



Midweek Message



Atonement Lutheran Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday: April 1st at 7:00 p.m.
Service of Prayer, Reflection, and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
Service of Readings, Hymns, Music
 Dean Keller, bass clarinet

EASTER DAY: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Service of Holy Communion April 4th at 9:30 a.m.
 Special Guest Musicians: Shoghi Hayes, trumpet and
 Rachael Sanguinetti Hayes, soprano

Worship with us In-Person in the sanctuary OR Livestream worship.

Health and safety protocols will be observed. Please see page 2 of the Midweek Message for more details.

Christ has risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

All Are Welcome

Livestream worship via our Atonement Facebook page.

Join Pastor Gail and David McCarthy for music and hymns, scripture, a sermon, prayers, and a Children's Moment.

You can follow us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and for special services by going to our Atonement Facebook page at [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)

A worship bulletin with hymns will be Emailed to our Atonement families, and posted weekly on our web site.



EASTER PLANT DONATION FORM

A display of lilies and tulips will adorn the altar area on Easter Sunday. If you would like to make a donation toward the total cost of this display, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by April 4th.

Given by (full name): _____

Donation: \$10.00

~ All Easter plants will be listed as ~
~ "Given in Celebration of the Risen Christ" ~

Please return completed form and payment (checks made payable to Atonement Lutheran Church) to the church office by April 4th.

April Celebrations

Birthdays

2 Parker Jones
Jean Seager
5 Judy Karsten
7 Joe Smith
8 Eloise Smith
9 Jenna Sanko
15 Pat Hanson
17 Karen Goodyear
19 Graham Lazenby
22 Michelle Laraby
24 Helen Pearson
Wally Short
27 Bishop John Macholz
28 Hudson Lazenby
30 Vi Price

Anniversaries

9 Jim & Lindee Krapf
10 Skip & Diane Waterstreet

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 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.

To exit the Sanctuary:

~**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.



EASTER OFFERING

Thank you for your faithful giving and financial support of Atonement during this first quarter of the year. Please know that special Easter offerings and all other contributions continue to be gratefully received.

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours:
We are an offering.*

-ELW #692 We Are an Offering

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP

April 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Online Only

Our Synod Staff and other volunteers have pre-recorded an online worship service for congregations to use on this day. The service includes liturgy, hymns, music, a Children's Message, and a sermon from Bishop John Macholz. The link to print the bulletin and to view the video will be emailed to our church members and friends on April 8. There will be no In-Person OR Livestream worship at Atonement on April 11.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES

New church Directories with the latest updates will be available in the church office and on the narthex table beginning Easter Sunday, April 4th.



CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!

“Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise”

This quote by Martin Luther reminds of the gift of music in our worship life, and in our life of faith. Our Director of Music, David McCarthy, will be providing weekly music links of sacred music to offer inspiration, solace and peace. Click on a title to hear the song.

[Agnus Dei](#) Later in life, the American composer Samuel Barber made an arrangement of his well-known “Adagio for Strings” for choir, using the Latin words for “Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.” I’m not sure why this music has so much tragic power, but from a technical point of view I like how the opening melody slowly noodles its way higher and then comes down, just the same way the whole piece does.

[Byrd/Haec dies](#) William Byrd’s “Haec dies,” for 6-part choir, is surprisingly fun for a piece from the Renaissance. This text is associated with Easter Sunday: “This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

Sunday School

Schedule

There will be NO Story Time Sunday School on April 4th and April 11th.

There WILL be Sunday School Music Time with David McCarthy on April 18th at 10:45 a.m. via Zoom.

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Livestream Worship
9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

BEHOLD THE MAN

By Pastor Gail Swanson

At the pool of Bethesda, there was a large crowd of sick people. One man had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he asked the man, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool." Jesus said, "Get up, pick up your mat and walk." And immediately the sick man was healed.

At the trial before Pilate, the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on Jesus' head, and dressed him in a purple robe. Pilate said to the crowd, "Behold the man." And when the chief priests, officers, and crowds saw Jesus, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him."

I have no man. Behold the man.

The sick man "had no man", had no one to lift him into the pool of "healing waters." As physically impaired as he was, his spiritual blindness was even greater. He set his sights for healing on a magic power. He complained about not having "a man" – and that's true. He had no man of God in his life. He had no Christ in his life. A sick man, desperate to be healed, did not even recognize the Healer right in front of him.

I have no man.

The crowds at the trial saw the man Jesus, but did not recognize the Son of God. When they looked at Jesus, all they could see was a thorny crown, a purple robe, a beaten body; a man to be looked upon with scorn and ridicule. They looked but did not see the One sent by God for their sake. They looked but couldn't see, their eyes blinded by sinfulness. *Behold the man. Crucify him.*

Like the sick man left by himself - out of reach of the pool - if we are left to ourselves, out of reach of faith and hope in Christ, we would be blind to our needs. Blind to even seeing a reason for coming to Christ for light. But this week of holy things becomes a time for us who have witnessed the power of Christ in our lives to point to the man on the cross and say, "*Behold the Savior.*" – our healer, our light, our life. See... believe... and proclaim him. He is right in front of us.

Prayer for Holy Week

*Jesus, whose love took the shape of a cross:
In the hour of deepest agony and suffering
your mother and beloved disciple did not flee;
but stood beside you.
Now you call us, your disciples, to both stand and kneel in
service for others,
yet the suffering of your people seems to have no end.
When we feel helpless,
remind us of Mary and John -
who could not save you from death,
but did not leave you to face it alone.
Strengthen us to keep vigil in this holiest of weeks,
for the world you served, loved, and saved.
Amen.*