

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

1285 North New Florissant Road, Florissant, Missouri 63031 (Area 314) Church: 837-1224 School: 837-1252 Childcare: 837-2802

WORSHIP: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. **EDUCATION HOUR:** Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (except in summer)

DATE: May 8-9, 2021

Welcome to Worship at Atonement

FOR OUR VISITORS: Our hymns and liturgy are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). The hymnals and Bibles are temporarily removed from the pews.

Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing-impaired are available at services. Large print worship folders are also available. Please ask an usher prior to the service.

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers and refrain from flash photography.

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.

Until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, only individual cups will be offered. The darker wine in the center of the tray is non-alcoholic. For the present, only pastors will serve Communion. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests.

The Congregation Council requests that communicants take special precautions as you approach the Lord's Altar, leaving your mask/facial covering on until you have received both the bread and the wine, then stepping to one side as you share in the Sacrament. Please also continue to practice social distancing.

Please be assured that all reasonable precautions are being taken to assure health and safety.

Sunday Education at Atonement -- 9:30 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Class will resume, when appropriate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes for younger students will resume, when appropriate.

ADULT FORUM: Adult Forum will resume, when appropriate.

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; First John 5:9-13; St. John 17:6-19



May 8-9, 2021

(*Seating may take place at these times.)

*PRELUDE: (8:15/10:45) Atonement Bell Choir: "Hyfrydol" arranged by Erin MacGorman

MISSION MINUTE: May 16 Congregation Meeting Cathy Hohl, President

A LITANY FOR MOTHERS' DAY: (please stand)

- P: For many, Mothers' Day is a day of celebration and thanksgiving to God. For others, this can be a difficult day, either because they have never had the opportunity to be a mother or because they experienced a painful relationship with their mothers or with their children. In all cases, however, we give thanks to God for the gifts exercised by the faithful women among us and for the loving women who have graced our lives.
- C: For these, O Lord, we give you thanks and praise.
- P: For loving mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, "favorite" aunts, teachers, pastors, and caregivers,
- C: We give you thanks and praise, O God.
- P: For all those women who have made known to us your grace.
- C: We give you thanks and praise, O God.
- P: For those mothers who have lost a child or are estranged from a child,
- C: We ask your peace, O God.
- P: For those who make sacrifices to care for their mothers,
- C: We ask your strength, O God.
- P: For new mothers, for foster mothers, for den mothers, for room mothers,
- C: We give you thanks and praise, O God.
- P: For all the nurturing women who have touched our lives,
- C: We give you thanks and praise, O God, and we ask your continued blessing, peace, perseverance, and strength. Amen

+ + + THE ENTRANCE RITE + + +

*ENTRANCE HYMN: #392 (stanzas 1-2; printed at pages 10-11) "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

GREETING

- P: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
- C: Christ the Lord is risen indeed!
- 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray together. Lord God,
- C: from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

ANTHEM: (8:15/10:45; please sit) Atonement Bell Choir arranged by Bill Ingram "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio)"

+ + + THE SERVICE OF THE WORD + + +

FIRST LESSON: (sit) Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*PSALMODY: Psalm 98

(The organist will play the conclusion to the familiar hymn tune, "Fred til Bod;" a lector will read a line from the Psalm, and the congregation will sing two lines from the hymn stanza.)

Sing to the Lord a new song!

To the Lord a new song sing; Praise our God with songs of joy. By his own power and holy strength he has won the victory.

He has done a wondrous thing; All the earth, your songs employ.

The Lord announced his victory; he made his saving power known to the nations. All people everywhere have seen the victory of our God.

> To the Lord a new song sing; He has done a wondrous thing!

Play music on the harps! Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the Lord, our king.

To the Lord a new song sing; Praise our God with songs of joy.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy before the Lord.

> He has done a gracious thing; Let the church its songs employ.

He comes to rule the earth. He will rule the peoples of the world with justice and fairness.

To the Lord a new song sing; He has done a gracious thing!

