

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



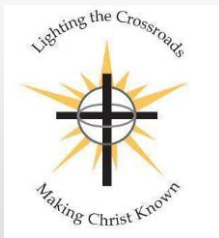
**May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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: "Christ Is the King!", vs. 1-3

ELW #662

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: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

L: ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

L: ⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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 17:6-19

L: The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: [Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day: “Son of God, Eternal Savior”, vs. 1-3

ELW #655

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 – “Daisies” by S. Rachmaninoff

Ivan Konev

10:30am – “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” – Myrin/Redman

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: “Lord, Be Glorified”

ELW #744

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: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing", vs. 1-3

ELW #389

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

Recognizing our Graduates - We'll recognize our graduates during worship on June 6. If you have a graduate you'd like to recognize, submit their name, relationship to you, where they are graduating from and any future plans to the church office. Include a photo if you'd like it displayed at the altar.

Memorial Service for Atonement Member Carol Duoos via Zoom: Pastor Cassie is presiding at the Memorial Service for Carol Duoos on Saturday, May 22nd at 5pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend this online memorial service, please contact Pastor Cassie for the Zoom link.

Memorial Day Weekend Worship - Atonement and Cross of Glory will gather together for one worship service May 30 at 9:30am at Cross of Glory. We will worship outside so be sure to bring your lawn chair.

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.

Atonement Clean Up Day – The Property Committee has scheduled an outdoor clean-up day on Saturday, June 5 beginning at 9am. We will not do any indoor projects at this time so bring your gloves and plan to be outside.

Church Offices Closed for Vacation - Both church offices are closed this week May 17-21.