

Crossroads
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



July 4, 2021
6th Sunday 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.

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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

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

All: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection.

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.

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

"Come, All You People"

ELW #819

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

L: Let us pray,

All: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Cassie Nault

Hymn of the Day

"Spirit of Gentleness", vs. 1-3

ELW #396

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

“By Faith” – Getty/Getty/Townend

Shannon Rosas and Diane Lightbody

Offering Prayer

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

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”, vs. 1 & 4

ELW #492

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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 Firm a Foundation”, vs. 1-3

ELW #796

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“God’s work. Our hands.”

Church Office Closed on Monday & Tuesday, July 5 -6 for the 4th of July holiday and a vacation day.

Next Saturday, July 10 at 9am - Atonement Outdoor Clean Up Day – This is an outdoor clean up so bring your gloves and dress to be outside.

Dogs of Summer at Cross of Glory – WOOF! We are welcoming leashed, well-mannered dogs (and their owners) to our Dog Days of Summer event on Thursday, July 15 from 5:00 – 6:30pm in the parking lot of Cross of Glory. Your pooch can enjoy fun and games like Seek & Find a treat, Bob for Hotdogs or take a dip in a doggy pool. Bring your camera or cell phone for a photo opportunity to snap a pic with your pooch. Invite your friends and neighbors. This is a community building event! Please contact Dawn in either church office if you would like to help the night of the event.

Fall Schedule - We need you as we begin to form schedules for worship this fall. Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex of both churches. Thank you for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory!

Fellowship – There are sign-up sheets in the narthex of both churches if you are interested in making coffee or sharing treats for fellowship time after worship.

Outdoor VBS 2021: Wild Walk! August 2-5, 9:30-11:30 *For 4-year-olds through those entering 5th grade this fall* Registration is required by July 19th—please register at AbidingSavior.org. Get ready—it’s going to be WILD! Volunteers welcome! Indicate your interest on the registration form.

Crossroads Youth Group Leader Needed – Crossroads is looking for a volunteer from Atonement and Cross of Glory to help build a more robust youth program as one program together. We are seeking someone who wants to lead our youth and find ways to invite, serve and welcome youth from our communities as well as partnering with our neighboring churches for activities. Please contact Dawn in either church office if you are interested or have questions.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. This is a day to create a service opportunity to

support our communities. It can be something as easy as writing letters, food drives, neighborhood clean-ups to inspirational lawn signs. Be creative! Crossroads is seeking a volunteer from Atonement and Cross of Glory to work together to coordinate a service project for this year's "God's work. Our hands." service day. Contact Dawn in either church office if you are interested or to learn more.

Jumbo Sale Collection, each Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00pm at Cross of Glory.