First John 5:1-6 **SECOND LESSON:**

Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the

St. John writes: Everyone who believes that victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

> ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (8:15/10:45 only) Pastor Mueller

THE ALLELUIA VERSE: Hymn #393 (stanza 1; printed at page 12; please stand) "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

St. John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 9"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE: Hymn #393 (stanza 2; printed at page 12)

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

SERMON (please sit)

Pastor Mueller

HYMN OF THE DAY: #393 (stanza 5; printed at page 12; please stand)

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

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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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (please stand) Each petition concludes:

A: Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(please be seated)

+ + + THE SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST + + +

HYMN, as the Lord's Altar is prepared: #392 (stanza 3; printed at pages 10-11)

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

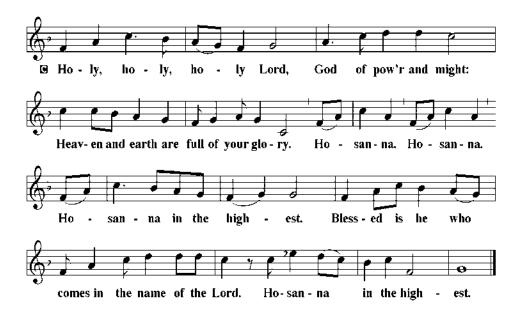
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him

should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE: (sit; Continuous/Pilgrim Communion) (Please observe "social distancing," as you follow the guidance of the ushers.)

Hymn #553 (printed at page 13) Hymn #167 (printed at page 14) "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
"Now the Feast and Celebration"

COMMUNION BLESSING (stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Hymn #392 (stanza 4; printed at pages 10-11)

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THE EASTER SEASON:

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.

C: Give us also the joys of life in your service,

A: and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal;

C: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

A: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION FOR THE EASTER SEASON:

P: The God of peace -- who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant -- make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN: #392 (stanza 5; printed at pages 10-11) "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Love one another. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: (8:15/10:45) "All Things Bright and Beautiful (Royal Oak)"

setting by Martin Shaw

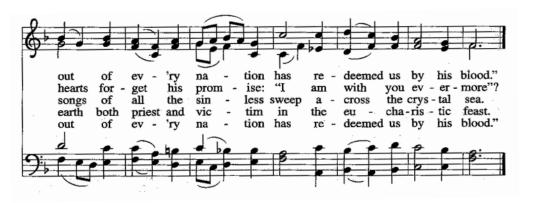


_	Pastor Vern T. Skarstad Pastor Richard E. Mueller
	(5:30) Greg Viehman; (8:15) Don Posey; (10:45) David Johnson
Organists	(5:30) <i>Julie Binder;</i> (8:15/10:45) <i>Cindy Vantine</i>
Bell Choir	Sharon Eichenberger, Director
Adult Choir	Dr. Bruce Vantine, Director
Altar Guild	(5:30) Lisa Hackmeister, Breana Hackmeister
	(8:15) Bonnie David, Jack David; (10:45) Ruby Phelps
Counters	Jodi Laffold, Julie Hammer, Lisa Moravec
Head Ushers(5:30) Tom Beckermann; (8:15) Don Meier; (10:45) Bill Meyerkord
Trustees	(5:30) Jodi Laffold; (8:15) Don Posey; (10:45) Vern Square

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



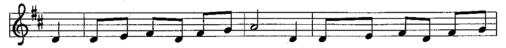
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887 HYFRYDOL 8787D

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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- 1 A hymn of glo ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
- 2 The ho ly ap os-tol ic band up on the Mount of Ol ives
- To whom the shin ing an egels cry, "Why stand and gaze up on the "You see him now as cending high up to the portals of the
- 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the 5 O ris en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac-



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.

see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.

say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le
see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."

run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623 Text Ф 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Music: J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815

Day-spring from on high, be near; till they in - ward light im - part,

more and more thy - self dis - play,

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Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.

glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

shin-ing to the per-fect day.

