

# 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 SUNDAY**

***Pastor Sonja Pilman***

*Lay Leader  
Jane Cecil*

**WELCOME TO  
ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

**COMMUNION:** 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.

**\*Please stand if you are able where a \* is marked.**

**AWELCOME**

**\*MISSION STATEMENT**

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**\*GATHERING**

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

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**✝ Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING MUSIC**

*HAIL THEE, FESTIVAL DAY!*  
*ELW PG. 394 VERSES 1&2*

**\*GREETING**

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**

Let us pray.  
O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross  
for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you  
delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every  
day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of  
the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*You may be seated*

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 10:34-43*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand  
that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone  
who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.  
<sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,  
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That  
message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee af-  
ter the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed

Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*After the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength hand my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents  
of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts  
valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not |die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## ***SECOND READING***

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*After the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.*

**. \*GOSPEL**  
*Mark 16:1-8*

The holy gospel according to the Sixteenth chapter of Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*After the gospel is read:*

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated.*

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE AND PROCLAMATION**

*Pastor Sonja Pilman*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia:  
ELW Pg.364 Verses1&2*

## **\*NICENE CREED**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who 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.**

## **\*PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*You may be seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

*Your Gracious offering can be put in the collection tray by the door as you exit the sanctuary.*

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

**AMEN**

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's

passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

*You may be seated.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat and be satisfied



## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

**The body of Christ, given for you.**

**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*and each person may respond*

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Blessing, Honor, and Glory ELW Pg. 433*

*Be not Afraid ELW Pg,388*

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today! ELW Pg.373*

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **\*BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**AMEN.**

## **\*SENDING**

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

## **\*SENDING SONG**

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*  
*ELW Pg. 380 - All Versus*

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# **HAPPY EASTER**

Easter egg hunt with great prizes for the kids  
and a simple brunch will be served following  
service today.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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

## **April 6-8, 2021: Virtual Spring Theological conference, hosted by the Prairie Rivers Conference**

Pastor Sonja will be attending this conference virtually at home but still be available to you via phone or email.

## **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.



GRACEFUL HILLS PARISH

ATONEMENT & PIEDMONT VALLEY  
LUTHERAN

## Our Story as a Parish



At the beginning of 2017 the two congregations of Piedmont Valley Lutheran and Atonement Lutheran made it official and became one Partnered Ministry Covenant called “The Graceful Hills Parish”. Each church keeps their own name but when referring to both congregation as a whole, we call ourselves Graceful Hills Parish.

We believe that God has called us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and that we can fulfill this calling more effectively through cooperation, mutual support, and sharing the ministries of Atonement Lutheran Church (ALC) and Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church (PVLC).

We are separate, independent congregations of the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As such, we assume responsibility for our own budgets, programs, property & assets, membership, employees, and administration, and we retain our own governing bodies. However, we will look to share resources and ministries wherever it is helpful, including worship, education, parish staffing, and other areas as seen fit. We do this seeking to proclaim God’s grace through Christ to our communities.

We believe the church is more than our own individual congregations. Called together by the Holy Spirit to become the body of Christ in our world, we will faithfully seek to strengthen each other, pray for each other, and partner together to do God’s work.

If you are visiting Atonement for the first time we would love to visit with you more. If you have not already filled out a “Connection card” located in our Welcome Center. Please pick one up and return it to Mike in our Church office. Call us or send us an email with any other questions to: [Atonement.rapidcity@gmail.com](mailto:Atonement.rapidcity@gmail.com).

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**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 / Assisting	Jane Cecil	Judy Brothers
Offering Counter		
Acolyte		