

Atonement Lutheran Church

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*Called by the Spirit of Christ to Show God's Love:
We Worship, Teach, and Serve*



**SUNDAY APRIL 4TH, 2021
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

Pastor Sonja Pilman

**WELCOME TO
ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

We celebrate Holy Communion every other week when Pastor Sonja Pilman is with us at Atonement. All are welcome to the feast of Christ's table.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia.



LITANY OF THE DAWN

When the world was young at that first sunrise and the
new light held a promise of new days and fresh mornings
The Word spoke... ..

...When the Word spoke and creation sparked and the alle-
luias unfolded
the dawn was set free... ..

..When the dawn was set free the trees clapped hands and
mountains bowed and the birds sang a new song
fresh every morning...

...Fresh every morning the day holds a hope that this day is
God's and this day holds the promise
and this day is a new beginning...

...A new beginning is the song of the morning that takes the
shadows of night and paints them gold and green
for the earth rejoices...

...The earth rejoices for stones have been rolled away and
tombs have been emptied and angels are whispering
and death has been conquered...

...Death has been conquered and resurrection has left foot-
prints in the dew that tell us
**He has gone ahead of us, He is not among the dead, He
is not here...**

OPENING READINGS TO WELCOME THE DAWN WITH THE LIGHT OF THE CANDLE

Isiah 9:2

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.

John 1:3-5

³All things came into being through him, and without him
not one thing came into being. What has come into being
⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The
light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not over-
come it.

1 John 1-5

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Christ, yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end.

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Christ is our light!

The light of Christ shines out of the empty tomb, scattering our fears and our doubts.

Christ is our light!

The light of Christ breaks over the horizon, reminding us that the darkness is over, and only the light remains.

Christ is our light!



GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

EASTER MORNING REFLECTION

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Siblings in Christ, since the earliest dawns of Christianity, Easter morning has been the time when those new to the faith have knelt, stood, sunk beneath, dipped their heads into the waters of baptism, to signify their new life with Christ, that just as he rose anew on Easter, so would they too rise anew, that very day and on the last day in the promises of resurrection.

This morning, we make public reaffirmation of who we are, our beloved baptismal identities that unite us with Christ. Children of God, the forces of this world would call you by names known by evil, they would call you sinner, failure, worthless, screw up. In your baptism, what does God call you?

In baptism, God calls me beloved.

Children of God, the forces of this world would lure you away with intangible promises of wealth, power, beauty, importance, and esteem. In your baptism, what does God promise you?

In baptism, God promises me love, hope, connection, and forgiveness.

Children of God, the forces of this world would tell you that you are defined by your sins, your mistakes; that your identity is bound up in what the world tells you. In baptism, what identity does God give you?

In baptism, God gives me the identity of adored child of God.

Children of God, the forces of this world would have you renounce everything that God calls you to be, claims you as. In baptism, what does God have you claim and renounce?

I am a beloved child of God and I renounce anything or anyone who says otherwise.

You are invited to come to the font where Pastor Sonja will use individual cups of water to make the sign of the cross on the top of your head. She will sanitize her hands between each person.

Let Pastor Sonja know if you prefer to receive the Blessing of the Renewal of Baptism without being touched, then you may make the sign of the cross instead.

Beloved children of God, come to the font and remember that while we die with Christ, we also rise with Him. Remember that God is in the business of bringing dead things back to life. Remember that God has claimed you as one of God's own. This morning and every morning, the light breaks through the darkness and reminds us that our God has shattered the bonds of death, that our God has given us the strength to be people, claimed and called, who stand exposed and vulnerable before evil and death to declare loudly and defiantly that they are powerless against love, a love that comes through water, through the wood of a cross, though hands touched together in peace, through shouts of alleluia.

CLOSING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

O God, week after week you arise, gathering your people, proclaiming your word of life, sharing your Spirit, and renewing the face of the earth. Transform us by this resurrection, that we may embrace all that you have made and live toward the justice that you intend through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray...



Please stand if your able for the Lord Prayer.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.



SENDING AND BENEDICTION

Go forth with renewed hope, trusting in the transforming love of God.

God does not leave things as they are; with God, all things are made new.

All creation responds to God's presence; the world is alive with possibility.

We open ourselves to this truth; with Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.

Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil, nor hardship, nor death, for Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us go forth in peace, with the light of the resurrection in our hearts.

Amen!

Thanks be to God!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter service at 10:30 am

Simple brunch with breakfast burritos and pastries served before and following service at 10:30am along with Easter egg hunt with great prizes for the kids, and **today after service.**

Food Drive

Thank you for your generous donations to our outreach food drive for Feeding South Dakota. They were very appreciative of the food we gathered for them.

April Outreach Project

During the month of April we will be preparing gift bags for women at **WAVI** (Working Against Violence Inc.) that will be taken to them for Mother's Day. Some items that have been suggested are: **personal care items, gift or gas cards and bus passes, cute summer socks and small snacks.** Your donations can be left on the back table in the narthex any time during April. Thanks for your participation in this outreach to a good cause in our city.

MOVIE NIGHT AT ATONEMENT

"Calvary" (2014) "For Adults" - a movie about sin
Friday, May 21, 2021 | 6:30 PM

You are invited to stay after for a discussion group on the movie. Free popcorn, and social distancing will be practiced

Confirmation class

Sunday, Apr 18, 6-8 PM – Atonement

Sunday, May 16, 6-8 PM – Piedmont Valley

Sunday, June 20, 6-8 PM – Atonement

– Summer Break –

Part time day care help

Holy is looking for part time day care help. Flexible hours and great pay. Perfect for retired person looking for extra income.



Prayer Requests

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Larry Wanhanen, Margaret DeJong, Kathryn Larson, Pam Barnhardt, Troy Biesman, Sylvia Slaughter, Will Olsen, The Parker twins, Jim Loftus, Rick & Luke Pappert,

Greg Werkmeister, Shorty Sailer, Malia Flores, David Wittington and the Schecher family.

HOMEBOUND: Shirley Floden, and Cecil Marsh.

PLEASE HELP us keep our prayer list current. If you would like someone to be taken off or added to the prayer list, please contact Mike in the church office.

10:00 a.m.	Serving Today April 4th	Sunday, April 11th
Lay Reader		
Ushers (Need 2)	1 2	1 2
Communion Assistants (Need 3)	1 2 3	1 2 No Communion 3
Lay Leader/ Assistant	Jane Cecil	Judy Brothers
Offering Counter		
Acolyte		