

Atonement Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 19th
Third Sunday of Easter
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ENTRANCE HYMN *Pass It On*

Verse 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to ev'ryone,
you want to pass it on.

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

Verse 3

I wish for you, my friend,
This happiness that I've found.
You can depend on Him,
it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain-top,
I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Verse 4

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to ev'ryone,
you want to pass it on.

WELCOME

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Have mercy on us, **O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit.

Amen

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

GREETING

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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

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:
"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the LORD.

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his servants.

**O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me
from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,**

in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise You Anywhere*

Verse 1

Sometimes you've gotta dance through
the darkness,
sing through the fire,
praise when it don't make sense.
Sometimes you've gotta stare down the
giant,
worship from the lion's den.
Sometimes you've gotta shout it from the
mountain,
louder in the valley,
trusting that He's gonna get you there.
Sometimes you've gotta welcome the
wonder,
wait for the answer,
worship with your hands in the air.
I'll praise You anywhere.

Chorus

Verse 2

Sometimes you've gotta praise in the
prison,
cry out to heaven,
shout it 'til the doors swing wide.
Sometimes you've gotta stand on your
shackles,
brave in the battle,
worship with your hands held high.
I'll praise You anywhere.

Chorus x2

Verse 3

Faithful all my life,
blessings day and night,
countless reasons why
I'll praise You anywhere.
Every promise kept,
goodness every step,
each and every breath,
I'll praise You anywhere.

Repeat

Chorus x2

Chorus

Praise,
give Him praise,
give Him praise
in the highest.
Praise,
give Him praise,
give Him praise
in the highest.
He is worthy.
Yes, He is worthy of all of the praise.

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PRESENTATION – JACOB LARSON

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support this brother and pray for him in his life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Jacob the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

THE PRAYERS

...Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer

PEACE

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The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

COMPANION SYNOD – LITANY OF LOVE AND UNITY

The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In Christ, there is neither north nor south, east or west.

In Christ, strangers become brothers and sisters.

In Christ, all differences become small.

And in Christ, similarities are celebrated.

Lord, we thank you for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

For people of every language, nation, and race.

For people who celebrate their faith in a variety of ways,

But who worship the same Jesus as we do.

Especially this day, we thank you, for our brothers and sisters from South Africa;

Our companions in faith, fellow disciples on the journey.

Help us to receive the richness of their faith, and the abundance of their love.

Unite our prayers this day.

Unite our voices in songs of praise,

And empower us all for mission and ministry in the name of Jesus.

In Christ there is neither north nor south, east or west.

In Christ, there is only family, walking together, stronger and more faithful because of each other.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Good Shepherd,

you spread a table before us. We offer you the gifts of this money, bread, and wine, signs of your gracious love, and tokens of our grateful hearts.

Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Blessed are you...

This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Down to the River to Pray*

Verse 1:

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Verse 2:

As I went down in the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Verse 3:

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Verse 4:

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Verse 5:

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Verse 6:

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Refrain:

Oh, sisters let's go down,
let's go down, come on down,
Oh, sisters let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

Refrain:

Oh, brothers let's go down,
let's go down, come on down,
Oh, brothers let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

Refrain:

Oh, fathers let's go down,
let's go down, come on down,
Oh, fathers let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

Refrain:

Oh, mothers let's go down,
let's go down, come on down,
Oh, mothers let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

Refrain:

Oh, sinners let's go down,
let's go down, come on down,
Oh, sinners let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

COMMUNION HYMN *Thy Word*

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

Verse 1

Verse 1

When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me,
and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
and hold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end.

Chorus

Verse 3

When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus (Repeat x2)

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PRAYER

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CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

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SENDING HYMN *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Verse 1

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
from the earth to the cross
my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Repeat after Verse 3

Verse 2

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus

Verse 3

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus

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DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEWS AND UPDATES:

PRAYER LIST

Aubrey F.	Rita T.	Kitty R.
Lisa F.	Mindy	Lainey M.
Mimi & DJ	Jerome J. & Family	Angie F.
Tony V.	Deon C.	Pat & Brian R.
Angie L.	Tom K.	Wanda J.
The Family of Dale Hanson	Jane A.	Mark A.
Bob E.	Bonnie S.	Karen C.
Gayle K.	The Family of Lou Ann Garner	Tristan P

ADULT EDUCATION

April 19 Companion Synod Partnership with South Africa Come hear Randall and Rev. Dr. Hollie Holt-Woehl share about their trip to South Africa! Pastor Hollie and Randall were part of a delegation from the SWMN Synod, that traveled to our companion synod (Southeastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church) in Southern Africa. Hollie and Randall will be sharing photos, videos and stories about their experience!

BWCA CANOE TRIPS

There will be 3 canoe trips to the Boundary Water's Canoe Area this summer July 23rd – July 26th, July 30th- August 2nd, August 6th – August 9th. Check with Pastor Tim or Pastor John for details. Registration is available on the Atonement Lutheran website.

SERVING GROUP COORDINATORS/ORGANIZERS NEEDED

THANK YOU to Julie Lewandoswki and Vonnie Ottem for signing up to coordinate group 7! However, without new organizers, for group 5, the reality will be **no coffee or treats** in October. If you are willing to be a coordinator, please let Laura in the office know. The schedule is every 7 months. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tall trees, waterfalls, and...an anteater? Get ready to journey deep into the heart of the jungle! At Rainforest Falls VBS 2026, kids step through the mist into a vibrant world of towering trees, cascading waterfalls, and chattering wildlife, where they'll embark on a powerful adventure exploring the true nature of God. More than just an exciting landscape, Rainforest Falls VBS helps kids grow rooted in a relationship with God, their Creator, a safe place, and a protecting guide through life's every season. Through daily Bible points, Psalm-based memory verses, and interactive storytelling, kids experience the wonder and wisdom of God in fresh, faith-building ways. Join us for Rainforest Falls VBS 2026, where all children ages 3 through Grade 6 are welcome — June 8–11 from 9:00 am to noon at Atonement Lutheran Church, 1144 29th Ave N., St. Cloud. Registration is free; sign up online or pick up a form in the church office. Questions? Call or text Lisa at 320-761-9541 or Mata at 320-252-6203 x115.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you donated and would like an Easter plant, please, plan on taking them home today, 4/19. After today they will be removed from the sanctuary.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 9am Worship 10am Coffee Hour 10am Adult Ed	20 1pm Bible Study with Pastors	21 9 am Faith in Housing 9:30am Men's Group 10 am Vive-Dementia Support & Respite Grp 6:30 pm Bell Choir	22 8am Bible Study Online 9am Quilters 5:15pm Pizza Supper 5:45pm Wednesday School 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Confirmation 7:15 pm Choir Practice	23 10am Bible Study Online 12pm Bible Study 1pm Pieces of Love Quilters 6:30 pm Executive Comm 7 pm Council Mtg	24	25
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