



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2nd, 2021

9:30 a.m.



Livestream (via Facebook) and In-Person Worship

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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

Duo on the Flutes

-F. Couperin

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**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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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 God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Acts 8:26-40*

A reading from Acts.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 15:1-8

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

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***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.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION*Berglund**-R.B. Farlee*

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**

O Blessed Spring

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***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

Lasst uns erfreuen

-A. Leavitt



*The congregation is invited to remain for the postlude;
and following it, to respond with "Amen!"*

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister	Eric Domroes
Livestream Recorder.....	Andrew Spillane
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closed Captioning Available

Closed captioning is available for those that would like to see it on our Facebook Livestream, but you will need to turn the option on.

It just takes a few simple mouse clicks to turn this option on ***during livestream worship*** on the Atonement Facebook page. This will not work on pre-recorded videos.

1. Click on the 'settings' icon on the lower right of the video. It looks like a small, circular gear.
2. A new window will appear.
3. Use the slider to turn captions 'ON'.

Necessary Things

It's a blessing to be able to return to in-person worship in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings for those who feel comfortable in doing so, but to continue, we need volunteers to serve as Greeters (taking temperatures and checking names on a roster as you welcome folks) and Ushers (lights...doors...windows...and a few other modified responsibilities).

*Can you take a turn and help us with these "necessary things"?
Please contact the church office today!*

Mother's Day Collection

We have planned a Mother's Day collection to benefit Saint's Place, and have come up with a list of kitchen basics that will be placed in the kitchens of apartments set up for newly-arrived refugees. Please drop off your donations on **Wednesdays** and **Sundays through May 9th**. A container will be placed outside the Sanctuary (East) entrance for your drop-off donations.

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. *Thank you for participating!*

Mother's Day Collection For Saint's Place

Sunday, April 25 -
Sunday, May 9



Worship

May 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Worship With Us In-Person in the Sanctuary OR Livestream

Affirmation of Baptism and Rite of Confirmation

May 16th at 9:30 a.m.

Outdoor Worship in our church parking lot & lawn AND Livestream worship.

Four of our young people have completed Confirmation instruction and will affirm the promises made at their baptism on this day. We invite your presence and prayers on this significant day in their lives and upon their journey of faith.

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.

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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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