

**Crossroads Parish
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**



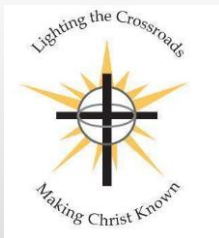
**May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

WELCOME!

*Thank you for joining us today.
We hope you find inspiration in your time with us.*

Thank you to our staff and volunteers.

Cassie Nault, Pastor
Marty Wyatt, Intern Pastor
Shannon Rosas, Atonement Minister of Music
Diane Lightbody, Atonement Accompanist
Jaime Verkuilen, Cross of Glory Choir Director
Ivan Konev, Cross of Glory Accompanist
Matt Verkuilen/Jon Thomalla/Tony Houfek - Audio-Visual Crew
*Thank you to our volunteers who assist with
ushering and communion every Sunday morning.*



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Thank you for being here for worship!
These are our safety practices for worship in the sanctuary.

As more of us are returning to worship, it is important to remember that the pandemic is not over and we must still work together to keep each other safe.

Please remember that everyone has their own comfort level, which might not be the same as yours, and we must respect each other's feelings.

1. If you are feeling ill, please do not stay for worship. Go home and get well.
2. Continue to wear a mask over your nose and mouth while in our church buildings. COVID-19 is primarily spread through droplets in exhaled air. Wearing a mask protects us all.
3. If you are a guest, please be sure to add your name and email address or phone number to the signup sheet in the narthex. This is for contact tracing.
4. When seating yourself, please be conscious of spacing yourself 6 feet away from others in the pews in front/back and next to you. (For reference, 6 feet is every other pew or the width of 3 adults within a pew.)
5. While entering and exiting the sanctuary and our buildings, please remain 6 feet from others.
6. Please do not congregate in the narthex; head straight outside of the building for conversation with others.
7. If you test positive for COVID-19 and have attended in-person worship while potentially having the virus, please contact the church office so we can notify those who attended worship. We keep this information confidential – we do not identify who has COVID, only that there was a case in worship.

It is wonderful to be in worship together.

Please follow these guidelines so we can continue worshipping in-person in the sanctuary.

Thank you!

Order of Worship

Words of Welcome

Prayer of Confession

L: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.

All: Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

(by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, and posted on her **Rev-o-lution** blog. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>)

Opening Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", vs. 1-2

ELW #631

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you!

Prayer of the Day

All: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

L: ⁴⁴While 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

L: ¹Everyone who believes that 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 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 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, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”, vs. 1

ELW #369

Gospel: John 15:9-17

L: The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: [Jesus said:] 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.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Intern Pastor Marty Wyatt

Hymn of the Day: “My Song Is Love Unknown”, vs. 1-3

LBW #94

Apostles’ Creed (All)

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

Prayers of Intercession (Repeated response)

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Offering

8:30am – “The Brook” by Schubert-Rachmaninoff

Ivan Konev

10:30am – “A New Commandment” – WOV #664

Shannon Rosas & Diane Lightbody

Offering Prayer

L: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This”, vs. 1 & 3

ELW #666

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

L: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: “Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW #595

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Stretch Sign-Up Open Now – Summer Stretch is a weeklong (July 5-9) summer ministry program centered around service and fellowship, open to middle & high school age students. Pick up a brochure in the narthex for details. Registration deadline is May 31.

Time & Talent Surveys – Be sure to complete your Time & Talent survey. There is a basket in the narthex where you can drop off your completed survey. Thank you!

Atonement Property Committee – Meeting at 6pm Monday, May 10.

Cross of Glory Fellowship Circle meets Monday, May 10 at 1pm.

Atonement In-Reach Committee meets Tuesday, May 11 at 11am.

Volunteers Needed for King's Kids Preschool Rummage Sale - We will be arranging the sale items on Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11. If anyone is able to help with this task, please let Bonnie Anderson (651-633-5387) know...or just come at 9:30am on May 10.

Cross of Glory Jumbo Sale Meeting – There will be a meeting to discuss plans for the Jumbo Sale on May 12 at 6:45pm at Cross of Glory.

Confirmation wraps up on Wednesday, May 12 with a fun, end of year celebration!

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) - The Cross of Glory Singles Group is planning a FMSC packing event on Wednesday, May 12 from 3-5pm. FMSC is open for business with some restrictions: masks are required while in the building, even if you are fully vaccinated. Your temperature will be taken when you arrive, and you will work in groups of 5. You will not be socially distanced from the people in your group, but will be distanced from other groups.

If you are comfortable volunteering under these conditions, reservations have been made for 10 volunteers. Please contact Jeanette Lundgren at 763-786-4839 if you wish to participate.

King's Kids Preschool Annual Rummage Sale Fundraiser at Atonement - Wednesday, May 12 from 9am – 6pm & Thursday, May 13 from 9am - 5:30pm.

Cross of Glory Naomi Circle meets Thursday, May 13 at 10am.

Pentecost at Atonement - Pentecost is Sunday, May 23rd. Atonement's Worship Committee will be ordering red Geraniums to decorate Atonement's altar. Please complete an order form by May 19 and turn them into the office or to Carol Hoiby, 763-572-9169. ***Let's fill up the sanctuary with red - reserve your Geraniums!***

Church Offices Closed for Vacation - Both church offices will be closed the week of May 17-21. Please submit June newsletter articles as soon as possible in May. Thank you!

Happy Mother's Day – Wishing all a peaceful day.