

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



**June 13, 2021
Time after Pentecost**

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

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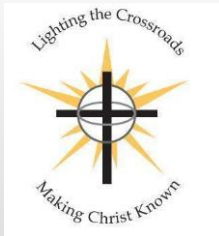
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Thank you to our volunteers who assist with Sunday services.



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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. Wear a mask unless you are fully vaccinated. Masks are welcome.
3. If you are a guest, please be sure to add your name and email address or phone number to the sign-up 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. 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

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

L: God, our provider,

All: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: "We Walk by Faith", vs. 1, 4 & 5

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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!

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

All: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

L: ²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (read responsively)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

L: The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ELW #807

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: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Offering

8:30 "Face to Face" by Mat Kearney

Jaime Verkuilen & Ivan Konev

10:30 "O Worship the King" by Johann M. Hayden; arranged by Mark Hayes Diane Lightbody

Offering Prayer

L: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

All: Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

L: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord", vs. 1-3

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commemorating the Emanuel Nine

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

Cross of Glory's Jumbo Sale – The Jumbo Sale will be held August 12-14. We will begin accepting donations every Thursday, beginning July 1 – August 5, from 5:00 – 7:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marie Thomalla at marie@firesoundusa.com or 763-238-1979.

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering – Boundless – God Beyond Measure is being held in Minneapolis in 2022! Save the dates – July 24-28, 2022. Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2021) are eligible to attend. Watch for more information on registering to attend this exciting event.

Outdoor VBS 2021: Wild Walk! August 2-5, 9:30-11:30 *For 4-year-olds through those entering 5th grade this fall* We are joining Abiding Savior to explore some new ways to look at how we can grab Jesus' hand and join him for our very own wild walk through life. Join us in the backyard for music, stories, games and activities. Children will be assigned to groups of 10 or fewer which will gather on the lawn with small group leaders for each daily session. Social distancing will be practiced. At this time it's uncertain whether masks will be required. Participants are asked to bring a towel or blanket for their sit-upon spot, and a full water bottle each day. Also, make sure to butter the kiddos up with sunscreen before they arrive. Registration is required by July 19th— please register at AbidingSavior.org. Although 4-year-olds are invited to participate, please be advised that planned activities will be more age-appropriate for K-5th grade. We continue to offer VBS as a free program, but gratefully accept donations for supplies. Get ready—it's going to be WILD! Volunteers welcome! Indicate your interest on the registration form.

Northeast Youth & Family Services, a nonprofit mental health and community services organization that serves the northern suburbs is looking for workers and volunteers 16 years or older to work with seniors. They provide lawn mowing, light landscaping, gardening, garage cleaning, snow removal and seasonal chores. This opportunity could be a paid position or a

volunteer position. Hours and workload are flexible to accommodate workers schedules. To inquire about joining the program, contact Madelyn Murray at 651-757-4061, work cell: 651-308-3490 or madelyn@nyfs.org.