



Atonement Lutheran Church

April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter

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Serving in Worship Today

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Pianist Youlee Duray
Altar Guild/Counters Phyllis Ransom and Julie Backman

Remote Worship Access

Use this link to join today's service on a computer, tablet, or smart phone:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81255610964>. You may have to wait for the host to admit you to the service.

To call in for sound only, the telephone number is (669) 900 6833. When you are prompted to enter a Meeting ID, the number is 812 5561 0964. If you are asked for a passcode (you may not be), it is 750450.

Those worshipping remotely are invited to share in communion. Please have a small portion of bread and wine/juice ready before the service.

Welcome!

**Whether you are worshipping in-person or remotely,
we're glad you have joined us.**

Atonement is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and is also a Reconciled in Christ (RIC) congregation. This means that we are an inclusive congregation that welcomes and encourages all people, regardless of race, language, previous denominational affiliation, gender identity, or sexual orientation to worship with us so that we may enjoy all the spiritual gifts that God gives to all God's people.

At Atonement, we embrace the Richard Feynman quote that has been so popular on social media: *"I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned."* Questions are welcome here, even the questions we can't answer, even if you're questioning your faith (don't we all sometimes?). Whatever your questions, we would love to walk with you so we can learn from each other.

This bulletin contains all the music and responses you will need for today's service. If you are not familiar with the liturgical form of worship, please let the spirit of the service carry you along.

- Congregational responses are in **bold face type**.
- **Songs** are printed in the back of the bulletin.
- At various times during the service, you will be invited to **stand**. Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer to worship in this way.

We celebrate **Holy Communion** every week. You do not need to be a member, or a Lutheran, to participate. Everyone is welcome at God's table. If this meal is meaningful to you, please come. If you are not able to come forward, we will bring communion to you. Please let an usher know.

If you need to contact Pastor Holly, her cell number is (530) 613-9018, or you may email her at pr.holly@gmail.com. The "**ALC Guest**" wifi password is ALC9242!

Gathering

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Youlee Duray

Confession and Forgiveness *(Please rise in body or spirit.)*

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful and just God,

we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our siblings as you have first loved us.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent Jesus, to teach us the way of love. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sin is forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

Amen.

Gathering Song..... Alleluia! Jesus is Risen (pg. 16)

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of Christ our Redeemer, the love of God our Creator, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Song of Praise.....This is the Feast



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



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.



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.



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

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. In your many names we pray.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, sermon, and song.

Welcoming God's Word

*The children (and those young at heart)
are invited to come forward and help the Pastor welcome God's Word.*

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 Miren que Bueno

The Cantor sings the refrain, and we repeat it. Then we sing it after each verse.

Refrain / Estribillo



¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!
Be - hold, how plea - sant, how good it is!



1 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos:
1 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
2 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
3 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:

Refrain / Estribillo



es co - mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.
fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.
re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.
there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse (*Please rise in body or spirit.*) **Alleluia**



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



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

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Today's MessagePastor Jeff Irwin

Silence for Reflection

Song of the Day *(Please rise in body or spirit.)*

.....As We Gather at Your Table (pg. 18)

The Apostles' Creed

Please remain standing as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and loved among us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; who descended into hell, and on the third day rose from the dead; Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(please be seated)*

Each petition will end: God of grace,

*Please respond: **Hear our prayer.***

Greetings of Peace *(Please rise in body or spirit.)*

The passing of the peace was already part of worship in the early church. During the peace, we act on our belief that we are reconciled to one another through our faith in Christ. We greet one another with a handshake or a bow with palms pressed together. As we seek to build a community of consent, please be sensitive to the other person's desired level of physical contact.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Collection of the Offering

Offering Song Christ is Living (pg. 19)

Offering Prayer *(Please rise in body or spirit.)*

Let us pray together:

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. Amen.

We Gather at God's Table

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. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to offer this prayer in whatever language or translation speaks most deeply to your heart.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

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 Blessing *(after each table)*

The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you, now and forever.

Post Communion Prayer *(Please rise in body or spirit.)*

Let us Pray. 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.

Amen.

Sending

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

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending SongLet Us Talents and Tongues Employ (pg. 20)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude..... Youlee Duray

Gathering Song.....Alleluia! Jesus is Risen (ELW 377)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

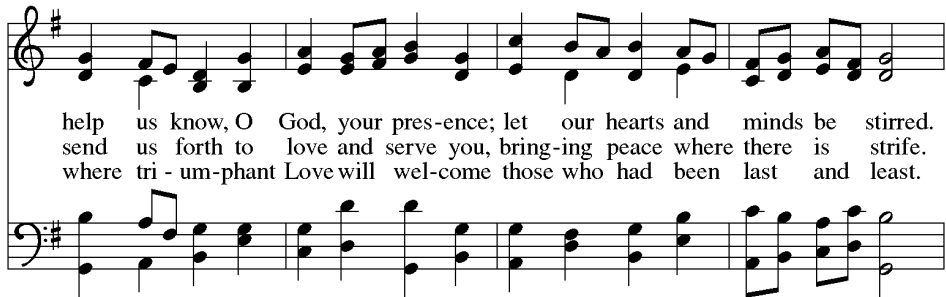


Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Song of the DayAs We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522)



