



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

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Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:15 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Welcome to Worship at Atonement

- ***We are delighted to have you worship at Atonement today. Wherever you are on your journey of faith and life, we extend to you a warm welcome. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your worship.***
- We invite you to fill out the attendance form in the bulletin and hand it to the ushers when coming forward for Holy Communion. If you are a guest with us this morning, please leave some contact information so we can get in touch with you about how to connect with what's going on in this faith community.
- Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing-impaired and those with hearing aids are available. Large print worship folders are also available. Please ask an usher prior to the service.
- 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. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the pastor. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests.
- The congregation responds with those portions in **bold** print.
- Please turn off all cell phones and pagers and refrain from flash photography.

Sunday Education at Atonement

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Dismissed today after the second reading during the 8:15 a.m. service. For ages 3 through 12 years.

ADULT FORUM: Continues with "*24 Hours That Changed the World*" by Adam Hamilton. Meets at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel.

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSONS:

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship,
Fourth Sunday of Easter*

PRELUDE: *Jubilee* - Gilbert M. Martin

+ + + **GATHERING** + + +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly kneels or remains seated.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes us new through the gift of baptism and showers us with a flood of grace.

Amen.

Resting in our baptismal identity as beloved children of God, let us confess the ways we have fallen short of God's hopes for creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace,

We confess that we have broken the promises made at baptism.

We are caught in cycles of sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have not lived in solidarity with your people.

We have exploited the beauty of the earth and hoarded your gifts.

We have failed to see your face in those with whom we disagree.

We speak when we ought to listen.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We wait for others to heal the hurts we cause.

We believe the labels we place on each other rather than seeing others as beloved by you.

We have not lived as you intend, and we are sorry.

For all these things, and those things only you know, we humbly repent and seek your forgiveness.

Amen.

Good news, beloved!

God is endlessly merciful, rich in grace, and overflowing with forgiveness.

We have been caught in the current of God's love, and God makes us new,

Forgiving us and renewing the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 369

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

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 “This is the Feast”

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev-er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Choral Anthem (10:45 only) *King Jesus is Arisen!* - Nancy Price / Don Besig

+ + + **WORD** + + +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

The psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**⁴Though 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.**

**⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

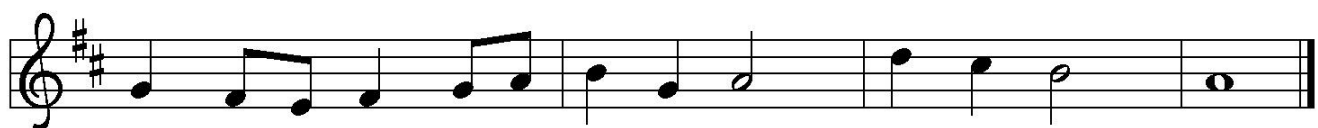
Children will be dismissed to Sunday school during the 8:15 service.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Delaney Schlake-Kruse

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 780

“Shepherd Me, O God”

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet each other with a sign of peace and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words. Then the assembly is seated.

+ + + **MEAL** + + +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*The gifts of our tithes and offerings are presented and the altar is prepared
for the Lord's Supper.*

The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING SONG ELW 374

"Day of Arising" (verses 1 and 3)

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God...
... and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You came into this world,
lived among us,
feeding the hungry, healing the sick,
and showing all the world how deep God's love can be.

You triumphed over death,
Making it clear that the end is never the end,
Bringing abundant life and joy for all creation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection,
As we share this bread of healing and cup of salvation.

**We give thanks to you, almighty God,
not as we ought but as we are able.
and we trust that you receive our praise and thanksgiving.
We ask your Holy Spirit to fall fresh upon your people throughout the earth,
As well as these your own gifts of bread and wine,**
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people.
Amen! Alleluia!

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.

C Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 531 *“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”*

ELW 778 *“The Lord’s My Shepherd”*

The assembly stands.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

+++ **SENDING** +++

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly’s participation in God’s mission in the world.

