luther's explanation to the Second Article of the Creed:

I believe that Jesus Christ -- true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary -- is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil -- not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *Each petition concludes*

A: Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

(please be seated)

HYMN, as the Altar is prepared: #385 (*stanzas 3-4*)

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

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: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word,
inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things,
and in him you take delight.

He is your Word,
sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:



Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This is my blood poured out for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we lift this bread and cup before you,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.
And we ask you:
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church both now and forever.

C: Amen



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].)

COMMUNION DISMISSAL *(please stand)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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,

C: 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be yours now and forever.

C: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN: #384 *(stanzas 3-4)* "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

DISMISSAL

A: Rejoice! And serve the Risen Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Presiding Minister.....*Pastor Vern T. Skarstad*
Preacher.....*Pastor Richard E. Mueller*
Assisting Minister.....*Steve Ryals*
Organist.....*Julie Binder*
Altar Guild.....*Lisa Hackmeister, Breana Hackmeister*
Counters.....*Doris Hagen, Gene Hagen, Joycelyn Pugh-Walker*
Head Usher.....*Ruth Blundell*
Trustee.....*Jodi Laffold*

**MAY 15, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

**taking
faith
home**

God's ways are not our ways.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 13:31-35	Love one another
Monday	Acts 11:1-18	Peter reports to the church
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6	New heaven and earth
Wednesday	James 1:2-16	Trials and temptations
Thursday	Isaiah 55:6-13	God's words are powerful
Friday	Proverbs 3:5-8	Trust God
Saturday	Psalms 148	Praise for God's universal glory
Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the counselor

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."
Acts 11:18 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, help us to love one another and to seek to understand before we seek to be understood for the sake of Jesus Christ and the reign of God he brings. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Praise God for this gift of food and all that we have been given. Praise God! Amen

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a heart filled with mercy



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Here I Am, Lord

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 feel confused and need guidance, what do you do?
- The Bible makes it clear that God's ways are not our ways. What does this mean to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 11:1-18. Peter was telling a church of Jewish Christians in Jerusalem about what took place that led him to accept Gentiles (non-Jews) into the church. The Jerusalem church was critical of Peter. He had to give a clear, step-by-step description of what he had experienced. To discern or understand how accepting Gentiles into the church as the will of God was not easy. Peter himself had received the message three times. It was hard for Peter to grasp what had happened and it was hard for both Peter and the early church to discern the ways of God. It is still difficult for us today to understand God's ways as being fundamentally different than our ways. God's ways have never been easy for followers of Jesus. Reading the Bible, prayer, meditation, and faith-filled conversations with others in the church guide us as we seek to understand the ways of God and the path that God wants for us as followers of Jesus. *Discuss:* What helps you be open to God's ways to guide your life? *Pray:* **God of love and faithfulness, help us to see as you see, to judge as you judge, and to show mercy as you show mercy through Christ our Lord. 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 show someone God's love?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 148 calls on us and all of creation to give praise to God. "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created" (v. 5). Go for a walk and look around at God's beautiful creation. When you return draw a picture of your favorite scene or make a list of God's creations you saw while on the walk. Finish by praying: **Dear God, I praise you for _____ . I thank you for _____ . In Jesus name, 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:

Death: Dr. Rance Thomas

High School Graduates: Michael Klotz - Lutheran North
Lucas Koch - Lutheran North
Andie Mei-li McCool - Timberland, Wentzville

Hospitalized and Ill:

Ginny Groves	Vivian Meyer	Cathy Self	Nicole Crabtree
Ron Wolf	Diane Riley	Millie Monroe	

Our Loved Ones/Friends:

Robin Johnson	Winnie Marks	Jill Stevenson	Anita Linsin
Edith Duke	Nadine Green	Glenda Warren	Beth Piette
Nancy Marxkors	Chris Becker		

Please remember in prayer our chronically-ill and homebound members and those in nursing homes

Ruth Hassebrock	Diane Riley	Teri Branhof	Lorraine Fischer	Jacki Bickel
Theresa Tarwater	Marie Miller	Cheryl Tucker	Millie Monroe	Elaine Hueter
Ruth Jungkuntz	John Meyer	Estelle Beckermann	Vivian Meyer	
Rena Birge		Lela Bradtke	Jean Beck	

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

10:00 a.m. - *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
Worship and Congregation Meeting

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. - Congregation Council

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. - Pre-K Graduation

WEDNESDAY

8:45 a.m. - Worship
9:30 a.m. - Seniors Alive to The Hill
6:30 p.m. - Kindergarten Graduation

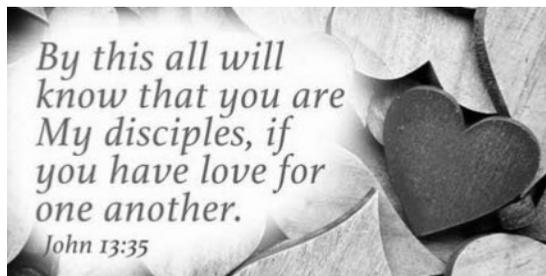
THURSDAY

9:45 a.m. - Bible and Breakfast
7:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation

FRIDAY

SATURDAY *Armed Forces Day*

9:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
11:00 a.m. - Grief Support Group
5:30 p.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*



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