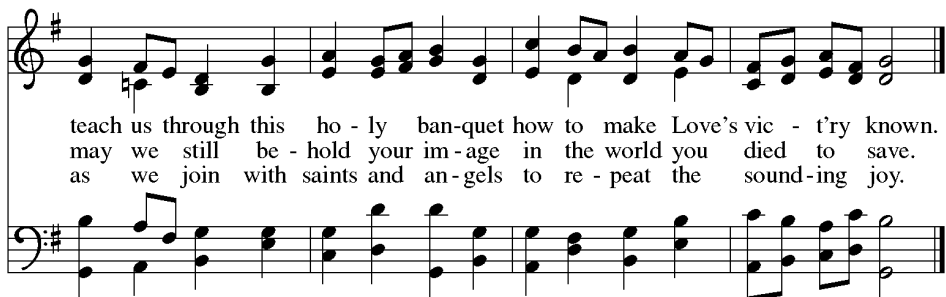
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Offering Song Christ is Living (ACS 934)



¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!
 1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.
 2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.
 3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.
 Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.
 Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."
 Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.
 Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?
 Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.
 For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.
 Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.
 Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!
 Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

Sending Song Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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April Offerings

	Offerings	Missions, Usage, Flowers, Special, Other	Total Income
April 4			
April 14			
April 21			
April 28			
Total			

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 4:5-12

Psalms 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Parish Notes

Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

Our Prayer Concerns (Please ask the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayers through the Prayer Chain or the pastor to publish their name and their request.)

Friends and family of Ted (Dee Emmert's Father), Jacque (Dee's mother), Dee and her siblings, Christopher Chance (Kathy's son), Roy Turner and family (Julie's niece's uncle), Bodil Drucker, Nina Haskett (friend of Barb), Richard Salem (Barb's Cousin), Kim McConnell (Barb's neighbor), Bill Kennedy (Mary Wudel's friend), Bill Schmutte, (Friend of Lori SeEVERS), Connie Lentsch (Marjorie's mom), Randy Feather (Todd's brother), Peggy Davenport (sister of Lucy and Judi), Nancy Lentsch (Sister-in-Law of Marjorie Lohn), Beverly Olson, Joan Witt (friend of Lucy Taylor), medical staff and social workers, Richard Salem, Friends and family of Diane, (Sedona's mother), Lauri Snyder, Curt Hanson, Jan Heimlich, Curt Heimlich, Carolyn Hanley, Ron Geirhan, Jody Koch, Lisa Berumen, Trent Elkin, Mary Lechner, Janet Houchens, Lonee Martinez, Dennis Tagawa (Barb's friend), Dan and Kathy, Steven Denton, Judi Phelps, John Studybaker. All countries experiencing conflict, the many places recovering from natural disasters, all those caught up in the epidemic of violence in the US.

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This Week at Atonement

Sunday, April 14

10:00 Worship
11:15 Fellowship
11:30 Atonement Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

Food Basket

Thursday, April 18

7:00 Choir Practice

Sunday, April 21

10:00 Worship
11:15 Fellowship

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Tuesday, April 23

1:00-2:30 - Handcrafters

Sunday, May 5

Noisy Offering
10:00 Worship
11:15 Fellowship

Bits N Pieces of Information

On-call pastor while Pastor Holly is on vacation: Pr. Scott Guemmer at (916) 458-1284 for emergencies only.

Communion Wine Tasting Event: Frasinetti Winery has been sold and is closed indefinitely for extensive remodeling. This means we cannot, currently, purchase the Angelica we have used for communion for decades – and we are running out. So, on April 28, we will have a “Wine Tasting” after worship for those who take wine at Communion. If you have suggestions about what we might try, please email Pr. Holly. Keep in mind that Communion wine is usually higher in alcohol than table wine (our current wine is 18.5 %) so something in the Port/Sherry/Dessert Wine groupings would be appropriate.

Synod Assembly: This year’s Assembly is June 7-9 in Fresno. Atonement needs to send two Lay Voting Members in addition to Pr. Holly. If you are interested in attending, please speak to a member of the Council. Registration is open so we need to sign up soon. Expenses are reimbursed by Atonement.

Altar Guild: We need more volunteers to serve on Sunday mornings setting up our worship space. Altar Guild members arrive early to dress the altar and prepare communion. After worship, they clean up and leave the space ready for our Sunday afternoon renters. Questions? Ask Barb, Mary, or Phyllis.

Do you enjoy Handcrafts? The Handcrafters meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 1:00-2:30. All hand-held (easily transported) crafts – Knit, Crochet, Needlepoint, Miniatures, etc. – are welcome.

Pr. Holly’s Upcoming Adventures:

Vacation: April 8-21. Pr. Jeff Irwin will preach on 4/14 & 4/21. If you have an emergency, and need pastoral care, you may call Pr. Scott Guemmer at (916) 458-1284.

Synod Assembly: June 7-9. Worship plans are in progress.

A Weekend Off: I will be away June 27-30: Pr. Dave Mullen will preach on 6/30.

2024 Congregation Council Slate

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