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 764

“Have No Fear Little Flock”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Sing Praise to God* - Edward Broughton

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher.....	<i>Pastor Delaney Schlake-Kruse</i>
Presider.....	<i>Pastor Vern Skarstad</i>
Assisting Ministers.....	<i>(8:15) Betty Luebke, Don Ruppard;</i> <i>(10:45) Ruth Blundell, David Johnson</i>
Organist.....	<i>Cindy Vantine</i>
Choir Director.....	<i>Dr. Bruce Vantine</i>
Altar Guild.....	<i>Rick & Claire Brown, Verina Ruiz</i>
Greeters	<i>(8:15) Wanda Grueneberg; (10:45) Karen Meyer</i>
Counters	<i>Jodi Laffold, Julie Hammer, Lisa Moravec</i>
Ushers.....	<i>(8:15) Ron Behrens, Jeff Moravec;</i> <i>(10:45) Bill Meyerkord, Melanie White</i>
Trustees.....	<i>(8:15) Ron Behrens; (10:45) Vern Square</i>

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Deaths: Pastor Vern Lintvedt (friend of Jeff and Lisa Moravec), Scott McClurg (nephew of Rick and Claire Brown and former and deceased members Barbara and Joe McClurg)

Hospitalized or Ill: *Bob Dempsey, Ginny Groves, *Lisa Hackmeister, LaWanda Hackney, Shirl Henke, Jen Johnson, Chuck Luebke, Karen Meyer, Vivian Meyer, Maxine Pabst, Carol Peachee, Laura Ruhnke, Mary Ann Shelvy, Kelly Sullivan, Lyndsie Thurnau, Barb Wishon (*indicates new addition)

Our Loved Ones/Friends: Kathy Amido (sister-in-law of Kris Thompson), Neal Carlson (son of Gus and Thelma Carlson), Becky Cole (sister of Dave Cole), Fred Fansin (Dad of Cathy Mifflin), Ian Hawkins (son of Faith Brooks), Sean Madden (friend of Greg and Paula Viehman), Gail Mueller (sister-in-law of Barb Stoneburner), Pamela Rose, Karen Sater (sister of Diane Ritchey), Richard Wishon, Carol Xenos, (friend of Jaimy Suydam)

Our chronically-ill and homebound loved ones and friends: Janice Bailey, Jean Beck, Jacki Bickel, Adeline Branahl, Teri Branchhof, Gus and Thelma Carlson, Carol Hagger, Janice Martin, Nancy Marxkors, John Meyer, Pat Montabon, Cheryl Tucker

APRIL 21, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Good Shepherd comes with power to love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
Monday	Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
Tuesday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Wednesday	Luke 15:1-7	Parable of the lost sheep
Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-16	God, the true shepherd
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	The resurrection of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Shepherding God, we thank you that your care for us is never ending and filled with your abundant goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, just as you are with us and protect us each day like a good shepherd, we thank you for feeding us with this food, a sign of your abundant love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, give you comfort and peace.

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APRIL 21, 2024

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:

- Talk or think about a time you experienced fear or anxiety.
- How does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, comfort and protect you during fearful times?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 10:11-18.

The focus in John 10 on being the good shepherd is directly related to Jesus healing the man born blind in John 9. The man born blind was cast out of the synagogue, out of the religious community, out of a protective sheepfold. Jesus as the good shepherd knows us and loves us enough to lay down his life for us. Jesus does not abandon us or cast us out. Unlike the disinterest of a hired hand who runs away when our needs are the greatest, Jesus cares for us as those who need the protection of a shepherd. This is the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has power and he uses that power to care for us and to give us the abundant life, the life overflowing with goodness (John 10:10). All of this power to love, to give us life overflowing with goodness and abundance, comes not from the abusive power of Pharisees, synagogues, or any disinterested individuals or institutions, but from the divine. This is the command that

Jesus has received from God and passes on to us, the command to love sacrificially.

Discuss: When has your life been blessed by the sacrificial love of another?

Pray: **Loving God, help us to know that we are not abandoned in our time of need, but blessed with overflowing love through the power and grace of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. 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 give sacrificially to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Both readings from John 10 and Psalm 23 follow the theme of shepherd. Draw the shape of a sheep on a sheet of paper. Write Jesus in the center of the shape and then words you would use to describe a good shepherd. Think or talk about what the words you wrote mean to you. Finish with prayer using the words from Psalm 23:6 as a reminder of God's comfort: **You, LORD, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, LORD. Amen.** (CEV)



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www.milestonesministry.org

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 has begun its 69th 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 see 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, LuMin Campus Ministry, PAKT, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

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OUR CALENDAR

This Weekend, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:15 a.m. Holy Communion Worship
Sunday School
9:25 Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum
10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Worship
5:30 p.m. Junior Youth
7:00 p.m. Senior Youth

Monday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
1:30 p.m. Seniors Alive in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 23

5:00 p.m. Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

8:45 a.m. Chapel, All Welcome!
9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study

Thursday, April 25

9:30 a.m. Bible & Breakfast
Joyful Noiz Rehearsal

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Outside Maintenance and Landscape Workday
10:00 a.m. Girl Scout event in Gym
5:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em

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