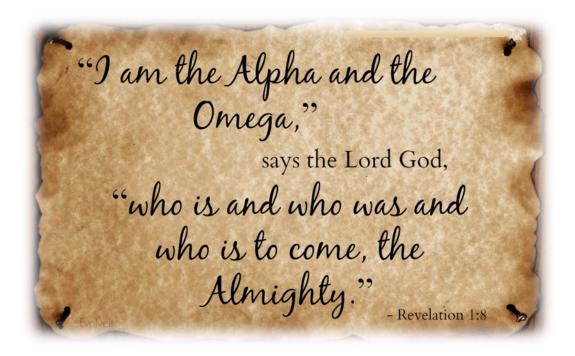
# April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM



Behold, The Lord Lives!

# **Atonement Lutheran Church**



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The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.

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#### Pastor's Greeting:



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Hymn: God, We Praise You ...... CW<sub>93</sub> 277 Stz 1–4

#### **Confession and Absolution**

**L:** The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

#### C: And also, with you.

- **L:** Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek, love, and fear you.
- C: By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.
- **L:** Oh, how I love your law!
- C: I meditate on it all day long.
- L: Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,
- C: For your words are always with me.
- **L:** How sweet are your words to my taste.
- C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- **L:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- L: Yet, so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.
- All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.
- L: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the † Holy Spirit.

#### C: AMEN!

**Prayer of the Day:** Lord Jesus, keep our minds fixed on your precious Word and our thoughts on your glorious victory over death so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and share the pleasures of the saints at your right hand, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN!

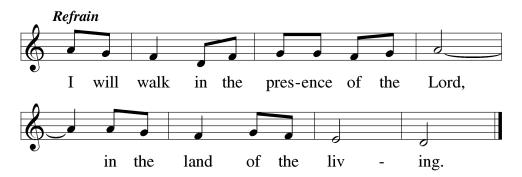
First Lesson: Acts 5:17–32 (NIV 84)

L: <sup>17</sup> Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup> They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. <sup>20</sup> "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life." <sup>21</sup> At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. <sup>22</sup> But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, saving.

- C: <sup>23</sup> "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside."
- **L:** <sup>24</sup> On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were puzzled, wondering what would come of this. <sup>25</sup> Then someone came and said,
- C: "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people."
- **L:** <sup>26</sup> At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.
  - <sup>27</sup> Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest, who said,
- C: <sup>28</sup> "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."
- **L:** <sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!
  - <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.
  - <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." This is the Word of our God

#### CW<sub>93</sub> Psalm 16

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Keep me <u>safe</u>, O God,\* for in you I take <u>refuge</u>.

I said to the LORD, "You <u>are</u> my Lord;\* apart from you I have <u>no</u> good thing."

I have set the LORD always be<u>fore</u> me.\*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be <u>shaken</u>.

# Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;\* my body also will <u>rest</u> secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,\* nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the <u>path</u> of life;\* you will fill me with joy in your <u>presence</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# Refrain

#### Second Lesson:

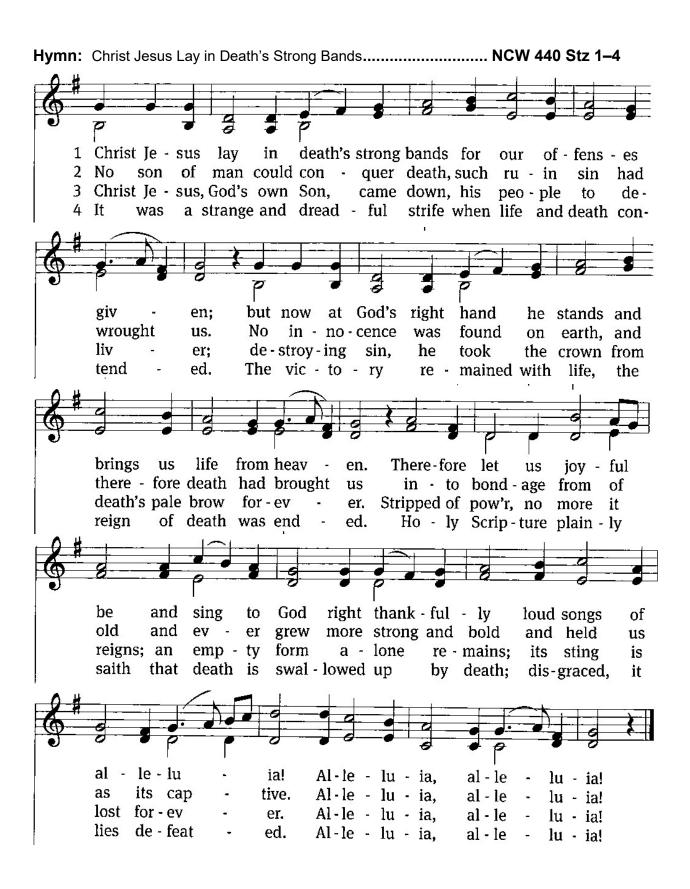
Revelation 1:4–8 (NIV 84)

<sup>4</sup>Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." This is the Word of our Lord

Hymn: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands...... NCW 440 Stz 1-4



Gospel: John 20:19–31

**L:** <sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

- <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
- <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came the first time. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them,
- C: "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."
- **L:** <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him,

# C: "My Lord and my God!"

- **L:** <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
  - <sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- **L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord. He Is Risen!
- C: He is risen indeed. Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: O Son and Daughters of the King ...... CW<sub>93</sub> 165 (NCW 456) Stz 4–8

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## Sermon:

# Fear Not, The LORD Lives

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**Apostles' Creed:** (together we confess)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Prayer:** O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and Sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

**Lord's Prayer:** (traditional)

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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the Cru - ci - fied, sor row! My love, the riv Lov - er souls, from er; of ill Has sprung to life this mor row. My ing soul pass de liv er. Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day had faith pris on, Our been in vain: But is Christ a - ris ris now en, en, a is Christ a ris en; But now ris en.

# Remember in your Prayers:

Donations can be made to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Atonement as created a fund to accept and distribute your financial donations.

**Angie Carne** is at home recovering from back surgery. Let us give thanks to the Lord for a successful surgery and ask the Lord to give her healing and relief.

**Cody Cox,** a family friend of **Pastor and Karen**, had paused chemo treatment because of a recent infection. Scans now show additional and larger tumors. We ask the Lord to heal and to comfort him and his family.

# Cooking Ahead

Date		Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
April						
Sun Easter 2	24	9:30 AM	Mark F	Jessica O	Gil P	Dan M
May						
Sun Easter 3	1	9:30 AM	Dan M	Jessica O	Cole S	
Sun Easter 4	8	9:30 AM	Jessica O	Paul T	Scott S	Scott S
Sun Easter 5	15	9:30 AM	Karen A	Paul T	Bob B	
Sun Easter 6	22	9:30 AM	Mark F	Jessica O	Dan M	Mark F
Ascension	29	9:30 AM	Jessica O	Paul T	Mark F	

### **April Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

6 Renae Schweitzer

11 Daniel Freeman

## 2022 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall

May 7 Meister Family

May 21 Kellner, P. Taylor, Rogers, Orth

#### Reminder:

The Heritage Circuit LWMS Spring Rally will be held at St. John's in Newark, DE on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-3:00pm.