Now the Feast and Celebration

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MAY 9, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Love one another.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

John 15:9-17 I ove one another Sunday Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit Monday Acts 10:44-48 Faith conquers the world Tuesday 1 John 5:1-6 Love with sincerity Wednesday Romans 12:9-21 Thursday Luke 24:44-53 Jesus ascends to heaven Leviticus 19:17-18, 33-36 Ritual and moral holiness Friday Make a joyful noise Saturday Psalm 98

Sunday John 17:6-19 Christ's prayer for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious and loving God, give us the faith and courage to love one another as you have loved us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Almighty God, we thank you for this food; may it strengthen us to love others as you have loved us through Christ Jesus. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May your love for God and one another give you joy that knows no end.



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MAY 9, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HYMN OF THE WEEK Oh, Sing to the Lord



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:

- What makes it easy to love others? What makes it hard?
- How does Jesus' unconditional love show us the importance of loving others?
- · How does Jesus' life, death, and resurrection show us what true love is all about?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 15:9-17.

This passage intimately connects a relationship of Jesus and "the Father" with Jesus' own followers. The relationship is woven together through the language of commandments and love, and the two are brought together in verse 12: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." The Gospel of John does not have the "Great Commandment" dialog as in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. However, the theme here is the same: love God and love neighbor. The emphasis in John is that love is the way to have an enduring relationship with God and with brothers and sisters in the faith, those whom Jesus calls "friends." The word for friends in Greek is "loved ones." Love—not judgment and ridicule—is how Jesus relates to us. It is how we, as Jesus' friends, are to approach the world so that our joy may be complete. How does love change our relationship with others? How does a commitment to love others change us? *Pray:* Loving God, we thank you for showing us the depth of your love for us through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

In the Bible, love is more than an emotion. Love is a commitment to care for others with our whole being. Conflict can get in the way of this love. Bringing God into our conflicted relationships can be a difference maker. This week think of those you have a conflict or tensions with, and pray to God for a clean and loving heart to reconcile your relationships.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The theme this week is "Love one another." May 9 is observed as Mother's Day in the United States. Reflect on the women in your life who have loved and cared for you. Think or talk about what you learned from them and how you show love to others. *Pray:* Dear God, thank you for your love. Thank you for [name women who have cared for you]. Give us courage to love all people as you have loved us. Amen.



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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Death: Lon Hackmeister

Graduates: Andrew Mueller, Valparaiso University, Masters in Cyber Security

Lance Hackney, Jr., Lutheran High School St. Charles

Zachary Molden, Lutheran High School North Kaydence Nixon, Troy Buchanan High School Isaiah Siegel, Lutheran High School North Alex Velluto, Lutheran High School North

Hospitalized and Ill: Adah Eaton, grandmother of Caleb Eaton

Marie Miller John Meyer Ben Eaton Jacki Bickel

Cathy Self Lee Mandrell Iye Sesay

Our Loved Ones/Friends: Edith Duke, sister of Betty Cook

Lorraine Haddock Harold Webster Kathy Zeuschel Missy Taylor

Jerry and Teresa Cuddy Shirley Rheuma Rance Thomas

To continue your loved one in the prayers, please notify the church office by Tuesday Noon.

Due to Federal privacy laws, please obtain explicit permission to list friends or loved ones in the prayers.

OUR WELCOME

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your worship. Visitors are asked to sign the attendance form in the bulletin. Please introduce yourself to one of the pastors.

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 is completing its 66th academic year.

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, PAKT, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

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OUR CALENDAR

TODAY Sixth Sunday of Easter Mothers' Day

8:15 a.m. - Worship - Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. - Worship - Holy Communion

12:00 noon - Men's Club Barbeque



MONDAY

9:00 a.m. - Parish Nurse Office Open (until 11:00 a.m.)

7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. - Pre-K Graduation

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. - Kindergarten Graduation

THURSDAY School Field Day

9:30 a.m. - Bible and Breakfast

3:30 p.m. - Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall (until 6:30 p.m.)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY Armed Forces Day

9:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. - Worship - Holy Communion



Flowers are placed to the glory of God by D. J. Seemes in loving memory of her son, Zachary Steven Seemes, and of her sister, Diane Hecht.

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