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# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

9:30 a.m. Livestream and In-Person Worship



*I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*

*John 10:11*

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\* *Please Stand As You Are Able*

Please help us keep our church family healthy. Practice social distancing by sitting so that one of the signs posted on the pews is directly in front of you.

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

*Shepherd Me, O God*

*-M. Haugen*

### **WELCOME**

### **\*EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The gates of death have opened wide, that we may believe Jesus is the Christ, and have life forever. **Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **\*GATHERING HYMN**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

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### **\*GREETING**

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

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **WORD**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**      *Psalm 23*

*A reading from the Psalms, read responsively. Congregation reads boldface type.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

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

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

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

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

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## \*HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:11-18*

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.**

## SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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## **\*NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the Church, with the words of the 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.**

## **PRAYERS**

In the light of Christ's resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who long for new life. Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Receive the prayers we offer, O God, and grant us what we truly need, in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*St. Columba*

## MEAL

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

### **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

**DISTRIBUTION** *All the baptized are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*~Come forward by the center aisle, observing 6 feet of distance between yourself and those in front of you. Wear your mask.*

*~Place your right hand over your left hand as the Pastor, wearing gloves, drops the communion wafer into your palm, without touching your hand.*

*~Pick up a communion cup of wine at the small table.*

*~Lift your mask as needed to eat and drink Christ's body and blood which is truly present in the bread and the wine.*

*~Dispose of the cup in the basket provided.*

*~Re-adjust your mask before returning to your seat.*

## SENDING

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Glorious God, in the risen life of your Son you send light to conquer the darkness, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth to be your risen body, that your glory may be shown to all the world. **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you everlasting joy that you may abound in hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

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### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is Risen. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Brother James' Air*

-M. Archer

### **To exit the Sanctuary:**

**-Exit one row at a time starting with the back row-** We invite you to greet one another *outdoors*, socially distanced. Then, as always, we leave to serve God and our neighbor.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mother's Day Collection

It's that time of year when we pause to honor mothers, grandmothers, motherhood, and the influence of mothers in society. As in previous years, we have planned a Mother's Day collection to benefit a local organization.

We have come up with a list of kitchen basics that we will be collecting and donating to Saint's Place. **All items should be new: dish cloths/towels, sponges, disinfectant/surface cleaner, rubber gloves, measuring cups/spoons, whisks, plastic utensils, and hand-held can openers.** A Thrivent grant has been received for this project, and will be used to buy additional items .

We will begin collecting **today**, and will continue to collect on **Wednesdays and Sundays through May 9<sup>th</sup>**.

A container will be placed outside the Sanctuary (East) entrance for your drop-off donations. Thank you for participating!

**Mother's Day  
Collection  
For  
Saint's Place**

*Sunday, April 25 -  
Sunday, May 9*



## **YOUR GUIDE FOR SUNDAY MORNING IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

### **Entry to the building:**

~will be by the Sanctuary doors (East side) only. Please observe 6' physical distancing upon entry and exit to the building and while in the Sanctuary.

### **Masks:**

~must be worn at all times. Extra masks are available in the narthex.

### **Upon Entry:**

~a Greeter will record your name, ask a few health questions, and take your temperature with a touchless thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or more should return home.

### **Hand Sanitizer and Bulletins:**

~bulletins and hymn packets are available in the narthex.

~please observe good hygiene and hand sanitizing practices before entering the sanctuary.

### **Offering Plates:**

~are located near the sanctuary doors to receive your gifts.

### **Seating in the Sanctuary:**

~is indicated by white signs on the pews. Family groups from the same household may sit together. The Prayer Room is also available for seating for one family/individual.

### **During Worship:**

~**Windows** will be open for fresh air

~**Congregational Singing** should involve humming or murmured singing only.

~**Share the Peace** with a nod, gesture or words. No physical contact.

~**Children's Moments:** kids are asked to remain seated in their pews.

### **Nursery Care:**

~**Is not available** at this time

### **Bathrooms:**

~will be available for use, one person at a time.

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**WELCOME!** Welcome to worship, and a special welcome to those who are visiting with us today. If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation or learning more about our ministries, please speak to our pastor.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Atonement Lutheran Church is a gathering of God's people in Christ called to: **Invite** all people into the presence of the living God, **Prepare** for ministry in daily life and **Go** into the world as disciples*

## NURSERY CARE

*Is not available at this time.*



Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.  
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*

*1 John 4:7*

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